Congratulations! Welcome to college! Welcome to Northwestern! Welcome to PARC! We are all honored to have you join us this year, and we are all excited to show you guys what we have in store for you. We’ll have free food, free stuff, and the good times that you have at PARC this year will be priceless.

First off, just so you guys know, this is your friendly secretary, Eric Li, speaking. I will be sending you guys your weekly PARCRAP newsletter. In each newsletter, you’ll find out what weekly events are planned, some shows or on-campus events that your fellow Wildcats will be participating in or going to that week, and some random (and maybe interesting) stuff that I’ll throw in just for you guys.

Again, I hope you guys are as excited as we, the PARC Executive Board, are at the prospect of having you guys join our little family. I’ll be honest. You should know that your first ride through college won’t be without a little bumps, but we, the returnees, all got through it because of the friends we made at our little residential college. We’re here to help each other through the year, and we’re here to pick each other back up if need be.

But let’s get on with the issue, we have advice for you, we have introductions, and we will show you what we did before and we will do. (I’m now really just trying to match the length of Lane’s letter to you earlier this summer that is also posted to the right.) LET’S GO!

Hello! And welcome to PARC! We could not be more delighted that you will be joining us this fall! I am the faculty Master of PARC. If you’re a Weinberg student, you may already have “met” me on the WCAS Class of 2018 Facebook page as I am also the First-Year Dean in Weinberg—but PARC is my first love! I have been the Master for the past seven years and before that was active as a Faculty Fellow. Let’s just say that once you’re affiliated with PARC, it sticks!

Why do I love PARC? Let me count the ways. First, it’s small enough that it’s easy to get to know everyone but large enough that there is a real diversity of interests and backgrounds. PARCers hail from all six undergraduate schools, as do our Faculty Fellows. And the activity never stops! Check out PARC’s website for a taste of what we got up to last year and what we have planned for this fall (including participating in the Walk to End Alzheimer’s on September 28): http://groups.northwestern.edu/parc/Wordpress/

One of the things I love most about PARC is working with our outstanding Executive Board under the leadership of our president, Jacob Pope. We meet weekly (and sometimes daily) to plan events and make PARC a better place. And the best part? There is always room for first-year students to join the board and represent the interests and needs of PARC’s majority.

I’ll keep this brief as I’m sure you have lots to do. Let me encourage you to join the PARC 2014-15 Facebook group, though, and to start getting to know other PARCers before arriving on campus. To join, go to https://www.facebook.com/groups/749849468395313/.

Looking forward to meeting you this fall—and, before that, on Facebook!

- Lane Fenrich, PARC Master

P.S. A few of the people in the pictures you will not see at PARC this year, but they were a part of its history, as you will be.
Advice for Incoming Freshmen

“Relax, read Purple Prep and other materials carefully, and don’t assume that the rest of your life hangs on every decision that you make.” – Lane Fenrich, PARC Master

“Try something completely new: Take a class in a subject you know nothing about, or join a club/organization on an issue/theme/region/activity you’re unfamiliar with.” – Chris Sardo, PARC Assistant Master

“Don’t be so worried about what happens inside the classroom that you forget to take advantage of all the amazing extra-curricular clubs, groups, and organizations that NU has to offer. Go to the Activities Fair at Norris at the beginning of the year, and sign up for anything that vaguely interests you. You’ll be amazed at how much of your life experience, your friends, and your best memories at NU will come from things that have nothing to do with your major.” – Jacob Pope, President

“Eating regularly and well will give you better grades, make you sleep better, feel better, have a better disposition, and give you the power to fly... #science” – Martin French, Vice President

“Work hard, play hard! And call home more when you get the chance ;)” – Junru Yan, Treasurer

“Everyone is and will be awkward. This is Northwestern. Don’t worry. Be friendly and open – you never know when that random hello will turn into your best friend. Also, if you hate your suite at first, they might very likely become your best friends. Initial imprecisions can be so wrong – keep an open mind!” – Kaley Wendorf, Co-Academic Chair

