

To all my future Stevenson residents,

I'd like to welcome you all to the fifth floor of Stevenson Hall! My name is Jacob Joel Swanson and I am your future Resident Assistant. I hail from northern Illinois in a little area we like to call the RoRoSoBo. It's a small area composed of three towns, one of which is Rockton, IL, my hometown.

You'd like to know more about me? I'm glad you asked! I'm going to be a junior this coming year, majoring in the fantastic discipline known as philosophy. I like doing boring things like reading and writing, but I also do other fun things like play video games, especially Pokémon. As far as other involvements I have, I will additionally be your Homecoming Coordinator for this year. I am a member of our National Residence Hall Honorary, and am finishing up a summer of Debut. Previously, I had been involved with our Residence Hall Association, Thomas Hall Council (as President), and countless other little things.

As upperclassmen, I assume you know much about the university and have your own plans for the future. As your RA, I hope that if you need any sort of knowledge, I can help you attain it. I will be able to answer almost any question you have (about the university, of course) and can help you with problems (either personal or academic). I am here for you, so please make use of me as a resource. I also hope that we can develop into a strong learning community with each other through educational and diversity programs. When I'm here, I'll have my door open at all times; when I'm not, I will provide you with outlets to find me. I am always willing to help! Let's make this year the best, and let's make the 5th floor the best floor to be!

If you'd like to communicate with me prior to the opening of the school year, you may give me a call at 815-988-3160 or email me at jjswanson2@eiu.edu. Don't forget the 2! Otherwise, you will be emailing my sister. ☺ I also have a Facebook, so don't hesitate to add me as a friend. The halls will be opening up August 18th, and check-in will begin at 9am!

I hope the rest of your summer goes well! Let me know if you have any questions!

—Jacob Swanson