

# Residence Life Team 2023/2024

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## Arthur V. Mauro Residence (AVM)



### **Joseph Mendez Arevalo, Returning Resident Advisor: 1st Floor**

Hey, folks! My name is Joseph, and I will be your RA for the academic year 2023/2024. I am from Ecuador and currently studying Civil Engineering.

I enjoy going to the gym and talking about the NBA or any sport. I also find watching documentaries fascinating as they help me discover more about the world and its hidden secrets.

Feel free to reach out to me; I will be happy to guide you as much as I can or simply hang out with you.

I hope you enjoy your stay at the residence and become part of this unique university community that offers you countless opportunities.



### **Ethan Niemczyk, Resident Advisor: 2nd Floor**

Howdy!

My name is Ethan Niemczyk and I will be the RA of the 2nd floor in AVM. I am currently in my fourth year of Computer Science with the goal to go into education and become a Science and Math teacher. In my free time you can catch me taking it easy or playing a variety of musical instruments such as piano, guitar, banjo, bass guitar... and the list goes on! I'm so excited to get to know everyone and create a fun place to stay during the school year!



**Kelly Tan Zhi Xin,  
Senior Resident Advisor: 3rd Floor**

Hello everyone! My name is Kelly and I am the 3rd floor Resident Advisor for AVM this year! I am also the senior resident advisor for AVM. I am from Klang, Malaysia and I know how to speak 4 languages (Mandarin, English, Malay, and Cantonese). I'm an undergraduate Food Science student at UofM. I enjoy doing ballet, playing piano, reading, practicing mental arithmetic, and traveling. I spend most of my free time watching YouTube videos or anime and reading online books. Hopefully I can be more physically active this year. Looking forward to seeing you all and come say hi when you see me anywhere on campus. Have a great year ahead!



**Minjeong Kang,,  
Resident Advisor: 4th Floor**

Hey there! I'm MJ, your Residence Advisor for the fourth floor of AVM. I'm originally from South Korea but spent my childhood in the Philippines. Currently, I'm studying computer engineering and heading into my third year. Recently, I've rediscovered the joy of reading, which has been fantastic. When I have free time, I enjoy crafting and getting creative with crocheting. My favorite activity to do is play games like Valorant and Overwatch 2. Feel free to swing by and hang out with me if you'd like (I also have switch games)! We have some awesome events planned to help us all get to know each other, and I'm genuinely excited to meet each and every one of you!



**Mikaela Warkentin,  
Resident Advisor: 5th Floor**

Hi! My name is Mikaela, and I will be the RA on the 5th floor of AVM this year. I'm from Southern Manitoba- when I'm not at campus I'm at home on my family's tree farm, with my parents and my brother. At home I also have 4 cats: Calico Jack, Off-Brand Oreo, Diet Pepsi, and Orange Dreamsicle- I am a cat person yet I am allergic to them! I'm working on a bachelor's degree in English with a minor in Anthropology, and I hope to enter the Faculty of Education next year. If I could, though, I would also study astrophysics, architecture, history, and film- I love to learn about everything! In my free time, I love to watch movies and YouTube videos (my Letterboxd is constantly growing), make art (in any form), and play video games (specifically building houses in the Sims 4). Living in residence has brought me to know some of my best friends, alongside with helping me transition from online learning to functioning on campus. I hope this year I can help be a part of a great residence experience for everyone!



**Aahan Rajput,  
International Resident Advisor: 6th Floor**

Hello! I'm Aahan Rajput, currently in my 3rd year of Asper School of Business. I'll be your International Resident Advisor currently residing on 6th floor AVM. As an IRA, I understand the unique challenges and exciting opportunities that come with living in a new country. Whether you need assistance navigating the campus, understanding local customs, or finding your way around the city, consider me your go-to person!

I focus on providing support and host different events for students to be experience different cultures and make this transition easier! If you ever have any questions, concerns, or simply want to grab a cup of coffee and chat, don't hesitate to reach out. Together, let's make your experience unforgettable and full of amazing memories! Welcome aboard, and let's embark on this incredible adventure together!

## Pembina Hall Residence (PHR)



### **Tshego Matshoga, Resident Advisor: 4th Floor**

Hey guys! My name is Tshego Matshoga and I'm going to be your PHR 4th Floor Residence Advisor!

Here's a bit more about me: I'm an Agribusiness student from Johannesburg, South Africa. I'm passionate about personal and international development, food, photography and culture. I also speak 4 languages- (German, English, Sotho, Afrikaans).

