Happy November Parents and Families!

Dr. Claudia Arias-Cirinna
Director of Residence Education

We hope this newsletter finds you well as our semester continues to fly by here at UConn! It seems like just yesterday that your students were moving into the residence halls and we are now into November and the tail-end of the semester! As folks gather together for Thanksgiving Recess we thought we would help you understand some of the typical changes you may see in your student.

• Your student has almost completed their fall semester and may come home very tired. Students have finished midterms a few weeks ago and are still struggling with sleep and managing their academics. Give them some time to recuperate and understand that coming home is a transition. Also talk with them about school. Ask them about classes, their residence hall experiences and any clubs and organizations they have joined.

• Your student has left home and may return home more independent. Expectations of what that means for both the student and the parents or families may need to be communicated when they come home.

• Although you are so excited to have your student home for the holidays, they may spend more time sleeping and hanging out with local friends than spending time at home with the family. This is typical for college students and you may need to

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set a schedule of expectations for each time they return so that there is a balance that meets your needs.

Some things to keep in mind when students return to UConn from Thanksgiving break:

- Prepare them to bring warm coats, gloves, sweaters and blankets. The weather in Storrs, CT is typically colder than the rest of CT and very windy.
- Remind your student if they get sick, they should go to Student Health Services or see their primary care physician.
- If they get sick and they need to miss classes for extended periods of time, please have them contact our Dean of Students Office who will communicate with their faculty (860-486-3426)
- Finals are around the corner, have them start preparing for this now so that they are not studying last minute.

We are excited to have your student back with us and we hope that you have a Happy Thanksgiving!

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Housing Accommodations for 2018-2019
Chrissy Gray, Housing Assignments Specialist

Does your student have a health/medical condition or disability that could be impacted by their living environment?

The 2019-2020 Housing Application will be available on December 1, 2018, and it is already time for students to begin thinking about their housing plans for next year. Students who need housing accommodations for health/medical conditions or disabilities are encouraged to register with the Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD) by the second week of classes Spring semester classes to ensure that they are able to complete the process prior to selecting a housing assignment.

Students who have been approved by the CSD for housing accommodations will have their approvals communicated directly to Residential Life by the CSD. ResLife works in partnership with the CSD to ensure that all students with housing accommodations receive housing assignments that meet their approved accommodation needs, pending availability.

Students can begin the registration process by visiting the CSD’s website at http://csd.uconn.edu
Assistant Residence Hall Director Program

Nate Gordon, Assistant Director Residence Education

The Department of Residential Life employs eight Graduate Assistants that serve in the role as an Assistant Residence Hall Director (ARHD). This assistantship is designed to provide the Higher Education Student Affairs students dynamic exposure to the operation and development of a vibrant residential community. Reporting directly to a Hall Director, the Assistant Residence Hall Director is a key person in promoting the growth of student staff through hiring, training, supervision, and development. The Assistant Residence Hall Director plays a proactive role in student learning outside of the classroom through planned programs and on-going individual and group interaction.

For the 2018-2019 Academic Year our ARHDs are in the following Residential Areas:
- East Campus
- Buckley Shippee
- Alumni Quadrangle (2 positions)
- Werth Tower (2 positions)
- Hilltop Halls
- McMahon

Winter Break Housing

Rachel Hartley, Housing Assignments Specialist

All students who plan on staying on campus at any point during Winter Break, December 17, 2018-January 19, 2019 must fill out a Winter Break Housing Application.

Students who wish to live on campus over Winter Break must have both a Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 Assignment and must meet one of the following qualifications: live in a 9 month area, enrolled in a Winter Intersession Course, working for the University, Academic Internship or affiliated with a Team or University Sponsored Program.

Students remaining on-campus during Winter Break will have limited access to Residential Life staff.

Students must adhere to all University policies during Winter Break. Please refer to the Housing Contract for information regarding specific policies. Students may be asked to leave housing if policies are violated.

Remaining on campus during a time when classes are not in session is a privilege, and thus students are expected to uphold a high level of responsibility while staffing is limited.

Overnight guests will not be permitted during Winter Recess, due to limited staffing and specific billing policies.

