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New residence life director embodies student life

FORT WORTH, April 29 – It’s only been two months, but Zandy Baker, new director of residence life at Texas Wesleyan University, is already singing Wesleyan’s praises.

At Texas Wesleyan University, Baker supervises hall directors and hires staff for the dormitories. Baker says she feels “no two days are the same” and wants the dorms to have a long-term appeal to students who call them home throughout the semester.

Baker was born in New York City, New York, but only lived there two years before moving to Dallas, Texas. Baker furthered her education at the University of North Texas (UNT), receiving a Bachelor of Arts in speech and hearing sciences with a minor in psychology. While attending UNT, she served as resident advisor (RA) of her dorm.

Before joining the Wesleyan staff, Baker worked in privatized housing, which required her to serve as general manager of several buildings. According to Baker, the term “privatized housing” is used when someone within a company or university builds a new housing structure and hires a contractor to come in and oversee the building.

In her spare time, Baker participates in community-oriented programs such as

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the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Baker also works with patients who suffer from leukemia and other cancers, and she has spent 14 years volunteering with nonprofit organizations. She enjoys music and plays the piano.

While at Wesleyan, Baker says one thing she hopes to accomplish is to earn a master's degree in psychology, stating the degree will help with "student development." Baker has been with Wesleyan a short period of time but happily states, "I love it. I love the students and the opportunity to watch them grow."

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