Welcome Back!
This is our favorite time of year! Our students are back, the leaves are beginning to change, yet we still hope to enjoy a few more warm summer days!

Since arriving on campus your students have become part of a large residential living community. Being a part of a community, no matter where, comes with a sense of belonging and responsibility. As we try to put ourselves in your shoes and think of advice to give students, we fall back on the basics.

You have a significant impact on your student’s adjustment to school. What you think and believe means a great deal to them. Continue to support them through this experience—they still need you to advise them! We strongly recommend that you also encourage them to reach out for help when they need it.

Our goal is to help make their time at UConn feel like home and to create an atmosphere of belonging. As a result of living on campus, students will become personally successful, interpersonally competent, and intellectually engaged. We provide innovative programs and services to help our students develop meaningful relationships with each other and to learn from their community.

We have over 300 Resident Assistants, 10 Graduate Assistants and over 50 full time professional staff in our department to serve and support your student.

We look forward to connecting with your student and helping them to adjust to their home for the next 9 months!

Students relax on a sunny fall day.
Room Change Process

The fall semester room change process opened to Storrs campus students on Monday, September 11\textsuperscript{th} and we have already received many applications.

Our staff are working on making room change offers; students typically have 24-48 hours to respond to an offer. We will accept room change applications until October 6\textsuperscript{th} and ask that all moves are completed by Friday, October 13\textsuperscript{th}.

The next opportunity for students to move will be the mid-year room change process. More information will be available in early November.

As of September 29\textsuperscript{th}

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Building Resources in Residential Life

A Guide to Assisting your Student with a Roommate Issue

It happens all the time - a student struggles with their roommate. Whether it is an issue with clothes all over the floor, borrowing their favorite piece of jewelry, or having guests over at all times of the day, they call home frustrated and upset. They don’t have time for this; they need you to fix the problem for them. Our advice? Help assist them in finding the resources to fix it for themselves.

By helping students find resources, it will begin to establish their independence and developing their communication skills. Working with their RA or Hall Director will allow students the opportunity to see the resources in place to assist with roommate issues. This may involve sitting down with their roommate to mediate the issues, or updating a HuskyMate Agreement which allows students to come up with a mutual agreement for the rules of the room all the way from sharing items to guest visitation.

Not every roommate situation can be resolved in mediation with staff or through the HuskyMate Agreement. That is when the student can take advantage of one of several room change processes that occur throughout the academic year. These processes are in place to allow students to move to a different space in order to allow for an optimal living experience. When available, information about these processes can be found online at http://reslife.uconn.edu.

Students are always encouraged to speak with their Hall Director if they are having a difficult time with their roommate, regardless if there is a room change process actively underway.

The resources are all around our students; help them find those resources by familiarizing yourself with the department’s policies, procedures, and people. Watching residents develop both inside and outside the classroom, while learning to navigate roommate relationships is a true privilege of our work.

Stamford Housing Opens for Inaugural Year

UConn Stamford opened its first residence hall for Fall 2017, housing over 250 students into apartments within a six story building. The building will follow the same operational pattern as the housing located on the Storrs campus, including 7 Resident Assistants, a Hall Director, and staff participating in on-call responsibilities to assist students 24 hours each day for emergency requests, support, and to address any concerns within theses apartments.

The Stamford RAs traveled to the Storrs campus this August to participate in Resident Assistant Training with over 300 Storrs Resident Assistants to learn more about the implementation of the Residential Learning Model and ways to support our resident students in a positive and meaningful way. Stamford residents have full kitchens in their apartments as well as study lounges and mail services within the residence hall, which is conveniently located just two blocks south of the UConn Stamford academic buildings.
Mailing Something to Your Student?
Tracy Cree, Student Mail Services

Everyone is enjoying the attraction of free shipping along with today’s diverse online markets. The University has met with the increased package load with a state of the art processing system. But even the best of systems can struggle when mail is incorrectly addressed.

Tips & Info

• Visit http://studentmail.uconn.edu/ for How to Address Mail to your student.
• All mail/packages must have the student's full name in the address.
• Your student needs a new cell phone? Make sure the carrier includes the students name on the package when shipping the item to them at UConn.
• Need to overnight something to your student? UPS has a downtown store location that sits next to a UConn bus stop. https://mansfield-ct-6669.theupsstorelocal.com/
• The University is not able to accept incoming packages on a Saturday or Sunday and on major holidays.
• Delete old addresses from any online account you have previously ordered from to avoid “accidentally” shipping to a former address.
• Residence Halls located on the core of campus utilize the zip code 06269. This is for the University only. http://studentmail.uconn.edu/properly-addressing-packages/
• Students residing in the Nathan Hale Inn, Northwood and Mansfield apartments utilize the zip code 06268. http://studentmail.uconn.edu/properly-addressing-packages/

All packages arrive to a central location on campus Monday through Friday where they are scanned and names compared to the University’s housing assignments. Packages with names that do not match a residential student are returned to sender. After the packages are processed, they are sorted for delivery by University staff to one of the eight mailrooms on campus. Once the package reaches a mailroom it is scanned by student staff workers when it is placed on shelving at the mailroom. This action triggers an email to the resident announcing that a package has arrived at the mailroom for them.

