Summer Housing

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Housing Assignments Specialists

For the summer of 2017, summer housing students will be housed in new NextGen Hall. This is an exciting location to host our summer residents as the facility includes an abundance of study space throughout the hall, a game room, air-conditioning, breathtaking views of campus, and many more amenities that residents will enjoy throughout the summer. Additionally, the newly renovated Putnam Dining Hall will provide meals to summer residents and is located a short distance from NextGen Hall. Assignments for the summer will be made for single and double occupancy spaces based on availability. Graduate summer housing will be hosted in Mansfield Apartments.

To be eligible for summer housing, residents must be enrolled in one or more summer session course, be employed on campus, and/or working in a campus lab during the time frame they apply to live on campus. The summer housing application will be available beginning on March 1, 2017. Additional information about summer housing, including room rates, will be posted on our website in late February 2017.
Starting in the 2017-18 academic year, Residential Life will implement a new approach to facilitating student learning and growth in the residence halls. UConn’s Residential Learning Model, a curricular model, is a comprehensive approach to learning-centered practice that is integrated throughout all aspects of the work of Residential Life. Residential Life’s goal is that as a result of living on campus, students will grow personally, interpersonally, and intellectually. To achieve this goal, we will restructure how staff provide information and services to students, focusing more clearly on what students need to be successful and planning out our activities, events, and interactions over the course of the year. Students will see more connections between the educational materials provided to them in the residential communities, the conversations that they have with their RAs, and the facilitated activities and conversations with other students in the residential communities.

Residential Learning Model:
Focusing on Personal, Interpersonal, & Intellectual Growth

Ashley Robinson
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The UConn Residential Learning Model (RLM) will aim to meet a set of essential, mission-driven goals for residential students. As UConn Residential Life moves toward implementing a learning-centered model that will impact all areas of the department, we are taking a major step toward fulfilling our recently adopted mission to “enhance students’ personal, interpersonal, and intellectual growth by creating safe and inclusive environments, producing innovative programs and services, and fostering meaningful relationships.” Living on campus is a meaningful experience for students, and one that helps them to learn about themselves and others on a daily basis. The Residential Learning Model will continue to enhance the student experience in the residence halls by focusing on their growth and learning.

St. Baldrick’s Fundraiser

The annual St. Baldrick’s Fundraiser, hosted by the National Residence Hall Honorary, will take place on Monday, March 27, 2017 from 4:00-9:00pm in the Student Union Ballroom. St. Baldrick’s is a volunteer-powered charity committed to funding research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long, healthy lives. Please join us to shave/cut your hair, for fun, snacks, prizes, and more!

Important Dates

- **March 12th-19th**
  - Spring Recess

- **March-April 2017**
  - Spring 2017 residents choose roommates/rooms for 2017-2018

- **April 20th**
  - Room Reservation Fee Deadline

- **May 8th**
  - Traditional halls/suites close for Spring 2017

- **May 31st**
  - Charter Oak/Hilltop Apts close

Spring Recess

All residential areas on-campus remain open during Spring Recess, March 12th-19th.
Learning Community Spotlight

Nursing House

Robert Drago  
Residence Hall Director, Northwest Quad

The Nursing House Learning Community (LC) is currently located in Northwest Quad with exciting opportunities for students. The RAs and Nursing LC Staff kicked off a series of professional development coffeehouses in November 2016 by hosting a Clinical Skills Night to introduce first-year and second-year students to a variety of opportunities available to them. The skills discussed ranged from blood pressure to labor and delivery. Spring 2017 has a full slate of coffeehouse opportunities, starting with E. Carol Polifroni (EdD, NEA-BC, CNE RN, ANEF, Dean of the School of Nursing) on February 21, 2017, at 7pm in the Batterson Multipurpose Room. Future coffeehouses will focus on nursing skills in an Emergency Room and Intensive Care Unit, dates and guests are coming soon. The Nursing House Learning Community team looks forward to another great semester developing future healthcare practitioners!

Pre-Pharmacy House

Robert Drago  
Residence Hall Director, Northwest Quad

The Pre-Pharmacy House Learning Community (LC) is currently located in Northwest Quad with exciting opportunities for students. The RAs and Pre-Pharmacy LC Staff understand the challenge of applying to Pharmacy school, and supporting students in that process takes priority. Students were invited to have dinner with Dr. Philip Hritcko (Pharm.D., CACP, Associate Dean for Admissions & Student Affairs) for an informal opportunity to discuss the application process and how to stand out as an applicant. RAs and student leaders hosted Mock Interviews on January 25, 2017, and they look forward to hosting more study sessions to prepare students for upcoming exams. The Pre-Pharmacy House Learning Community team looks forward to another great semester and wishes the best of luck to students applying to Pharmacy programs!

Transfer Connections House

Patricia Harkins, Ph.D.  
Director, Transfer Connections House

Transfer Connections House is a new interdisciplinary learning community that opened this past fall to create a community for transfer students while providing them support to facilitate their transition to the University of Connecticut from their prior institutions. Fifty-seven students from a wide variety of majors at UCONN joined this learning community for the Fall 2016 semester. Transfer Connections House is located in Busby Suites.

Students are enrolled in a 1-credit upper level course that is designed to facilitate their curricular and co-curricular adjustment to UCONN. This course was taught by Dr. Patricia Harkins and Ms. Kelli Petersen. Pat and Kelli are UConn graduates and current professional staff members. Additional events included a transfer student panel who told their stories of adjusting to UConn, a yoga/meditation practice class, an election night TV viewing, a Halloween creepy movie afternoon organized by our Hall Director Karen Lohr and our Resident Assistant (RA) Katherine Garger, and a Welcome Back Macaroni and Cheese Comfort Food Dinner to start off the Spring 2017 semester. We look forward to welcoming a new group of transfer students next fall!
Housing Accommodations

Christina Gray  
Housing Assignments Specialist  

Students with a documented health/medical condition or disability which may impact their living environment must contact the Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD) to register and request a housing accommodation.

Students are encouraged to submit their documentation to the CSD by February 28, 2017.

The CSD will communicate housing accommodation approvals directly to Residential Life. Our two offices will work in collaboration to find a space that meets the student’s needs.

Accommodation assignments are made based upon approved accommodations. While students may be asked for their campus area preferences, specific residential areas are not guaranteed.

Students who have questions about their accommodations should contact their Disability Services Provider (DSP) at the CSD or log in to their MyAccess account to view their approved accommodations.

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2017-2018 Housing Selection

Each spring, returning residents choose their own room and roommates for the following academic year online. Referred to as housing selection, this is one of the biggest processes that our office oversees with over 9,000 students participating over the course of several weeks.

This process can be very stressful for some students as they begin to form their roommate group and think about their desired location or room type.

We encourage you to remind your student to attend the March 1st kick-off event where staff will be available to answer questions. Our website (http://reslife.uconn.edu) will also have information and video tutorials that help students navigate this selection process.

Students are always encouraged to stop by our office in Whitney Hall (East Campus), or call/email us with questions.

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