Most of all- I'm a vintage film/culture buff. If you wanna check that out, or got some cool suggestions for me, or even if you ever need someone to talk to in general, you know where to find me!

Y'all can be certain that this year will be one amazing experience with the RA team :)



### **Evgenii Prokopik, Resident Advisor: 5th Floor**

Hello everyone and welcome to the residence!

My name is Evgenii and I will be your RA on 5'th floor in Pembina Hall this year.

Couple of things about myself: I am from Russia, and currently I am heading into my 3'rd year of studies, majoring in Computer Science. I enjoy hanging out with my friends and playing basketball – if you want to go and play together just reach out to me. I also like walking and travelling around the world.

I am really excited to meet all of you and hope you guys all have a great time this year, enjoy your classes and meet some new friends, while living in residence. Also, feel free to reach out to me if you want to talk or hangout!

See you all soon!



### **Junior Muzilikazi Resident Advisor: 6th Floor**

Hello Everyone! My name is Junior Muzilikazi and I am going to be the 6th floor Resident Advisor. I'm from Zimbabwe, a small teapot shaped country in the south of Africa and I am currently in my second year studying Marketing. I really enjoy playing Field hockey and partaking in public speaking events and I have been playing hockey for the past 9 years now. I always strive to make my parents very proud of me in everything I do. I am very excited to meet each and every one of you and I hope you have an amazing year filled with lots of experiences and lessons too.



**Damiyana Patel,  
Resident Advisor: 7th Floor**

Hello Everyone ♥

My name is Damiyana Patel and I will be Pembina Hall's 7th floor RA for the 2023/2024 year !!

I'm from sunny South Africa and I am currently majoring in Economics at the university!

In my spare time, I love listening to music, reading books, taking photos, and mostly hanging out with my friends. I have loved living in residence so far because I can always hang out with my besties whenever :) Please don't hesitate to ask me any questions, share any thoughts and come to me with any concerns I will be just a few doors away :)

Hopefully, we can create a friendly, respectful environment amongst each other. I am very excited about the upcoming year! Thanks so much :)



**Rodrigo Cordova,  
Senior Resident Advisor: 8th Floor**

Hello everyone,

My name is Rodrigo and I will be the Senior Resident Advisor (SRA) at Pembina Hall Residence for the 2023/2024 year. I am from a small country in Central America named "El Salvador" and although I miss my family and friends, I can say that living in residence definitely helped me to create new connections and friendships that will hopefully last forever. I love meeting new people and showing them a little bit of my culture while I learn from theirs. I'm studying my fourth year pursuing a Film Studies major with a minor in Theatre (so if you want an autograph before I become famous just hmu) some of my hobbies are acting, playing the piano, swimming, watching movies and TV shows. A fun fact about me is that I'm on a Netflix movie and just finished shooting two episodes of a TV SHOW and is literally the first thing I tell everyone I meet, so if you want to hear the whole story or have any other questions regarding residence life, don't hesitate to ask! I'm looking forward to meeting all of you and I know you'll enjoy residence life as much as I did. 😊



**Amir Reza Ferdosi,  
Resident Advisor: 9th Floor**

Hey there! I'm Amir and I am your resident advisor on the ninth floor of the wonderful Pembina Hall Residence. I'm originally Persian but I've grown up in Dubai all my life! Living in the scorching heat of the desert doesn't really help, especially since now I am in the freezing cold! (I don't do well with it).

I'm a student majoring in computer science and I'm completely in love with it. I've taken some great classes and worked on some really interesting projects in the field. My main focus in the future is becoming a software engineer and developing high-quality software that solves real-world problems.

When I'm not coding, I love to hit the gym and stay active. I also enjoy playing video games and relaxing after a long day of studying.

As a resident advisor, I'm here to make sure everyone feels comfortable and has a good time. If you ever need someone to talk to, I'm here for you.

So that's me in a nutshell! If you see me around, feel free to say hello.



**Seth Umarova,  
Resident Advisor: 10th Floor**

Hey:) I'm Seth and I'll be the 10th floor RA in Pembina hall residence for the 2023/2024 academic year. I just entered my 3rd year as a psychology major. I'm half Kazakh and Indian but I lived in Oman for most of my life. I enjoy the gym and occasionally playing video games. I also really like driving and cooking. A fun fact about me is that I have a lot to say about animals. I'm part of the climbing club on campus and enjoy bouldering so if anyone is interested, let me know and we can climb! I personally love the atmosphere on campus and enjoy meeting new people. I'm excited to be a part of the upcoming residence community and meeting you all, have a great year everyone.