Letter mail is delivered daily to each mailroom by USPS, sorted through by staff and placed in mailboxes. Students should check their mailboxes weekly as no email is sent when a student receives letter mail, periodicals, etc. Roommates share mailboxes. Student staff check and update mailbox labels weekly for any changes in room assignments.

For more information or questions regarding student mail and packages please contact Student Mail Services at http://studentmail.uconn.edu/ or mailmanager@uconn.edu
Meningitis Vaccination Compliance

The State of Connecticut requires that any student living in on-campus housing be vaccinated against meningitis. All on-campus residents missing meningitis vaccination information were notified in September and given instructions on how to obtain compliance.

Spring 2018 residents who are non-compliant with this requirement, who submit a 2018-2019 housing application by the deadline (January 22, 2018), will be placed on the waiting list and not guaranteed housing.

Students can view the vaccination information that Student Health Services has on file at http://myhealth.uconn.edu > My Profile > Immunization History.

All vaccination questions should be directed to Student Health Services. Residential Life is unable to accept medical information.

#LiveonandLearn: ResLife on Social Media

UConn Residential Life houses more than 12,500 students on two campuses and we love to use social media to showcase what our residents are doing as well as post important reminders for application deadlines and process updates! Follow us on Facebook (UConn Residential Life), Twitter (@UConnResLife) or Instagram (@uconnreslife) to get the full experience! From little pick me ups, fun polls, and student spotlights, now more than ever we encourage our students to #LiveonandLearn!

Throughout the year we are going to have great Instagram takeovers, where students will show you a day in their lives (including pictures inside the halls and apartments!), and every Monday we share an RA profile on our Facebook page so that you can get to know our para-professional staff! Our Facebook page also has weekly tips and throwbacks to help students acclimate to UConn’s history and traditions!

We post jokes and updates on Twitter as well as engage with students via this platform to show the fun side of the office as well as important reminders and updates during Housing Selection!

Join our community! Don’t forget to use #LiveonandLearn with your own publically viewable posts if you want us to review and potentially feature your favorite UConn pictures or students on our social media!
Not all superheroes wear capes... Some apply to be RAs!

Is your student interested in applying to be an RA (Resident Assistant) for 2018-2019?

The RA Application for Storrs and Stamford will be open soon. If your student would like to be notified when all the information is available, please ask them to email: nancy.abohatab@uconn.edu.

**Qualifications include:**
- Must currently live on-campus at either Storrs or Stamford.
- Must have a 2.50 cumulative grade point average at the end of Fall 2017.
- Must have good conduct standing in the residential community (cannot be on University Probation, etc.)

For more information about the position, please visit: http://reslife.uconn.edu/resident-assistants/

Living in on-campus housing is not only about living close to your classes, it’s about the relationships you make and learning more about yourself while you are part of this community!

Now more than ever, students are choosing to #LiveonandLearn at UConn!
Important Dates

**October 31<sup>st</sup>**
2018-2019 housing app info available at http://reslife.uconn.edu

**November 17<sup>th</sup>**
Spring 2018 housing app deadline

**November 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>**
Thanksgiving Recess - no classes, halls remain open

**December 1<sup>st</sup>**
2018-2019 housing app available; room and roommates selected online in Spring 2018

**December 18<sup>th</sup>**
Halls close at noon for Fall 2017; students can request to remain over Winter Recess for additional fees

**January 14<sup>th</sup>**
Halls open for Spring 2018

**January 16<sup>th</sup>**
First day of classes

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>**
2017-2018 housing app deadline for returning residents; deadline for Spring 2018 residents to turn in meningitis vaccination verification to Student Health Services

**March-April 2018**
Spring 2018 residents choose rooms and roommates online for 2018-2019

**March 11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>**
Spring Recess (no classes, halls remain open)

**May 7<sup>th</sup>**
Halls/suites close at noon for Spring 2018

Have a great Fall!

We are here for you and your students if you have any questions!

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@UConnResLife on Twitter and Instagram

We encourage all residents to use #LiveonandLearn to showcase the benefits of living on campus!