

Breen-Phillips Hall

EST. 1939

Best People, Best Place



History

Originally constructed as a men's hall in 1939, Breen-Phillips Hall, or BP, was named after its benefactors, alumni and brothers-in-law William P. Breen and Frank B. Phillips. During World War II, BP served as a home for naval officers in training. At one point, the athletic department, including the office of head football coach Frank Leahy, was located in the basement of Breen-Phillips. BP has received two Apostolic Blessings: one by Pope John Paul II in 1984, and the other in 2014 by Pope Francis. BP became one of the first women's residences after the University began admitting women in 1972.



Traditions

Breen-Phillips' Signature Events are Hoops for Hope, Barn Party, and Meal Auction. Every fall we host the Hoops for Hope and Barn Party. Hoops for Hope is a basketball tournament to honor former BP rector, Sr. Mary McNamara. Barn Party is a petting zoo on the quad that raises money for Beacon Memorial's Breast Center. In the spring, we host Meal Auction, one of the longest standing residence hall signature events. We raise funds for Meals-on-Wheels by students bidding to eat with coaches, faculty, or other ND notables.



The Building

Breen-Phillips is undergoing a full year renovation currently. The building will reopen in Fall 2024 with many brand new amenities, including fully renovated AR apartments!

Modular Furniture: Yes
Study Room: On every floor
Sinks in rooms: Yes
Exercise Room: Yes
A/C: No, but yes in AR rooms!
Kitchen: in apartment and on each floor
Laundry: Yes, communal
Elevator: Yes

Fast Facts



Established: 1939
Mascot: Babes
Colors: Blue and Pink
Location: North Quad
Chapel: St Francis of Assisi



Assistant Rector: Spirituality

The position of Assistant Rector is primarily a ministry of service to the University of Notre Dame and the Breen-Phillips community. In this position, the Assistant Rector plays a significant role in enhancing the community of the hall by assuming many spiritual, administrative, and relationship-building leadership roles.

The Assistant Rector is to value the mission and traditions of ND as guided by the charism of the Congregation of Holy Cross. Generally, Assistant Rectors are expected to maintain a calming presence and serve as mentors and role models, while also supporting, implementing, and enforcing University and Hall policies and procedures. They are to provide pastoral support to all those in the Hall, be prepared to handle crises that may arise and assist the Rector with varied tasks and projects. The Assistant Rector will oversee Hall Government, serving as an advisor to the elected executive board and commissioners of the hall, responsible for planning and executing programming throughout the year, including signature events.

Responsibilities Include:

- Assisting the Rector, Sarah Motter (right), in the development of community life
- Attending and participating in staff orientation processes
- Attending continuing education opportunities for Assistant Rectors as scheduled
- Maintaining open communication with the Rector
- Assisting the Rector with the completion of administrative duties such as Hall Employee hour approval, submitting work orders, etc.
- Actively participating and assisting in weekly Head Staff and Hall Staff Meetings
- Fostering team development at both Head Staff and Hall Staff meetings
- Maintaining clear and open communication between Hall Staff members
- Being responsible for the supervision and mentoring of three Resident Assistants and Hall Employees as assigned
- Developing and maintaining a professional relationship with the Resident Assistants to allow for feedback and address concerns
- Maintaining availability for residents to discuss concerns and joys about academics, health, spirituality, and other life issues
- Fulfilling responsibilities for duty coverage during the week (2-3 nights per week) and fall/spring breaks
- Being actively engaged and present in the community on nights other than when on duty
- Planning and executing a monthly community engagement event in the hall
- Addressing emergency/discipline situations as required
- Working closely with members of the community to plan events
- Monthly reconciliation of credit card receipts
- Knowing and enforcing Du Lac
- Maintaining confidentiality
- Attending hall liturgies and signature events
- Attending weekly Hall Council meetings and Campus Ministry meetings as needed
- Meeting regularly with and supervising the Spirituality and Liturgical Commissioners to plan liturgies and other spiritual opportunities
- Overseeing the planning and evaluation of BP retreats
- Attending two dances, one in the fall and one in the spring
- Performing any additional activities at the discretion of the Rector



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