**Krishma Patel,  
Returning Resident Advisor: 11th Floor**

Hey:) My name is Krishma, and I am going to be the 11th-floor Resident Advisor for PHR! I am from Nairobi, Kenya, and I am going into my third year of my business degree. I love the outdoors and I have been kissed by a Giraffe. I enjoy going for nature walks and you can catch me dancing at any time of the day. Coffee is my first love! Are you ready to experience fun student life? Then, you are in a right place, because I am excited to meet everyone in the fall and have an amazing year!



**Daniel Aderemifawoye,  
Resident Advisor: 12th Floor**

Hello everyone! I'm Daniel Aderemi-Fawoye, and I'm thrilled to serve as a Resident Advisor in Pembina Hall Residence for the 2023/2024 year. I'm currently going into my third year pursuing a BSc Major in Computer Science and have a genuine passion for building connections and fostering a sense of community. I enjoy going to the gym, watching anime, and reading light novels in my free time. I'm here to lend a helping hand, provide guidance, and make your residence experience as enjoyable as possible.



**Fernanda Recabarren ,  
Resident Advisor: 13th Floor**

Hello there!

My name is Fernanda, and I will be the Resident Advisor (RA) on the 13th floor of PHR (Pembina Hall residence) during the 2023-2024 school year. I am from Arequipa; Peru and I'm going into my third year in Asper as a finance major.

I have loved living on campus the last 2 years and meeting people from all over the world and I hope you will, too.

One of my favorite things to do is have a movie or game night (I'll beat you at Uno). If you ever want to go head to head or just have a chat, don't hesitate to knock on my door.

Other than that, I love taking long walks around campus, listening to Taylor Swift, and binge-watching Shrek.

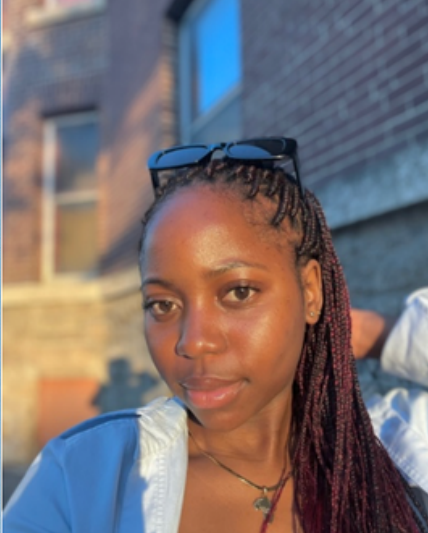
I look forward to meeting you all and creating memories all year long!



**Rayden Seela,  
Indigenous Resident Advisor: 11th Floor**

Hey everyone, my name is Rayden Seela and I am your 11th floor residence advisor for this year. I am a First Nation indigenous from the coldest place on earth Thompson Manitoba, during the winter you will find me still wearing shorts and a shirt. I am in my second year currently plan to major in Psychology and minor in sociology. I love to meet new people it's one of my favourite things to do and I'm very excited to meet all of you! My goal this year is to make sure everyone has an amazing experience here at residence, just like I had my previous year! It's such a great opportunity to find your group and make memories that'll last a lifetime. If you don't know where to start, I'm always looking to have a conversation. I love to talk about the most random things ranging from favourite colours to the most out of pocket thing you can think of. I like to go to the gym and to play volleyball and badminton. I am also a dancer (self-taught) but I think I'm good enough to be able to say dancer now. I also love watching reality tv shows; big brother, the circle, survivor etc.. even the cheesy one like love is blind, one of my dreams is to be on reality tv one day. If you have any questions always feel free to ask, I also think it's good to let everyone know I tend to have a rbf haha but promise I'm in a good mood :)

## Mary Speechly Hall (MSH)



### **Moreblessing Chitowa, Senior Resident Advisor: 2nd Floor**

Hi there! My name is Moreblessing and I'm going to be the 2023-2024 Senior Resident Advisor of Mary Speechly Hall as well and the 2nd floor RA. I am from Zimbabwe and I'm a third-year student in Asper School of Business majoring in Finance. I enjoy travelling, thrill seeking activities as well as playing tennis (if you ever want to play let me know!) Residence has so much to offer when it comes to meeting new people that can potentially be your lifelong friends as well as the events that happen quite often. As an RA I'm here to create a safe and inclusive and space on residence and I can't wait to explore that journey with you. See you soon!



