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RESIDENTIAL LIFE

Living On-Campus

The Parent & Family Connection
to UConn's On-Campus
Residential Community

Looking Forward to Spring 2021

Amy Crim, Director of Residence Education

For many of our students moving on campus this fall, they had dreams and expectations of what life on campus would be like. Hopes of spending time with friends and participating in the traditional college activities were quickly curtailed. Due to COVID-19, students were restricted to have limited in-person interactions with others, virtual extracurricular activities and online coursework. This is not what students dreamed about as they planned for the fall semester. Connecting with others traditionally comes easy by simply having roommates and a community to live in. With so many rules and policies around how we connect with others, we have inadvertently lost some of that casual connection.

For the Residential Life staff, fall 2020 was overwhelming with the task of educating students about how to live on campus safely during a pandemic and enforcing the safety policies. As we worked through the fall semester, we learned how to live and work safely in the residence halls. Our focus and energy had to be placed on COVID health and safety.

As we now look ahead to the spring 2021 semester, we are really excited to focus more on what we love, connecting with students. Through regular meetings with the Resident Assistant Advisory Board (RAAB), we have received ideas about how to better connect with our residents both virtually and through limited in-person interactions. We are planning a spring semester that focuses on helping our students to build relationships and connect with one another while complying with the safety restrictions COVID-19 requires of us.

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I would like to ask that if your student is struggling or needs additional support, to ask them to contact their RA and if not their RA, their Hall Director. We are here to help students, but sometimes we don't know that they need help. We offer a variety of options for students to interact with one another or to connect with their RA, but they need to take advantage of the opportunities when they arise. When an RA sees a student in the hallway and asks how they are, we want an honest answer! If they would like to arrange time to meet up and talk, we need for them to advocate for that and ask. This can be hard but it is a necessary skill for a healthy life! If as a family member you have concerns, certainly feel free to contact the Hall Director for the area for additional outreach.

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It is our goal for all of our students to have a happy, healthy and well connected spring 2021 while living on campus!



Fall 2021 Housing Application

Kim Proulx, Director of Housing Services

The fall 2021 housing application will be available for students on January 1, 2021. This application is visible in your student's MyHousing account, under Applications. The deadline to submit this application and be considered on time will be January 31. This is a very important deadline if your student plans to live on campus for the 2021-2022 academic year, so please encourage them to submit the application as soon as possible. All students who are interested in living on campus for the 2021-2022 year must submit this application. If they receive email reminders from Residential Life, that means they have not yet completed the application; it is not a robot email! We only send reminders to students that have not completed the application, so please remind your student to not ignore these notifications from us.

As of now, we are planning for a full capacity fall semester and plan to offer housing to all students who are eligible and interested in living on campus. We are awaiting information and guidelines from the University about the fall semester and as we receive information we will communicate these updates with students. If any changes are necessary for the fall semester in regards to capacity, housing options and other processes, we will notify students with applicable information as soon as possible.

January Room Change Process

Kim Proulx, Director of Housing Services

Any student who moved their belongings out in November, or who is new to campus for the spring semester, will have the opportunity to participate in an online room change process January 11-13. Spaces throughout campus may have recently become available as a result of other students cancelling housing for spring, and any available vacancy will be visible in this online process.

**Students who remained in their same assignment from the fall semester are not eligible to participate in this process.*

Students who are eligible to participate in this process will receive an email from Residential Life with instructions on how to participate if they are interested in doing so. Please have your student check their email for this notification and further information about the process on our website. This will be the only room change process held for the spring semester, so please encourage your student, if they are participating, to identify a space that will help them to be successful for the spring semester while living on campus.

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



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