



### DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Nora and I enjoyed hanging out with many of you on Thursday night at the Gingerbread House contest: thanks for your imaginative creations and the friendly buzz. The student leaders collected Attendance Trackers and will be recognizing folks with outstanding records of participation in Honors RAP events. Prize-winners will be notified by email in coming days. If you haven't yet responded to our survey about incoming AP, IB, etc. credits, you have until Tuesday to do that (and put yourself in the running for a \$25 gift certificate): <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3NW7K5N>.

If you plan to live in Smith next year and enjoy working on teams to build community, check out the student leader video (<https://youtu.be/Ddm4B8g8zps>) and pick up a student leader application from the Flocktivity Board.

Check out the "Cocoa & Cookies" event on Dec. 8 which will be the last Honors RAP event of the semester. Best of luck on exams and have a great winter break!



**Congrats to the winners of the Gingerbread Contest!**

## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday December 7, 7 pm**

**Smith HALLiday Party**

**Smith Hall Lobby**

Hall Council will be hosting a holiday party for in the Smith lobby this Wednesday! There will be cookie decorating, holiday cards to color and send to other residents, and an ugly sweater contest, so be sure to stop by and get in the holiday spirit!



**Honors RAP**

Faculty Family-in-Residence



***Cocoa and Cookies***

Hosts: Oliver, Kate, and Nora Gerland

**Tuesday December 8, 7-9 pm**

**Cocoa and Cookies**

**Smith Hall E180**

Join Oliver, Kate, Nora, and Duma Gerland to partake in some classically festive cookies and hot cocoa! Bring a mug to E180 between 7 and 9 pm to have some cocoa and enjoy this last RAP event of the semester!

**Thursday, December 8**

**Smith Hall E180**

**Drop by between 7-9pm**

**Bring a mug if you can!**

Be sure to check out the information on being a **Student Leader in Smith!** Our Student Leaders are positive leaders that help make Smith Hall a great community, and if you could see yourself filling this role, be sure to grab an application from the Flocktivity board, or if you have further questions contact Senior Flock Leader Kyla Jung (kyla.jung@colorado.edu).

**APPLY  
TODAY!**

## Clara the Costume Designer

**By Chelsea Magyar**

Clara Geoghegan, a CU freshman and Smith Hall resident, has always enjoyed crafting. "Ever since I was a kid, I liked to be creative, and I liked to do weird things playwise, like I would always make strange houses for my dolls."

Nowadays, Geoghegan really enjoys making intricate costumes. "If you find a character in a film you really like, you can always buy the costume, but it's really fun to make it from scrap. . . . it becomes more personal."

She starts by deciding which character to model, "somebody who you kind of want to be, or somebody who you aspire to." Next, she decides which aspects of the character's clothing she wants to replicate and draws out a pattern, trying to be as accurate as possible. She creates a prototype with cheap fabric and finishes by sewing the real thing.

Geoghegan delights in wearing her costumes as much as she enjoys creating them. "Whenever you dress up as a character, it's like you're taking on their personality, and sometimes that's really empowering."

Costumes Geoghegan has made include a character called Elizabeth Compton from the video game *BioShock Infinite* and Princess Mononoke.

