

Dear incoming CCSers,

I am thrilled to welcome you to the Residential College of Cultural and Community Studies, your “home base” here at Northwestern! Fondly referred to as “CCS”, we are dedicated to the exploration of the diversity and vibrancy of our collective experiences, cultures, and identities. We engage each other to become involved and build community through formal and informal conversations, field trips to Chicago neighborhoods, and foods that represents our cultures. We hold fireside chats featuring the exciting research of our faculty fellows and invite them to our weekly Fellow’s Lunch in Sargent Dining Hall. Our field trips to Argyle, one of Chicago’s Chinatowns, to Pilsen, the home of the National Museum of Mexican Art and renowned community murals, and to Humboldt Park, the heart of Chicago’s Puerto Rican community and even more murals, are iconic parts of CCS lore and are not to be missed. We intertwine the celebration of cultural traditions into our programming to ensure that our residents (this means you!) have a voice in everything we do. Along with exploring the surrounding community, we also dedicate time to self-care through Wellness and Meditation workshops, faculty cooked brunches and DIY pizza nights during stressful weeks of the quarter. Bring your willingness to embrace new cultures and identities. We can’t wait to meet you!

-Tasha Seago-Ramaly 2023-24 Interim CCS Faculty Chair