

Taylor Five North!

To the future gentlemen of 5N,

Whether you're coming back for another round or this is your first year on campus, welcome to Eastern. Next fall, you'll be moving into the community that will be your home away from home for the next nine months. I'm Ben Pertl, and I'll be your Resident Assistant. I'm a second year student, first year RA, majoring in History with Teacher's Certification and an English Minor. I'm from Albion, Illinois, a tiny town of 2,000, located a couple hours south of Charleston. A proud 2010 graduate of Edwards County High School, I played basketball all four years, but I'm also into music, gaming, and pretty much everything else. I'm sure you will all get to know me, as well as the other residents pretty quickly.

Taylor is a pretty rocking place to live, and your neighbors, as well as those who live a few doors down and across the hall can become your closest friends. As an RA, I'm not here just to enforce rules and make sure you guys don't have fun. I'll do the best I can to set up programs for all of us to have a great semester. Feel free to email me ideas about things you'd like to see happen this year. These four years are about you. Whether you are graduating in the spring, or it's your first year on campus, it will definitely be memorable.

And for those of you who are coming to EIU for the first time, don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone and try something new. Eastern has TONS to offer, from hall council, to Greek Life, to athletics and academic RSOs. There is something for everyone, and we'll help you find your fit.

Get ready guys, because the summer will be over before you know it. Soon enough, it will be 9 am on Thursday, August 18th and you will be moving your stuff into your new home. Be prepared to meet lots of new people and try lots of new stuff, as the first couple weeks are packed with events. If you have questions or just want to get a better idea about what to expect, feel free to shoot me an email at bdpertl@eiu.edu, or even look me up on Facebook. I'm looking forward to a great year, and I hope you are too! Mark your calendars now for move in day, and I'll see you then!

-Ben Pertl