Dear Parents, Family Members and Friends of UConn Residential Students,

It has been a little over a month since your student arrived on the UConn campus for the fall 2018 semester. In some ways it may seem like a month went by very quickly in other ways it may seem like the month dragged on and on. However you feel about the past month I feel assured that it has been different than when your student was living with you. Having a student living away from home goes hand-in-hand with the increase in independence and self-reliance. This doesn't mean that you aren’t important anymore, it just means that things are different.

Not only is life different for you, it is also different for your student. My hope is that your student is making good and healthy life choices and that they are beginning to develop a fondness for UConn and all it has to offer. I hope that Residential Life staff members are becoming trusted resources for your student and that your student feels comfortable going to our staff with concerns. I also hope that your student is finding others with whom they will develop friendships.

College can be both a wonderful fun exciting experience and it can be challenging and stressful. Please make sure that your student knows that both positive and negative experiences are to be expected and that you are there to listen to their highs and lows, offering words of advice and support.

I hope that things go well for you and your student during their college days and that they reach out to the Residential Life staff if assistance is needed.

Sincerely,
Dr. Pamela Schipani
Executive Director of Residential Life
Using Technology to Help Students Connect

Kimberly Proulx, Associate Director Housing Services

Residential Life uses a platform called Roompact to provide students with online roommate agreements and ways for students to communicate with each other and with Residential Life staff. We have been using this tool now for two full years and are finding that students can conveniently complete their roommate agreements and revisit them at any time, should their expectations of their roommate change. Resident Assistants and Hall Directors use Roompact as a communication tool and can send email messages to a floor or a building about meetings, upcoming events or important updates.

We encourage all students who share any type of space on-campus to complete their roommate agreement. Expectations and preferences can change throughout the year as students learn more about themselves and their living style. Residential Life staff follow up with residents throughout the semester and assist as needed, if students are unfamiliar with peer mediation and navigating conflict. As your student mentions Roompact or their roommate agreement to you, please encourage them to take advantage of this resource! Our goal is that using Roompact is just one of the ways to help your student manage expectations of themselves and their peers and to actively communicate with their fellow Huskies!

Room Change Process

The fall semester room change process opened to Storrs campus students on Monday, September 10th 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 5th and ask that all moves are completed by Friday, October 12th.

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 21st

| 12,210 |
| Storrs Residents living on-campus |

| 294 |
| Room change applications received |
Is Your Student in the Top 1%?

*phil Coontz, Residence Hall Director*

The National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) is a student-led organization that focuses on Service and Recognition throughout the UConn campus, sponsored by the Department of Residential Life. NRHH strives to provide recognition for individuals who have contributed significantly to the campus community, by means of “Of The Month” nominations and recognition activities.

Additionally, NRHH places high value on community service, and giving back to not only the campus community but those around us. To become an active member of NRHH, folks must be part of the top 1% of student leaders on UConn’s campus, and need to be nominated and selected during a semesterly induction ceremony.

For more information regarding NRHH, please reach out to philip.coontz@uconn.edu.

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Professional Staff Development

*Arling Cofresi, Assistant Director Residence Education*

The Department of Residential Life’s Professional Development Committee (PDC) fosters the development and enhancement of the professional staff by: coordinating ongoing training, implementing multiple blended learning channels, facilitating Department-wide professional development information-sharing, identifying trends of common interest to staff members and further connecting professional staff with other opportunities outside of the department.

In preparation for our students/residents to arrive to campus, the department’s professional staff (Directors, Associate Directors, Assistant Directors, Residence Hall Directors, Housing Services Specialists, and Fiscal Unit) spend a week together to discuss topics on university processes and procedures, wellness and prevention, crisis intervention, community standards, supervision and RA performance, diversity and inclusion, the Residential Learning Model, specialty housing, learning communities, and mental health, to name a few.

During the academic year, the professional staff gather weekly to continue to hone their skills through a variety of in-services, in partnership with other UConn offices.
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 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

• How to Address Mail to your student: please visit http://studentmail.uconn.edu/.
• All mail/packages must have the student’s full legal 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/.
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 2019 residents who are non-compliant with this requirement, who submit a 2019-2020 housing application by the deadline (January 21, 2019) will be placed in-queue for housing 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

Eileen McNamara, Housing Services Specialist

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!

We post pictures and fun highlights and stories on Instagram 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!
Would Your Student Like to Join our RA Team?

Nancy Abohatab, RA Program Specialist

We are accepting Resident Assistant (RA) applications for a limited number of positions for spring 2019.

Minimum Qualifications include:

- Currently living on-campus at either Storrs or Stamford.
- Has lived on-campus between 2-7 semesters as of fall 2018.
- Sophomore standing by spring 2019.
- Must have a 2.50 cumulative grade point average (as indicated on spring 2018 transcript).
- Must have good conduct standing in the residential community

More information about the position, including the link to the application, is available at: http://reslife.uconn.edu/resident-assistants/.

Questions? Please contact nancy.abohatab@uconn.edu

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 8th
Spring 2019 housing app info available in MyHousing (new residents only)

November 16th
Spring 2019 housing app deadline

November 17th-25th
Fall Recess - no classes, halls remain open

December 1st
2019-2020 housing app available; room and roommates selected online in Spring 2019

December 17th
Halls close at noon for Fall 2018; students can request to remain over Winter Recess for additional fees

January 20th
Halls open for Spring 2019

January 21st
2019-2020 housing app deadline for returning residents; deadline for Spring 2019 residents to turn in meningitis vaccination verification to Student Health Services

January 22nd
First day of classes

March-April 2019
Spring 2019 residents choose rooms and roommates online for 2019-2020

March 17th-23rd
Spring Recess (no classes, halls remain open)

May 13th
Halls/suites close at noon for Spring 2019

Have a great Fall!
We are here for you and your students if you have any questions!

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www.facebook.com/UConnResLife
@UConnResLife on Twitter and Instagram

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