

# SYE Session Notes

RA name \_\_\_\_\_  
Resident Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student room # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date/ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Completed for all residents before  
**Thanksgiving.** Any new residents or room  
changes, will need to be completed shortly  
after their arrival.*

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**Topics of Discussion:** (check all topics  
discussed, MUST review Madison Collaborative  
with each resident)

- Relationships
- Community & Civic responsibility
- Drug and Alcohol Issues
- Employment/Financial Concerns
- Involvement/Leadership
- Academics/ major selection
- Personal and Mental Health
- Madison Collaborative
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## Summary:

*Please write a brief summary of your entire conversation for your HD to review. Include all "red flags" and areas of concern for your HD to review. Include what topics you will follow up on with your resident.*

Follow Up Email: (addressing needs to resident)

HD Initials

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## Madison Collaborative: The Eight Key Questions (KQs)

Can you name any of the 8 key questions? (RA, please underline any they know.) These are the questions used to evaluate the ethical dimensions of a problem?

- Fairness - how can I act equitably and balance all interests?
- Outcomes - what are the short-term and long-term outcomes of possible actions?
- Responsibilities - what duties and obligations apply?
- Character - what actions will help me become my ideal self?
- Liberty - what principles of freedom and personal autonomy apply?
- Empathy - how would I respond if I cared deeply about those involved?
- Authority - what do legitimate authorities (e.g., experts, law, my god[s]) expect of me?
- Rights - what rights (e.g., innate, legal, social) apply?

Which question do you use when making decisions? Remember it's important at times to look at different dimensions of a problem.

**Turn Over.....**

## **Interview Questionnaire**

You must ask a minimum of **two** questions per category. Begin the interview with a few opening questions and brief introduction of you.

### **Involvement/Leadership**

*How is year going? What are you involved with on campus?\* Are there other organizations you are interested in getting involved with? Would you like to be involved in residence hall activities?*

### **Community Responsibility**

*How will you contribute to your community? Why did you choose to live on campus, and what do you hope to gain from this experience? What do you expect from me, as your RA? What programs would you like to see this semester? How would you specifically contribute to making programs happen? How well do you know your hall mates?*

### **Academic Success**

*How do you feel about your choice of major? What courses do you think you will do well in? Which will be difficult? How do you study? When you did well in class freshmen year, what study skills did you use? Do you know the academic requirements for your major, college or school? Would you be interested in a study group? Do you know your academic advisor?*

### **Character**

*What are some challenges you anticipate for this year?\* What is your plan to deal with those challenges? How have you given back to your neighborhood community in the past? Please explain experiences that have made you feel uncomfortable. What do you struggle with most?*

### **Self Responsibility**

*How do you balance your academic and social life? Do you feel pressured to drink alcohol here at JMU? Are you finding non alcoholic activities that interest you on the weekend either on or off campus? Are there activities not offered at JMU that you would be interested in on the weekends? Do you have a job? If yes, how are you balancing with your job, school, etc? How have you changed since your 1st year? Have you thought about getting further work experience in your career choice? Do you maintain a budget?*

### **Conclusion:**

*Tell me a pet peeve that you have.\* Tell me one thing that I need to know about you.\* Summarize what you have discussed, outline an action plan for the semester, and ask them if there is anything else they would like to talk about, or anything they might need help with.*