Hello!

My name is Tia Howard and I am the Community Director of West Hill and Terrace Apartments. I supervise 12 Resident Assistants between the two communities and support approximately 500 residents. I work closely in conjunction with the Community Director of Hillside Apartments, Doug Copeland. I support Apartments' community programs and endeavors, including those by the Apartments' Community Council. I also work to support the Residential Rights and Responsibilities Guide and UMBC Code of Student Conduct through educational and restorative student conduct conversations. I'm on the Student Staff Selection Committee which prepares, recruits, and hires Resident Assistants, Desk Managers, Maintenance Assistants, and Desk Staffers. My office is in room 120 of the Apartments Community Center. Please feel free to stop by my office if you have any questions or just to say "hello."

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!