For full Winter Break Housing Information, Rates and Policies please visit our website at: https://reslife.uconn.edu/winter-break-housing/.
Closing Time: What to Expect for December Closing

Sheila Morgansmith, Associate Director Residence Education

As the fall 2018 semester winds down, we are beginning to prepare for final exam week and the closing of the residence halls. Residential Students will have closing community meetings and there will be information about these items on bulletin boards in their halls. This list will keep you “in the know” about things coming up in your student’s next few weeks:

- 24-Hour Quiet Hours begin Friday, December 7, 2018 at 10:00pm
- Final Exams begin Monday, December 10 and continue until Sunday, December 16, 2018
  - Students are asked to leave 24 hours after their last final
- Residence Halls close on Monday, December 17, 2018 at 12:00pm

If your student is not returning to campus for the spring 2019 semester or is taking part in the mid-year move room change process, they need to remove all of their belongings and check out with a staff member when they leave.

It is important to note that if your student is returning to the same room for spring 2019, they do not need to check out or remove any belongings from their room. If they wish to stay on campus during the winter recess, they must apply for that process in their MyHousing account.

If your student has a vacancy in their room they need to ensure that the room is ready for a new roommate before they leave. This means a visibly clean and empty/open bed, desk, dresser, and closet space for each vacancy.

We look forward to a restful Winter Break and appreciate all of the support from our students, parents, and families to make our end of the semester periods a smooth process.
Help Your Student Amplify Their Potential: There’s still time to apply to be an RA!

Students must attend one information session as part of their candidacy, and the RA application for 2019-2020 closes on December 1, 2018!

Encourage your student to attend a session and to submit their application for next year’s RA positions. More information on the interview process and application requirements are available at: https://reslife.uconn.edu/resident-assistant-ras-fall/

**APPLY TO BE A RA TODAY!**
**ATTEND ONE OF THE FINAL MANDATORY APPLICANT INFO SESSIONS:**
- 11.26.18 @12PM, SU 221
- 11.27.18 @3:30PM, SU 221
- 11.28.18 @1PM, SU 325
- 11.29.18 @2:15PM, SU 221
- 11.30.18 @5PM, NORTHWEST BATTerson MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

**RESIDENT ASSISTANT SPOTLIGHT**

**Meet Bryant Caicedo!**

- **Class year:** Sophomore  
- **Major:** ACES  
- **RA in:** McConaughy (North Campus)
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), may not be eligible to participate in the online room selection process.

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.

Student Health Services
www.shs.uconn.edu
SHS-MedRecords@uconn.edu

Medical Records
(860) 486-8039
(860) 486-2985

View Vaccination Info that is on File with Student Health Services
1. http://myhealth.uconn.edu
2. My Profile
3. Immunization History

2019-2020 Current Student Housing Application

Eileen McNamara, Housing Assignments Specialist

The 2019-2020 Housing application will be available for students in their MyHousing portal on December 1, 2018. This application will be for current UConn students to apply for housing for the upcoming 2019-2020 academic year and will allow eligible students to participate in room selection within MyHousing during the Spring 2019 semester. Students will be able to view all available spaces during their selection process and to pair up with other students to create a roommate group and select housing together.

In early December, Housing Selection Central will also be available on the Residential Life website for students and families to visit and review information related to housing selection. As selection draws closer, we will share tutorials, infographics, and other data related to the number of applicants and the number of available rooms to help students begin planning their selection process.

What can I do to help my student?

1. You can encourage your student to follow our social media pages (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @UConnResLife) so that they receive tips and updates as we get closer to selection!
2. Talk to your student about their selection plans and encourage them to consider contingency plans if their specific room type or location is no longer available when it is their turn to select housing.
3. Have them email livingoncampus@uconn.edu if they have questions! We have a lot of frequently asked questions listed on Housing Selection Central and we continue to update this resource as the selection begins, but we want all of our students to feel supported and excited to select housing for the upcoming year!
Important Dates

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

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

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

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

May 31st
Hilltop & Charter Oak Apts close for Spring 2018

We Hope That You’re Enjoying the Fall!
We are here for you and your students if you have any questions!

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http://reslife.uconn.edu

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@UConnResLife on Twitter and Instagram
We encourage all residents to use #LiveonandLearn to showcase the benefits of living on campus!