West AJ Residential College

The Henry House Points Doctrine

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This document exists to clearly outline the rules and regulations about how points can be earned for the Inter-House Competition. This event begins with the start of each new academic year and continues through the end of the spring semester with the goal of fostering a sense of community through friendly competition. The categories through which each house can earn points are as follows: Academics, Ut Prosim, Sports, Community Involvement, and Special Events. The details about how to earn house points in any of these categories are included in the remainder of this document. Also included are procedures intended to help with the following: amending this document, approving special events, how to normalize house points for population differences, and managing house point submissions.

Approved ways to Earn Points

Category	Event	How points will be awarded
Academics	Citizen Science Challenge (2012-2013)	 Competitions: Winning: 1st (200 pts.); 2nd (150 pts.); 3rd (100 pts.) Participation (20 pts. per team) Note: Each Competition will have a set of rules outlining how the winner is determined Poster Event: Best Overall (300 pts.); Most Data Driven (150 pts.); Most Artistic (150 pts.) Note: To be judged by a panel of Senior Fellows
Ut Prosim	End the Hunger Games	 Donations: Normal (1 pt. per donation) Ramen (1 pt. per 5 packages) Note: Donation points will be normalized to account for population Volunteering Points (awarded by % of house that volunteered) 1st Place – 400 Pts. 2nd Place -300 Pts. 3rd Place – 200 Pts. 4th Place – 100 Pts.
	General Service Events	For any individual service events presented by the RC@WAJ, excluding semester-long service projects (I.E. End the Hunger Games) points shall be awarded in the following manner: • 5 points, per person, per hour of volunteering time
Sports	Intramural Competition	 Individual Sports 1st registration: 15 pts. 2nd registration: 10 pts. 3rd registration: 5 pts. Additional registrations: 1 pt. Team Sports

		 1st registration: 25 pts. 2nd registration: 10 pts. 3rd registration: 5 pts. Note: These registrations must be done through the Hokie Grail All-University Point System. See Appendix A for details on how to register.
Community Involvement	Planned Community Events	 5% Turn Out: 10 pts. 10% Turn Out: 20 pts. 20% Turn Out: 40 pts. 35% Turn Out: 70 pts. 50% Turn Out: 100 pts. Notes: -Turn in attendance sheets to Cabinet Webmaster within 7 days of eventMust be turned in on official documentation from West AJ or Area Office -Events under 10% turnout must show proof of house-wide advertisement of event prior to event start time
	House Dinners	Point distribution same as general community events, 15 points awarded to every non-AFP faculty member in attendance. Students bringing faculty members to house dinner must have faculty sign in, with special designation on attendance sheet, and points will be awarded to house total on top of community points for that dinner.
Special Events	Kickoff Book Hunt (Fall 2012)	 House Point Tally: 1st (200 pts.); 2nd (150 pts.); 3rd (100 pts.) 4th (50 pts.) Individual Team Bonus: 1st (75 pts.); 2nd (50 pts.); 3rd (25 pts.)
	Winter Wonderland (Fall 2012)	 Points for Attendance: 1st (100 pts.); 2nd (75 pts.); 3rd (50 pts.) 4th (25 pts.)
	Kickball Tournament (Fall 2013)	 Points for Attendance: 1st (150 pts.); 2nd (100 pts.); 3rd (75 pts.) 4th (50 pts.)

Amending this Document

- All proposed changes to this document must be submitted to the Cabinet at least one week before the meeting during which they will be discussed.
- Amendments and additions to the House Points Doctrine should be addressed and voted on by the Cabinet. A 51% majority must vote for any proposed changes for them to take effect.
- Changes that alter the awarding or breakdown of points in a specific category shall not be implemented until the end of any given academic year, as to not disrupt the points tally for the current year.
- Changes that involve additions to include new events or new categories may take place immediately.

Approving Special Events for Points

- Documentation shall be provided to the Cabinet one week in advance of the meeting during which this
 special event will be discussed. This document should detail the proposed Special Event and how Points
 are going to be assigned. Proposals may come from community members or Cabinet members.
- The Cabinet will hear a presentation from the individual or group proposing the special event and then discuss said event. Afterwards a vote will be conducted where a 51% majority is needed to approve the Special Event for House Points.

Approving General House Points

- A general request for house points is one that has already been approved as a valid way to earn points for your house. These types of events are outlined in the section on approved ways to earn points and will require different information for verification.
- These points are pre-approved by the Cabinet by their inclusion in the Points Doctrine. To receive house points for events based on Attendance, sign-in sheets must be passed on to the Webmaster of the Cabinet so that the points may be entered into the website.
- For awarding points in the Sports category, see Appendix A.

Normalizing House Points

• Certain ways to earn house points are impacted by the participation in those events. In order to create a level playing field the following system was developed to normalize house points based on the population within an individual house.

$$Normalized\ Points = \frac{Points}{House\ Population}*Normalized\ Population$$

$$Normalized\ Population = \frac{Total\ Population\ of\ West\ Aj}{Number\ of\ Houses}$$

House	Full Capacity Population	
Honey Locust	177	
Hawthorn	245	
Hickory	176	
Holly	246	

Population Information

• Semester-by-semester, population numbers should be kept and recorded by the Cabinet Historian. This person should keep track of the changing population numbers of each house and how these numbers may affect the normalization of House Points.

Website Maintenance

• The Website shall be maintained by the Webmaster of the College Cabinet on a weekly basis after the regularly scheduled hall meeting. Approved House Points shall be updated within 24 hours of the weekly hall meeting. Any advertisements or information updates shall also be updated on a weekly basis.

Appendix A: Registering for Hokie Grail Points

Points will be earned as specified and awarded through the Hokie Grail All –University Points System. To be eligible for points you must first specify the All University Points Division as "Residence Hall"

Hokie Grail All-University Points Division *	Residence Hall	•
Hokie Grail All-University Points Team		
Please enter the name of your team		

Secondly you must enter your house name as the All University Points Team name. Depending on your house use one of the following team names "Honey Locust", "Hawthorn", "Hickory", or "Holly".