Hello!

My name is Laura Mack and I am the Community Director of Erickson Hall. I originally come from New York City and I received both my Bachelor and Master Degrees from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. I have been the CD in Erickson for almost 4 years now and I’m delighted to be able to manage such a special building with the help of an amazing staff. While my role as Community Director is to oversee the daily operations of our 450 student residence hall, I have other duties as well. My main function is to be a resource to students on their UMBC journey. In Residential Life we say “residence hall” instead of “dorm” because we want our buildings to be thought of more than just a place people sleep. In Erickson Hall specifically, we want to build community and create opportunities for you to engage with your RAs and other residents in the building. Staff can be identified on the “Meet The Staff” bulletin boards on each floor, by white name badges that are worn on duty, or with a staff specific Erickson sweatshirt that allows us to show off our creativity while letting you know who we are.

Living on campus is all about the community experience - connecting with others, finding your place academically, and learning what it means to be a responsible member of a community. To learn more about the experience of living on campus at UMBC, click here. In addition, here are some important things to think about as you look towards the fall semester:

We recommend that you connect with your roommate(s), suitemates, or apartment-mates early. All residential students will complete a roommate
agreement, within the first weeks of the semester. This agreement will cover topics such as your pet peeves, preferred times to study and sleep, cleanliness of the room, and frequency of having guests over. It is helpful to do some thinking in advance about your preferences in order to prepare for this conversation, but also remember to be prepared to listen to the needs and preferences of your roommate(s) as well. Roommates who can figure out the best way to communicate with each other and proactively address any issues will have the most successful living experience!

We are excited to welcome you to campus in person soon. Keep an eye out for future email communication from me as we plan for the Fall Semester!