

Stand up and appreciate

COST-FREE



1. Throw a dessert reception
2. Winter Theme: Make your RA's a snow cone or have snowcaps candy! Decorate with snowflakes.
3. Invite the staff over for a home-cooked meal or host a staff potluck
4. Room Service- Surprise your staff with a small meal or snack delivered to their room by you.
5. Home baked goodies
6. Frame or scrapbook a favorite quote or motivational story
7. Create gifts that are encouraging or highlight your staff's strengths:
 - a. **Packet of Seeds**- Thanks for nurturing your community and helping residents grow!
 - b. **Gold chocolate coins** - You are worth your weight in gold!
 - c. **Andes mints/peppermint patties** - Your service is worth a mint to us! OR Thanks for your commitMINT! OR You are a breath of fresh air to our office!
 - d. **Smartie** - To remind you of the expertise you share with others!
 - e. **Life Saver** - Thanks for being a real life saver!
8. Starburst - You're a star!
9. RA Survival Kit
10. College Logo Gifts

COST-RELATED

1. Gift each RA their favorite candy or snack
2. Make a bulletin board- in your office or near the dining hall or entrance to a building where everyone can see it- of your RA's. Put up a picture and some fun facts, or reasons you appreciate them, and let the whole campus know about RA Appreciation Day!
3. ad in your school newspaper
4. Make RA mailboxes (like grade-school Valentine mailboxes) for each staff member and leave those, paper, and pens out for residents to write appreciations or shout-outs. Put some candy in with them and give them to the RAs on appreciation day.
5. Door decorations
6. Thank you Scrapbook: have people from other departments write thank yous and make mini scrapbooks
7. Talk to your Food Services about doing something special in the Caf for that day
8. Treat during staff meeting
9. Gifts from provided by other offices
10. Game & Raffle Event

1. Send an E-card
2. Written Personalized note
3. Post inspirational messages around your staff office
4. Post flyers around the buildings with sayings like "Have you thanked/high fived/hugged/said hi/etc to your RA today?"
5. Make a Facebook Event
6. Write an individual Facebook wall post for each staff member
7. Write a Facebook note that you tag everyone in (25 things I love about working...)
8. Put a Facebook album together of staff memories and include captions/inside jokes
9. Email residents letting them know it is RA Appreciation Day
10. Ask them to make a poster, a sign, or a card for the RA and put it on the RAs door
11. Put a poster board with a staff picture in the lobby and let students write notes; share these at staff meeting
12. Video Thank You: where students and staff can show their appreciation of RAs
13. Write a poem about your staff, or story, or song, to share
14. Singing Telegram (phone message) to all RA's from the professional staff
15. Webpage
16. Letter from the President, VP, or Dean
17. Launch a Residence Life Meet the Staff Page featuring RAs and pictures
18. Dinner with the Department Head
19. Free Food from local vendors
20. Face in Hole figures for photo opportunities
21. Homemade Dept. Game/ Trivia
22. Decorate your RA's doors overnight