

## Campus Leadership Opportunity: Being a Resident Assistant

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There are a variety of leadership opportunities for students to serve in at Meredith. Being a Resident Assistant is a unique opportunity that combines learning leadership skills while gaining work experience. Through the RA position, students learn valuable leadership skills such as time management, conflict mediation, program planning and team work. Although these leadership skills are learned for the position, they will last long after college.

When asked, former RAs reflected on their days of working with students while

gaining valuable leadership skills. Ann Gleason, Dean of Students, said that being an RA gave her "practical skills in community building, conflict management, problem-solving, and time management." A former Meredith RA, Betty-Shannon Prevatt, who now works at Meredith as a Disability Counselor, said "the lessons I learned as an RA were a great introduction to the working world after graduation. It was a wonderful way to begin practicing my leadership skills as they would apply outside the classroom and in the real world."

Some of the leadership skills learned can be used right out of college. Current

Barefoot Residence Director, Sharlene Provilus, was an RA last year at East Carolina University before coming to Meredith. She says, "One thing I've learned by being an RA is how important it is to be a good listener. Residents are constantly looking for advice and someone to give them positive feedback, but often times they really just need to know that there is someone to listen." Sharlene also commented that she knows the communication skills she built as an RA have really helped her in everyday interactions.

Even though being an RA is a paid position, there are other benefits such as the friends that can be made.

Nikki Curliss, Assistant Director for Student Activities and Leadership Development has used her RA skills since she held the position, however, she fondly remembers the social part of the position as well. "Fellow RAs, who became my friends for life will always mean the most to me. I worked in a building with 15 other RAs. We shared stories of residents, helped each other through rough times and laughed all night."

Students who are interested in applying to be an RA for the 2006 - 2007 academic year should talk with their current RA and/or Residence Director. Applications and information will be available

in mid-January, but it's never too soon to start learning about the position and the application process. There are a few requirements to be aware of before applying. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 at the time of application and throughout the position and should have lived on campus at least one semester before applying. Other leadership experience is preferred but not required.

If you have any questions about being an RA, you can contact your residence hall staff or the Office of Residence Life ([reslife@meredith.edu](mailto:reslife@meredith.edu)).

### Serena Ebhardt - In One Era and Out The Other: A Newsworthy Cabaret

*In One Era and Out The Other: A Newsworthy Cabaret*, a musical time-travel through the twentieth century, will be presented Saturday, January 28, 2006, 10:00 a.m. at Grace Community Church, 6561 Meridian Dr., Raleigh, NC, 27616. Tickets are \$10. Reservations recommended.

For more information contact Betty Lovett: 919-862-8521..

Siren Serena Ebhardt turns past into present as she leads audiences through decades of headline news and popular song. This casual cabaret places the familiar songs of yesteryear in context of historical events. Musical Director Julie Florin co-anchors the performance. From *Bird in a Gilded Cage* to *Caged Bird*, history repeats itself in headlines, half notes and harmonies. *In One Era and Out the Other: A Newsworthy Cabaret* is produced by EbzB Productions.

"Serena Ebhardt's throaty vocals have stark beauty and authenticity. She spins little dramas when she sings. Crowds adore her."

- Raleigh News & Observer, North Carolina

"Ebhardt has the ability to grab the audience from the first note and not release them until the final blackout."

-West Chester Daily News, Pennsylvania

EbzB Productions was founded in 1998 by Serena Ebhardt and David zum Brunnen. EbzB Productions' is a touring theatre with a mission to develop theatrical works that promote integrity, self-discovery and positive transformation of individuals, artists, audiences, and communities. EbzB artists are dedicated to the promotion of dramatic art as a valuable tool for all individuals. The professional teaching artists of EbzB Productions are trained by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts to teach drama workshops for students and professional development. EbzB Productions is featured in the North Carolina Arts Council Touring Artist Roster. For more information please visit [www.EbzB.org](http://www.EbzB.org)

This week the **Meredith Department of Music** presents a veritable smorgasbord of Mozart for your listening pleasure! On Friday, Jan. 27th we will celebrate Mozart's birthday at 8 pm in Jones Chapel with performances by David Lynch, Dana Friedli, Lisa Randolph, Virginia Ewing Hudson, Rebecca Lyman and Tom Lohr. Then on Saturday, Jan. 28th at 8 pm in Carswell Concert Hall our music majors will also perform works of Mozart. To wrap it up, the Meredith Choral and String Orchestra will perform Mozart's Requiem on Sunday, Jan. 29th at 3 pm in Jones Auditorium, with members of the UNC Men's Glee Club and the UNC Symphony Orchestra. Come at 2:30 that day to hear Dr. James Fogle speak about the Requiem.

All concerts are free and open to the public.

Are you planning to attend the **Spring Career Fair** on March 22, 2006 at the NCSU McKimmon Center? Would you like to obtain an individual interview with one of the employers who will be there? If so, make sure to submit your resume to the Career Center by February 7, 2006 at 5pm for pre-selection. With the job market being so competitive, it is important to be on the ball in your job search and submitting your resume is a great start!

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