



## University Baptist Church and Baptist Housing Ministry

Dear UBC-BHM alumni and friends,

Greetings from the University Baptist Church and the Baptist Housing Ministry! Here's a brief note about the BHM's Spring 2011 House Presidents. Please tell any alumni, friends and family to visit <http://www.uofibaptist.org/News.html>, where they may sign up for our e-mail list and receive updates like this. Thanks!

Sincerely,

Danielle Beard, Advancement Coordinator

**Adam Rule** is President of Koinonia, and also a Deacon at UBC. He is studying Industrial Engineering here at the University, and is planning to continue with graduate studies in Human-Computer Interaction once he graduates in May.

His campus activities largely revolved around Koin and UBC House and church events take up a good deal of his free time. He has recently been involved with the Informatics Club on campus organizing and leading Design Jams, a series of events geared toward teaching and applying design principles to real-world problems. He also volunteers at empty tomb, a local service and research ministry.



As for what brought him to UBC, Adam said: "First, I literally live within a block of UBC. It's not just that I wanted an easy commute to church (though I can wear sandals to church all year round with it being so close), but I wanted to be in a church that was close enough that I could be involved with their activities throughout the week. Secondly, UBC does a great job voicing the prayer requests of its members. It was the first church I attended that devoted a significant part of the service to corporate prayer. Finally, my brother was on campus and attending UBC when I moved to campus, so he made sure I visited UBC in my search for a church home."

Regarding what he has done while at UBC, Adam said: "Well, I've eaten a lot of church meals! I have played on the UBC worship team for the last five semesters and had the privilege to play at All Campus Worship with them. I have also taken up the role of deacon while at UBC and served largely on the technical side of the service."

He says UBC has provided a great church home to grow into leadership roles. Between becoming a deacon at church and taking on progressively larger roles at Koin, Adam has gained some great experience wrestling with hard problems and managing people. That is something that he will carry with him beyond the University. UBC, he says, also provided a safe haven to air questions and grow in his faith during the critical time after leaving his parents' home.

**Jessica Libby** is a Senior in Architecture graduating this spring. She has been a resident of Stratford since her freshman year. Becoming Stratford Volunteer Chair her first semester as a freshman enabled her to get further involved in World Vision ACT:S, a Christian social justice group on campus. Stratford came alongside her passion to help those in need by hosting a World Vision ACT:S Coffee House to raise money to help fight AIDS in Africa. Since then Jess was able to become the president of World Vision ACT:S and continue a partnership with UBC and Stratford to get them involved in issues related to human trafficking, poverty, hunger and AIDS.



Serving as Chaplain, Social, Volunteer Chair and recently on the Executive Committee for her senior year, she has played many different roles in the leadership of the house. “Stratford has always been a huge influence and part of my college life. I have learned so much about leadership and service, but most of all the potential for Christian community.” She hopes to return often and visit the house as she continues pursuing her Masters degree in Architecture at Illinois.

**Tristan Rickett** is the President of Sutton Place. He is a graduate student in the REP, the Railroad Engineering Program, in the Civil Engineering Department. He is currently doing research for his Master's thesis.



He was an officer for AREMA, the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance-of-Way Association. The goal of the AREMA chapter at the U of I is to expose students to railroad engineering education and the railway industry, and also to foster the development of leaders in railroad engineering.

Tristan found out about the Baptist Housing Ministry when he came across an advertisement for the BHM while at his church, and also through Sean Murphy, last year's Facilities Technician. While in grad school, Tristan has appreciated the opportunities for spiritual growth, fellowship, and leadership at Sutton Place.

**Colleen Lindsay** is the President of 3:12 House. She is a Ph.D. student in Anthropology and an M.S. student in Plant Biology. She found out about the BHM when her mom saw information about us on the University of Illinois housing website. Colleen was looking for a place to live where she could make friends and be in a good Christian environment. She says that 3:12 House provided that for the entire time she has lived there. The BHM has given her a friend base that she couldn't have found otherwise. She already had a Christian group on campus, but the BHM gave her friends in a solid, Christian living environment.



Prior to becoming President, she was Social Chair at 3:12 House. She was President for the last two semesters and will be President again next fall. Along with her involvement in her campus fellowship and church, Colleen has been an opinions columnist for the *Daily Illini*.

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