

# The Mentor Moment

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**Johnisha Williams, RA**  
Home Town: St. Louis, MO



**Evelyn Brooks, RN, PHD**  
Home Town: Garden City, Kansas



## Spot Lighting Johnisha Williams & Evelyn Brooks

### Johnisha:

#### What are you majoring in:

Undecided, but I am looking into the Forensics Science Program.

What year are you in?      Sophomore

#### Why did you come to Missouri Western?

Tuition & fees were not that expensive and I also wanted to stay somewhat close to my family.

#### What do you enjoy about being an RA?

I enjoy being a mentor for my residents as well as others. Also, I enjoy being a role model. Others look up to you which is a huge responsibility.

#### What are some of the biggest challenges you face as an RA?

It is tough to have to document residents, especially those you are friends with or know well.

#### What are some of your interests or hobbies?

Braiding hair, shopping with others, and being with my family.

#### What do you enjoy about the Mentor Program?

It is nice to have someone outside of residence life to go to with different situations and concerns.

### Evelyn: What are your degrees in and where from?

Diploma RN Wesley School of Nursing, Wichita KS; BSN Completion Fort Hays State U; Master in Nursing, Wichita State University; PHD in Nursing Kansas U.

What classes do you teach? Quantitative Analysis in Health Care Research; Clinical Problem Solving: Maternal and Child Community Health; College 101; Nursing Research.

How long have you taught at Western? 12 Years.

What do professors look for or expect out of their students in the classroom? I look for students who are willing to learn and who have creativity and enthusiasm!

What are some of your personal interests or Hobbies I enjoy dancing & entertaining in my free time.

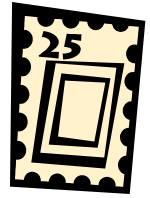
What have you enjoyed about the relationship you have developed with each other and the floor/students? It is delightful to see the students in their "home".

### What have you taken away from your relationship with Johnisha and the program?

I have learned how serious the Resident Assistants take their job. They are very mature, classy, and respectful individuals. It is clear they strive to support & encourage residents so they have a good learning experience inside & outside of the classroom.

Students who have contact with faculty outside the classroom have higher retention rates leading to graduation (Astin, 1977; Bean, 1980), are more satisfied with college (Astin, 1977; Pascarella, 1980) and exhibit higher levels of achievement (Centra and Rock, 1971).

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## Late Night Pancake Breakfast is a Huge Hit



### Pancakes 10 pm V-hall 2nd Floor

On October 4th, second floor Vasselakos and second floor LLC joined together with mentors Evelyn Brooks and Julie Baldwin to host a late night pancake breakfast. Brooks noted:  
"We had a great time. Jen (RHD) & Johnesia (RA) did a great job & in addition Julie Baldwin mentor to the LLC 2nd floor also brought some residents".

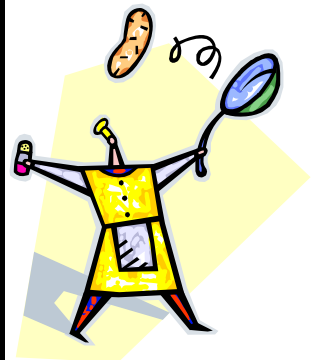


The pancake breakfast was an idea that the nursing department had and supported. Seventy-five "hungry" students attended. The menu included "hot" pancakes and sausage with plenty of syrup and butter. OJ and Milk were also served.



A special thanks to Chef Roger Voelkel who flipped pancakes & brought all the kitchen gear one needed to be a true Chef!! He had two assistants: Chefs Julie Baldwin & Bonnie Alsbury. Thanks to Bonnie for bringing some of her clinical students to the event also. Finally, thanks to the following faculty who donated food and supplies: Julie Baldwin, Bonnie Alsbury, Bonnie Gregory, Deb Uplinger, & Stephanie Corder!

Thanks to LLC second floor Ras Ebonie Cunningham and Tresa Ptasznik



"The effectiveness of the undergraduate experience relates to the quality of campus life. It is directly linked to the time students spend on campus and to the quality of their involvement in activities." Boyer 1987