### **Zoey Mguni, Resident Advisor: 3rd Floor**

Hiii :)

My name is Mzomuhle but everyone calls me Zoey (easier on the tongue). I am the 3rd floor Resident Advisor for Mary Speechly and I'm from Mahikeng in South Africa but I was born and raised in Zimbabwe. I am currently in my second year doing a B.A degree with a Major in Psychology and Minor in Management. I absolutely love writing poetry, watching anime, playing badminton and well going to the gym. I'm also REALLY into conspiracy theories so if you ever want to talk about aliens, you know where to go! I am so excited to meet you all and cannot wait for the connections that we will make during this academic year. I hope that like me, you will eventually find residence to be a home away from home...



### **Marith Been, Returning Resident Advisor: 4th Floor**

Hi!!

My name is Marith, and I'll be the returning resident advisor for the 4th floor of Mary Speechly for the 2023/2024 academic year! I was born in the Netherlands but moved to Brandon, Manitoba when I was 9, and am now already heading into my fourth year of a Microbiology Honours Co-op degree. I am hoping to go into research and am currently exploring my interests through co-op! I love the atmosphere on campus, meeting so many cool people, and studying with friends until late in the night. I am a huge fan of coffee, tea, thrifting, and plants (17 and counting). I love the outdoors and dabble in hiking and mountain biking. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you and the exciting year ahead. Feel free to reach out if you want to talk over some coffee or tea!





**Emma Kowalchuk,  
Returning Resident Advisor: 5th Floor**

Hello everyone! My name is Emma and I will be your Returning Resident Advisor for the 5th floor of Mary Speechly Hall this 2023/2024 school year! I am from Brandon Manitoba and I'm in my fourth year of my degree in cell, molecular, and developmental biology with a minor in Chemistry and I hope to one day be a dentist! I love to crochet and I always have multiple projects on the go. Right now I'm working on a dress and a tote bag! I have two cats at home named Dip and Stick. I'm also trying to learn French on Duolingo. I used to be a dancer and I am part of UM Swing dance club (highly recommend!!). I'm so excited to meet you all! I'm looking forward to an amazing year full of fun memories together!



**Callan Paul D'silva,  
Resident Advisor: 6th Floor**

Hey everyone!  
My name is Callan Paul D'Silva and I will be the Resident advisor for Mary Speechly Hall Residence for the 2023-2024 academic year. I am Indo-Portuguese by ethnicity. I love living on campus and meeting new people almost daily especially students that live with me on residence. I am getting into my second year of Computer Science, and I hope to get into the Faculty of Science soon. My interests include sports like Football, Cricket and Tennis. I love to sing and play the guitar. I also love to dance. I have also taken up new hobbies like cooking and learning to play the piano. I am looking forward to meeting everyone on campus this fall and having an amazing year!



**Rimone Rafeek,  
Resident Advisor: 7th Floor**

Good day, everyone.

I'm Rimone, and I'll be the 7th floor resident advisor for Mary Speechly in the 2023 – 2024 academic year.

I'm from Dubai, a beautiful country, and I'm studying Computer Science in the university right now.

I enjoy hanging out with my friends, listening to music, playing video games, and taking pictures in my free time. I've enjoyed my time in residence so far because I get the opportunity to connect with so many new people. Don't be afraid to come to me with any worries or to ask me any questions and we can foster a climate of mutual respect and friendliness on the floor.

I'm quite eager about the future year! Thank you a lot!



**Noah Burns,  
Resident Advisor: 8th Floor**

Hey! My name is Noah and I'm the RA for the 8th floor in Marly Speechly. I was born and raised in Apple Valley, Minnesota. I'm going into my second year in residence and plan on majoring in environmental science. I enjoy playing video games with my friends, going on walks, and watching sports. My favorite team to watch is the Minnesota Vikings! If you have any questions or need help with anything feel free to reach out. This is my first year as an RA, and I'm looking forward to meeting you all and to an exciting year!



