Hello!

This is my sixth year as Community Director for [Hillside Apartments](#). I'm originally from Michigan and received my undergraduate degree from Michigan State University. I completed my graduate work in Student Affairs and Higher Education Administration at the University of Arizona prior to coming to UMBC. In addition to my position as CD, I serve as an Advisor for UMBC's Relationship Violence Awareness & Prevention program, a facilitator for UMBC's SafeZone Ally Development workshops, and as a trainer for the Green Dot Bystander Intervention program. I'm passionate about improving campus safety and developing a community in which every member feels safe and included.

As a Community Director I both work and live in Hillside. Living in the apartments allows me to have a greater awareness of the concerns and frustrations of residents. When your power goes out, so does mine. When someone is being loud outside at 3 AM, it wakes me up too. When residents throw their trash and recyclables in the correct dumpsters instead of on the ground, it improves my own living environment.

While this perspective gives me a great opportunity to advocate for resident needs, I also want you to know that I am available to listen to your unique concerns which I've not yet been made aware of. Your RA is likely to be your first point of contact for most concerns, but I want you to know that I'm also very much interested in assisting you however I can.

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!