

Greetings from the joy-filled ministry of Rockwell House!

2024 has been a fantastic year for Rockwell House. It is our first full year in our fully renovated space, and we have been enjoying the use of all our new and reimagined spaces.

We started 2024 with our winter retreat at Camp MoVal. Our two-night retreats have become a highlight of our ministry and students love getting away from campus to focus on their spiritual growth and take plenty of time for recreation. In spring of 2024 we observed Ash Wednesday, Lent and Holy Week together; we continued our tradition of having our own Easter worship service followed by an egg hunt and potluck brunch. In May, we sent off 5 very active seniors with teary goodbyes and prayers and blessing for the road ahead.

Summer was quiet, and a time for us to reset and look ahead to the next academic year.

This fall we have welcomed many new faces and started the school year off in strength. Our fall retreat at Camp MoVal had our highest attendance yet with 14 participants. We are in the midst of making plans for many of our favorite traditions: Rake 'n' Shake, Friendsgiving, Deck the House, and our annual Christmas party.

Rockwell house has grown significantly in many ways. First, we have grown in numbers. We have around 24 students who participate in Rockwell events at least once a month, and many of them participate in just about everything. This is about twice the size of the group we had in 2021 when Covid restrictions were lifted. We also continue to grow in diversity in race, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, ability, and familiarity with the Episcopal Church. This diversity leads to rich discussions and joyful interactions.