

Hello Thomas Hall residents,

Welcome to the North side of Thomas Hall. My name is John Nicoline, your resident assistant for the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the North side of Thomas Hall for this upcoming school year. Thomas Hall is located on the south quad of campus just north of Andrews. There are so many great opportunities and experiences for you; living on campus makes it easy for you to get involved with the hall and to enjoy some really cool activities available for students. Thomas Hall has a dining center which is located on the ground floor. The dining center has great food from pizza and pasta to a bunch of different sandwiches, also Monday to Thursday there is Late Night Pizza from 8pm to 1am.

I was born and raised in Round Lake, IL, which for those of you who are not familiar with the very northern tip of IL, Round Lake is about 20 minutes from Six Flags Great America, and 20 minutes from WI. I played basketball all four years of high school so in my free time I enjoy going to the rec. and getting in some pick-up games. In my spare time I enjoy watching movies, like hanging out with friends, and meeting new people. I was involved in my residence hall student council and in Residence Hall Association (RHA). I am majoring in Mathematics with a teacher's certificate.

I am really looking forward to the upcoming year and I am excited to get to know all of you guys. I have a lot of plans for us most of which involve the rec. center; like getting in a lot of pick-up games, intramural teams, and just shooting around. I also plan to make the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor an enriching environment for learning with study sessions and study groups. These will allow all of us to keep one another in check and keep our GPA's where we want them. If we help each other focus on our studies, it will allow us to have more down time to experience college life.

I really encourage you to get in touch with your roommate so you can figure out who is bringing what and get to know each other a little bit. If you have any questions feel free to contact me anytime, you can email me at [jrnicoline@eiu.edu](mailto:jrnicoline@eiu.edu) or find me on Facebook. I hope you are having a great summer so far and I cannot wait to meet you all in the fall.

John Nicoline

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