“Join Intramural Sports. Play for PARC. That includes the girls, especially the girls.” – Max Rolens, IM Sports Chair
### Advice for Incoming Freshmen

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<td>Mathew Li</td>
<td>Co-Academic Chair</td>
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<td>“Wear short sleeves and/or shorts as long as possible. It’ll help you adjust to the winter.”</td>
<td>John Beers</td>
<td>Co-Social Chair</td>
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<td>“Don’t be afraid to try different organizations and activities in your first month or so at Northwestern. As you will all soon find out, the best way to maximize your experience here is to build as many connections as possible. Eventually, you’ll develop your own social circles within the broader NU community, but for the first few weeks, make it your objective to have a meaningful conversation with as many students and faculty as possible.”</td>
<td>Conner Steines</td>
<td>Co-Social Chair</td>
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<td>“Be open to everyone, and try to meet as many different people/do as many different things as you can within reason. You learn just as much outside of the classroom as inside, and it’s extremely rewarding!”</td>
<td>Bret Greenacre</td>
<td>Co-Technology Chair</td>
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<td>“Talk to people! Talk to other students about any issues you may be having or even things you are interested in. It is the best way to learn what opportunities are available and get answers from people who have been there.”</td>
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<td>Hayley Landman</td>
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<td>“Try to relax, do everything in moderation, don’t let yourself get behind in the first few weeks academically, try something new, and have fun!!”</td>
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<td>Madeline Maxwell</td>
<td>Co-Philanthropy Chair</td>
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<td>“Take it easy with all the extracurricular activities and try to do the work the day you get it. Trust me.”</td>
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<td>“Breathe”</td>
<td>Eric Li</td>
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Goal: To make this the best year EVER: get more people involved in more events and more connected with faculty members than ever before.
Favorite PARC Memory: CUPCAKES
Favorite Animated Disney Movie: Monsters, Inc.

Major: Political Theory
Goal: Help the executive board make PARC a community that everyone feels pride for and ownership of.
Favorite PARC Memory: Interviewing and getting the job at PARC (since this is my first year on the job).
Favorite Memory at Northwestern Last Year: Passing exams and being done with coursework (lame I know)
Favorite Animated Disney Movie: Toy Story
Favorite Sports Team: Buffalo Sabres

Major: Undecided
Goal: One of my goals (among many others) is to beat Jones Res. College in everything...
Also, to finish building my zombie bunker
Favorite PARC Memory: Either riding on the Res. College float dressed as “Mustache Batman” for Homecoming or saving those puppies from that volcano eruption... hard to choose...
Favorite Memory at Northwestern Last Year: Competing in the International Competition of Collegiate A-Cappela with Purple Haze
Favorite Animated Disney Movie: Reservoir Dogs
Favorite Sports Team: The Original Broadway Cast of “Newsies: The Musical”

Where’s the President? Well sometimes, the Vice President needs to fill in for the President when the President is off doing something else, for example, writing a novel. You can read his novel on page 10.
Meet the Executive Board

Zachary Elvove  
New York City, NY  
Junior  
Historian

Junru Yan  
New Orleans, LA / China  
Sophomore  
Treasurer

Eric Li  
Peru, IL  
Sophomore  
Secretary

Major: American Studies, German, and History  
Goal: To document every single thing everyone does. The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly. To continue and construct new PARC traditions.  
Favorite PARC Memory: Valentine’s Day Coffee and Conversation  
Favorite Memory at Northwestern Last Year: Becoming the Under Secretary General of Simulation in the Northwestern University Model United Nations. Also meeting Hayley and Martin (And every other returning PARC resident)!  
Favorite Animated Disney Movie: Toy Story  
Favorite Sports Team: New York Yankees

Major: Biology  
Goal: I hope to work with the board to come up with a budget plan that can maximize the benefits provided for PARC residents.  
Favorite PARC Memory: Making Thanksgiving dinner with my suite  
Favorite Memory at Northwestern Last Year: A friend summed it up quite nicely: The best ones are the ones you don’t remember ;)  
Favorite Animated Disney Movie: Mulan  
Favorite Sports Team: Saints!!! Who dat!

Major: Chemical Engineering  
Goal: To make sure everybody is properly informed and help PARC become the close-knit community it should be  
Favorite PARC Memory: Coming back from Dance Marathon and seeing a bunch of PARCers there to greet and congratulate us marathoners  
Favorite Memory at Northwestern Last Year: Northwestern vs Ohio State, win or loss, may be one of the most exciting football games that I’ve been able to see in person  
Favorite Animated Disney Movie: Lion King  
Favorite Sports Team: Chicago Bears
Meet the Executive Board

Major: Biomedical Engineering
Goal: Getting Fellows excited and getting PARCers involved in some freaking awesome activities
Favorite PARC Memory: Tie between the day my suite turned into the party suite, the Super Bowl party, and endless cupcakes
Favorite Memory at Northwestern Last Year: GameDay and Homecoming game, by far. Dillo is a solid second.
Favorite Animated Disney Movie: BRAVE. (It was modeled after my secret second life. Note her curly hair, sharp wit, and mad bow and arrow skills)
Favorite Sports Team: THE CATS #wildside #purplepride #B10 #GOCATS

Kaley Wendorf
Elk Grove (Chicago), IL
Sophomore
Co-Academic Chair

Major: Unknown
Goal: Unknown
Favorite PARC Memory: Unknown
Favorite Memory at Northwestern Last Year: Unknown
Favorite Animated Disney Movie: (He Lives Under A Rock)
Favorite Sports Team: Unknown

Zhi Yuan (Mathew) Li
Sophomore
Co-Academic Chair

Major: Biology/Pre-med
Goal: To make sustainability something that we all keep in the back of our minds with small day to day changes, rather than simply focusing on it during special events.
Favorite PARC Memory: Dance Marathon
Favorite Memory at Northwestern Last Year: Being at the Homecoming game against Ohio State
Favorite Animated Disney Movie: The Fox and the Hound
Favorite Sports Team: Wildcats!

Brittany Bair
Dayton, Ohio
Sophomore
Co-Sustainability Chair
Meet the Executive Board

**Major: Economics**
**Goal:** To become a more sustainable residential college and motivate everyone to become sustainable by incorporating small sustainable acts in their everyday lives.

**Favorite PARC Memory:** Probably when there was a Game of Thrones 30 hour marathon for those of us who didn’t do Dance Marathon.

**Favorite Memory at Northwestern Last Year:** Dillo Day because I love going to concerts and it was a really fun day!

**Favorite Animated Disney Movie:** The Lion King

**Favorite Sports Team:** El Tri

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**Major: Journalism**
**Goal:** To make sure no PARCers have a mental breakdown after the printer has no paper 30 minutes before their all-nighter becomes all-nighter becomes all for naught... ;)

**Favorite PARC Memory:** Karaoke Night was AWESOME last year! I love nothing better than belting out tunes, especially when I’m not the worst one singing! :P

**Favorite Memory at Northwestern Last Year:** As a huge Survivor fan, it was an honor to interview contestant Alexis Maxwell on the morning her season premiered, even if she did end up going out pre-mereg...

**Favorite Animated Disney Movie:** WALL-E

**Favorite Sports Team:** Other than Northwestern (Go Cats!), I grew up a massive Michigan State fan.

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**Major: Computer Science**
**Goal:** To make sure all of PARC’s electronics are working all the time and to be able to fix problems as soon as possible.

**Favorite PARC Memory:** Hanging out with my awesome friends in the second floor lounge! And munchies were pretty awesome too.

**Favorite Memory at Northwestern Last Year:** NUMB AND FOOTBALL!!

**Favorite Animated Disney Movie:** Toy Story

**Favorite Sports Team:** NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS! And the Green Bay Packers.

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**Brenda Pena**
Bensenville, IL
Sophomore
Co-Sustainability Chair

**Bret Greenacre**
Canadian Lakes, MI
Sophomore
Co-Technology Chair

**Alex Wenzel**
Northbrook, IL
Sophomore
Co-Technology Chair
Meet the Executive Board

Major: Economics & History
Goal: I had a phenomenal freshman year experience, which was directly the result of my interactions within the PARC community. I want the incoming freshmen to have as good a time as I had, whether that be through formal PARC social events such as trampoline dodgeball (John and I are going to make this happen before the end of our term or informal gatherings like movie night and video game tournaments. Favorite PARC Memory: Playing for PARC’s very own Flint Tropics in the Intramural basketball league.
Favorite Memory at Northwestern Last Year: Playing Cards Against Humanity with some fellow PARCers. I learned a lot about the true twisted nature of certain people (Mathew Li).
Favorite Animated Disney Movie: The Lion King. Rafiki and I go way back...
Favorite Sports Team: The Chicago Cubs

Major: Unknown
Goal: Unknown
Favorite PARC Memory: Unknown
Favorite Memory at Northwestern Last Year: Unknown
Favorite Animated Disney Movie: Unknown
Favorite Sports Team: Join IM Sports.

Major: Journalism
Goal: To get every member of PARC to come to at least one social event (that’s not munchies)
Favorite PARC Memory: Staying up studying in the conference room for finals with others until 5 in the morning
Favorite Memory at Northwestern Last Year: Everything having to do with Ohio State weekend except the last 5 minutes of the game.
Favorite Animated Disney Movie: Finding Nemo
Favorite Sports Team: Pittsburgh Steelers
Meet the Executive Board

PHILANTHROPY TIME

PARC Walks to End Alzheimer’s on September 28th. Join your fellow PARCers as we walk together to find a cure for Alzheimer’s disease in Chicago! Alzheimer’s affects all of us, and 5.4 million Americans are currently living with the disease. The PARC team is striving to raise $2,000 to fight this disease, and you can join us in the fight!

Go to http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2014/IL-GreaterIllinois?team_id=221139&pg=team&fr_id=5078 for more information to sign up.

Major: American Studies
Goal: To make PARC have a really active and positive philanthropy presence
Favorite PARC Memory: Pranking certain PARCers and hanging out with people on the snow days.
Favorite Memory at Northwestern Last Year: Probably the time spent with my freshman seminar downtown
Favorite Animated Disney Movie: Lilo and Stitch
Favorite Sports Team: St. Louis Cardinals

Haley Landman
St. Louis, MO
Sophomore
Co-Philanthropy Chair

Major: French/Philosophy (?)
Goal: To get people involved with volunteering, especially in the Evanston community. Northwestern has a huge variety of groups that focus on giving back to others, so you will definitely find one that fits your interests!
Favorite PARC Memory: Meeting fellow PARCers and just hanging out together (Just Dance parties are always great, too!)
Favorite Memory at Northwestern Last Year: It’s too hard to choose, but again the people at NU are awesome, and it’s easy to strike a conversation with almost anyone.
Favorite Animated Disney Movie: Tangled
Favorite Sports Team: Soccer (USMNT)

Madeline Maxwell
Columbus, OH
Sophomore
Co-Philanthropy Chair
Meet the Executive Board

Major: Music Performance (Percussion) + Physics/Astronomy

Goal: To integrate PARC into the lives of its residents such that it becomes more than just a place to live. And the incredible thing about PARC is that it becomes that for almost everyone in their own way by the end of the year.

So many “dorms” – on NU’s campus and elsewhere – don’t serve as anything beyond a place to eat and sleep at the end of the day. PARC has a tradition of being a uniquely close community, and I want to foster that environment while at the same time expanding the incredible opportunities that PARC can offer as a residential college, in terms of faculty engagement and academic/social/philanthropic involvement. I want PARC to move past its mundane responsibilities as a place to live and be such that it truly feels like your home away from home – it’s the place where your closest friends are, it’s the place where you made your fondest memories, it’s the place you miss being when you’re with your family over the summer. PARC is all of those things for me, and my greatest wish for this year is that it becomes that for all of the incoming freshmen and other new residents as well.

Favorite PARC Memory: As social chair last year, the PARC Formal was particularly satisfying because it was, for me, the end of many weeks/months of hard work and planning. Seeing it all come together in such a wonderful way, and being able to enjoy that experience with all of my closest friends, was really special.

Favorite Memory at Northwestern Last Year: Getting up some ungodly hour in the morning, and going over to the Lakefill to see College GameDay with about a dozen other PARCers. That was great not only because of how exciting it was for NU sports to be in a national spotlight, but also because of the people that went, and the amazing time we had rooting on our team (even if we did lose a close one).

Favorite Animated Disney Movie: Lion King. I used to watch it on repeat as a toddler, multiple times a day. No joke – one of my favorite movies of all time.

Favorite Sports Team: The one and only Detroit Red Wings

Jacob Pope
Grand Rapids, MI
Junior
President
What was... and what will be...

Above: PARC FORMAL
Right: PARC 2013-2014 Year In Review
Now, I can’t officially release the events that we, your residential college, have planned for you outside of your official Wildcat Welcome events, but I can give you a few clues as to what’s going to happen:

- Ice Cream
- Performances
- T-Shirts
- Video Games
- Munchies (Oh, you’ll find out what it is if you don’t know already)
- Football
- Movies

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**This Week (and next) in History**

- September 7, 1996 – Tupac Shakur is shot.
- September 8, 1974 – President Ford pardons former President Nixon.
- September 10, 1961 – Jomo Kenyatta returns to Kenya from exile, during which he had been elected president of the Kenya National African Union.
- September 11, 2012 – US consulate in Benghazi, Libya attacked and burned down; 4 Americans were killed including the US ambassador, J. Christopher Stevens.
- September 12, 1992 – Space Shuttle Endeavor takes off on NASA’s 50th shuttle mission; its crew includes the first African-American woman in space, the first married couple, and the first Japanese citizen to fly in a US spacecraft.
- September 13, 1993 – The Oslo Accords, granting limited Palestinian autonomy, are signed by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat at the White House.
- September 14, 1994 – Major League Baseball players strike over a salary cap and other proposed changes, forcing the cancellation of the entire postseason and the World Series.
- September 15, 1981 – Sandra Day O’Connor is unanimously approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee to become the first female justice on the US Supreme Court.
- September 16, 1975 – Administrators for Rhodes Scholarships announce the decision to begin offering fellowships to women.
- September 17, 1957 – The Thai army seizes power in Bangkok.
- September 18, 1960 – Fidel Castro arrives in New York City as the head of the Cuban delegation to the United Nations.
- September 20, 2011 – US military ends its “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy and allows gay men and women to serve openly.

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**Texts From Last Night**

- **(513):** You tried to wear your Jesus costume into Family Christian stores and say it was a book signing.
- **(410):** so the guy behind me in court for my DUI hearing got a DUI on a lawnmower at 1AM... he is my new hero.
- **(727):** I’m at the airport and there’s a guy wearing all camoflash to go hunting .. Should I bump in to him and say woahh sorry didn’t see you there?
- **(612):** You text me last night that you invented a new food. Cheese-less grilled cheese. Congrats, you made toast.
- **(817):** Did you put 9lbs of birdseed all over my car?
- **(1-817):** You weighed it?
- **(613):** im so bored in class... I just made a pie graph of my favorite bars and a bar graph of my favorite pies.