

KEENAN HALL



Serving as an Assistant Rector in the Keenan Community is an unparalleled experience. A Keenan Assistant Rector acts as a minister, leader, and brother in Christ for the dorm through various activities, traditions, and roles.

Assistant Rector Responsibilities

Assist and Support the Rector in various capacities, including:

- working on duty a few nights per week and weekend
- attendance at Sunday evening Mass and Hall Staff Meetings
- attendance at Hall Staff Training sessions
- attend weekly Keenan Hall Council meetings (Tuesdays at 10 pm)
- supervise Hall dances (Fall Disco Roll & Spring Formal)
- involvement in Keenan Section sports (Keenan section football is particularly famous)

Unique Aspects of Keenan Hall

- Our very own Pizza Kitchen (the legendary Zaland)
- The Keenan Revue—the largest hall event on campus;
- Wednesday Smoothie Mass;
- Disco Roll - a “disco” themed dance at a local roller rink
- Tailgating for away football games;
- Interhall sports; and much more.



Interview with Former Keenan AR

- **Can you give a description of your job?** As an AR in Keenan, you are responsible for maintaining the safety and well-being of Keenan residents while fostering a sense of community. Keenan is unlike any other hall on campus—we have the largest campus events and the most fun. With that comes a lot of responsibility and hard work to foster an inclusive environment. Practically speaking, as an AR, you are responsible for rounds (which you will be on 2-3 times a week and include walking around the hall to ensure everyone is alive and well) and dealing with other issues that may be brought to you. The beautiful thing about being an AR is that you get to “choose your own adventure,” in the sense that you can be involved in overseeing specific areas of hall life, such as Zaland, helping with Keenan Hall Council, or Liturgy.
- **What do you do?** I spend a lot of time with the Resident Assistants (undergraduate seniors on hall staff). Keenan is a student-led dorm, so I make sure they have everything they need to succeed, and I try to make sure they feel supported as they do their job. I also spend a fair amount of time following up on administrative tasks related to my area(s) of responsibility, which is always assigned based on ARs interest and need of the hall.
- **How do you spend your time in the hall?** I spend a lot of time in the hall just talking with residents and hanging out. Just being present is incredibly helpful in being aware of what is going on in the hall and developing relationships with residents.
- **What does a day in the life of an AR look like?** I wake up, go to class and probably study until I begin rounds at 8 PM (assuming I have them). Then, I spend most of my time after that hanging out with RAs and residents, just talking about their days and whatever is going on in their lives.
- **What brings you joy as an AR?** I really enjoy getting to spend time with different people. I have made a lot of close friends throughout my time as an AR, and I leave every summer feeling like I have made a genuine impact on residents' lives.
- **Why did you decide to be an AR?** I came into Notre Dame knowing I wanted to be an AR. I always really enjoyed the undergraduate culture, which is very different than the graduate culture. It is definitely a very different feel, so I just wanted to be around that.
- **What is challenging about your position as an AR?** It is definitely a time commitment, but it is incredibly rewarding. If you put the time in and develop relationships with residents, it can be a very fruitful experience.
- **How would you describe the overall position?** An AR works with the Rector to cultivate community in the hall. Structurally, I see ARs as an extension of the Rector when he is not/cannot be on duty (i.e., he is not on rounds) or in the hall.

For a further look at a Keenan Hall AR Apartment, use this QR code:

