

Hello, my name is Dana Frommer and I am the Burleith Community Advisor for the Office of Off-Campus Student Life at Georgetown University.

Prior to joining the Georgetown community, I obtained my Masters in Education and Human Development concentrating in Higher Education Administration from The George Washington University in May 2010.

In July 2010 Georgetown University brought on two full time staff members to live in the adjacent neighborhoods. The university saw a need to improve relationships with off-campus students and their neighbors as well as to better equip students to become active and engaged citizens. These Community Advisor positions at Georgetown University are unique to our community and not found at any other institution in the United States. Both the West Georgetown community advisor and I have drastically increased the visibility and presence of the Office of Off-Campus Student Life (OCSL) in these neighborhoods.

The responsibilities I hold as community advisor range from active trash patrol, developing educational and social programs for off-campus students, informing students of community opportunities, and to support off-campus students in building relationships with their landlord and ensure safe dwellings. I frequently monitor and walk around the Burleith neighborhood looking for any potential issues as well as gaining a strong sense of the happenings of the neighborhood.

Another part of the Community Advisor role is to implement the Off-Campus Orientation Program. Each and every off-campus student is required to attend an orientation session. During these sessions we introduce students to our office, have dialogues on expectations and being good neighbors, and to educate students on SNAP, OCSL policies, DC laws, tenant's rights, upcoming educational programs, and our clean and green initiatives.

A joint initiative being implemented by OCSL and the Georgetown University School of Medicine is Adopt-a-Block. We began the Burleith Adopt-a-Block this past April. Working collaboratively, we clean-up targeted blocks in Burleith and work to keep those areas clean and orderly.

Additionally, since beginning my role in July 2010, I have lived in Burleith and become an active part of the Burleith community. Along with many students and other Burleith neighbors, I vote in local elections, am present at ANC2E and Burleith Citizens Associations meetings, attend weekly farmers markets, and celebrate events such as the reopening of the Georgetown Public Library along with many other community events.

I look forward to continuing my role as Burleith community and further improving services for off-campus students.

Thank you,
Dana

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