

*Hey awesome ladies of the 5<sup>th</sup> LC!!*

*I hope that in the midst of receiving this letter you are having an amazing summer. Let me tell you a little about myself. My name is Desiree Dussard and I will be your Resident Assistant, also known as an RA. This will be my first year as a Resident Assistant in Lawson.*

*I am a sophomore majoring in Political Science with a minor in Public Administration. I graduated from Elgin Academy in 2010. I love to sing, listen to music, cook food and meet new people. Being apart of EIU and not just being at EIU is really important to me and for this reason I am involved on campus. I am a member of Black Student Union, and I do a lot of community service around campus. I encourage all of you to be involved around campus, it's a good opportunity and you meet a lot of awesome people while being involved!*

*If this is your first year in Lawson and/or Eastern, welcome!! You will LOVE IT!! If you are returning to either Lawson or Eastern, I am glad to have you! Well for the first timers let me tell you a little about where you will be living. Lawson is an all girls residence hall with 7 learning communities (floors). We have 24/7 visitation. Lawson also is attached to Taylor Dining. We have a great staff which consists of 6 other RAs, a Resident Director, an Associate Resident Director and our helpful and amazing Secretary.*

*As your RA my most important responsibility is to be there for YOU for whatever you need and I am your go to resource if you have a question about anything. If I don't know the answer I will find someone who does as soon as possible. I am always here for you. If you need something or just want to talk. I hope to bring us closer, not just with the Eastern community, but with the Charleston community as well. While doing this, we as a floor will become closer and we will create strong relationships. I want you to enjoy living here; it's your home away from home!*

*I am so pumped to see all of you wonderful girls and for our year together! If you need to get in contact with me I have a facebook so feel free to find me. You can also send me an email if you have any questions or just want to talk my email address is [dndussard@eiu.edu](mailto:dndussard@eiu.edu); my Facebook name is Desiree Nicole. Oh don't forget to get in contact with your roommate to get to know each other better. I hope that you are excited for this year as much as I am!! If you happen to be a bit nervous its okay it's normal and it will be okay, remember I am here for you whenever you need me. I want to create a community that you will enjoy as much as I will! Keep in mind move in day is August 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 am! Enjoy the rest of your summer girls!!*

*Talk to you soon!*

*Desiree Dussard*

