Being placed on the CommUNITY floor has given us a plethora of people to become friends with and an easier transition into the friendships we have now. Living on the CommUNITY floor has given us all great experiences living and dealing with many diverse people. Many such different countries as, Puerto Rico, Chile, Guam, Thailand, Vietnam, Ghana, Korea, Poland, Germany, China, and all across the United States.

Along with experiencing these different cultures, we have had the opportunity to become educated about all the diverse traditions we live with through talking and experiencing how others live. We have also formed many close relationships with the people with whom we live, and we all care about one another. We also help each other in many ways like with homework, personal problems, and school difficulties.
It is important to go outside of your box to discover the world and the many opportunities that lie within.

- Julia Napolitano

It was so rewarding to be able to give back to the community.

- Rob Walek

It was so much fun to get to work with my fellow classmates.

- Kate Frigo
After a month of getting to know one another as a floor, the CommUNITY students took an annual retreat trip to Lake Geneva, to discuss and take part in activities geared toward diversity. The students stayed over night in a lodge where they spoke one-on-one for the first time with one another and truly captured the spirit of community. Several speakers were featured, and the students participated in team building, campfire, dancing, movies, and crafts. This experience provided the students with a sense of commitment to one another as well as to the leaders and the program itself. After the weekend came to an end, the CommUNITY felt closer than ever, and they began to focus on their next task of creating their group projects.

Have you Met?

Jocelyn is an Assistant Director of University Ministry and Director of Liturgy. Being the first one born in San Francisco to a family of Filipino immigrants, Jocelyn’s first language is Tagalog.

Dr. Richard Lewis earned his Ph.D. in English from the State University of New York at Buffalo, taught in Marquette’s English Department and is completing his second book.

Marlene De La Cruz-Guzmán is the Assistant Dean for Intercultural Programs. She was born in Guatemala yet raised mostly in the US.

Dr. Robert Masson is an Associate Professor in the Department of Theology. Also completed graduate studies at Fordham University.

People build too many walls and not enough bridges.
-Sir Isaac Newton
“Take A Chance to be a part of the CommUNITY is one that freshmen should not pass up.”

-Victor Espinoza

“Look Inside”

At the end of the CommUNITY class, each respective class works together on a final project. The objective of each class project was to promote cross-cultural engagement throughout the Marquette community and Milwaukee area. The project was a great way to connect with classmates, professors, and the surrounding area. In the first year, some classes choose to promote cultural awareness in elementary schools as well as junior high schools. Another project would be to develop a web page or exercises that promote cross-cultural engagement. After working for weeks in an enclosed classroom, the final project proved to be an excellent way to take all the new acquired knowledge and use it to create a more aware and diverse CommUNITY.

“‘Living here has been an awesome beginning of my experience. I didn’t have a problem settling in at all.”

-Yorm Ackuaku

“To work with our professors on our projects was a great experience.”

-Meghan Keller