**Priyanka Shankar,  
Returning Resident Advisor: 9th Floor**

Hey everyone! My name is Priyanka and I will be the RA for the 9th floor of Mary Speechly Hall. I'm originally from India but was raised in Dubai my whole life. I'm currently a second year student and plan on majoring in Psychology at the Faculty of Arts. I love traveling all around the world and learning about new cultures. So far, I've been to 14 countries, with Switzerland being my all time favorite. When I'm not studying, you will usually find me binge watching new shows on Netflix, reading books or listening to a new podcast or artist. I love meeting new people and can't wait to meet you guys this year. I hope you all have an amazing and successful year here at UofM and res. See you all soon :)

## University College Residence (UCR)



### **Khaled Elgohary** **Senior Resident Advisor: 3rd Floor**

Hey y'all :) My name is Khaled, and I am the Senior RA of 3rd floor UCR this year! I am from Egypt, and I am currently in my 4th and final year of my Computer Science honors degree. Aside from school I love going out with my friends, playing video games, and programming! Sounds a bit nerdy I know but aren't we all are? On top of that, I'm also a HUGE marvel fan, so whenever you feel like breaking down some mcu theories feel free to knock on my door! I also enjoy swimming and doing escape rooms. My door will always be open for y'all, if you ever need someone to talk to or hangout with, you know where to go. I'm really excited for this academic year since it will be my last one , but I can't to meet and get to know all of you! Let's try to make this academic year as remarkable as possible!



### **Alex Simonov** **Returning Resident Advisor: 4th Floor**

Hello there! My full name is Simonov Oleksandr Serhiyovych, but you can call me Alex. I am 21 years old young guy from Ukraine currently in my 3rd year of studying Mechanical Engineering. I love playing piano, sometimes saxophone, and spending time outside. Fun fact about me: I've been preparing for 5 years to apply to Architecture department in Ukrainian city Kharkiv, yet I ended up studying engineering here at UofM))). Feel free to come by if you need some help with engineering subjects or if you would like to chat about anything or ask me any questions about uni! I can't wait meeting you all)



### **Tawana Mahari** **Resident Advisor: 5th Floor**

Heyy <3  
My Name is Tawana, and I am the RA on the 5th floor of UCR this year. I am from Harare; Zimbabwe and I am currently in my second-year aspiring to major in Marketing under the Asper school of business. I love living on residence because it feels like a little village with friends and support in every corner. In my spare time I like to explore the city, have movie nights with some friends and taking evening walks. I would describe myself as what you get when you mix a potter head and a theatre kid . Feel free to come over if you have any questions or just need some help adjusting to life on campus. I will do my best to help you out and direct you to all the amazing resources and support systems we have in the residence and around campus. I am excited to meet you all and can't wait to make some epic memories this year!



**Ahmed Ahmed**  
**Resident Advisor: 6th Floor**

Hello!! My name is Ahmed, and I will be the UCR 6th-floor RA for the 2023-2024 academic year! I'm from a tiny country called Bahrain, and I'm going into the third year of my computer science honours degree with a minor in psychology. I love music a lot, especially indie rock; I can talk about it for hours. My favourite artists are Alex G, Phoebe Bridgers, Car Seat Headrest, and Radiohead. I also love watching movies, and my favourite movie is probably Mysterious Skins. I'd always be open to chatting about either music or movies! I'm also big on getting involved as I'm the Vice-President of .devClub, which is one of the major computer science clubs and I'm pretty involved with all other major computer science clubs. Hence, I'd love to help any of yall with questions about getting involved in computer science and outside of it to the best of my abilities. Other than that, I enjoy thrifting, history, geography, reading, and just general curiosity so my door is always open for a small chat lol! Living on campus is a great experience which opened up so many different doors to me and helped me make many life-long friends, so this year is gonna be very fun!! I'm excited to get to know everyone and make life in residence fun, in the same way, it was fun for me!



**Mylene Usipiuk**  
**Resident Advisor: 7th Floor**

Hey! My name is Mylene Usipiuk and I am the 7th floor RA of University College Residence for the 2023/2024 academic year. I am from a small town in Manitoba and am going into my third year of studies at the Asper School of Business. In my free time, I enjoy creating art, listening to music, and watching movies. Living on campus has helped me with my studies and making connections with other students. By joining the RA community, I hope to share the same experience and make a positive impact! I am looking forward to meeting you all and having an amazing year!



**Kyrena D'silva**  
**Resident Advisor: 8th Floor**

Hi everyone, my name is Kyrena D'Silva and I am the RA of the 8th floor in UCR for 2023/2024. I am from Zimbabwe and I am currently pursuing a degree in computer science. A few of my interests are traveling, reading and going to the gym. Living in residence is such a fun experience where you will meet some of your closest friends who most likely become a second family. I am so excited to meet all of you from all over the world and learn about all your different cultures. I hope we have an amazing year ahead :)