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Welcome to our June Newsletter!

Kim Proulx, Interim Co-Executive Director of Residential Life

Dear families,

I hope that the summer months find you well and that you are enjoying time with your student. Many of our continuing students are likely at home with you, possibly working or enjoying some much-deserved time off from their studies. And for many other families, this is the final summer before starting a new adventure here at UConn. I'm sure there are feelings of excitement along with some nerves about what to expect and how to approach the fall 2023 semester.

In Residential Life we take little rest in the summer months, as we still have much planning and preparation to do for the return of students in August. Currently we have an ongoing room change process for current students, as will be outlined further later in this newsletter. We are preparing for new students to choose their housing assignment in July, and this takes several months of building online processes in our software. We are also working with many other staff and faculty to prepare for student arrival days in August, to ensure that students and families have a smooth and positive experience coming to campus.

We hope that you review the information in this newsletter, as well as on our website as we prepare for the fall. Information will be posted about how students will receive communication from Residential Life, and important dates to plan for. We also have a webpage specifically for you to visit throughout the year to keep up on information being shared with your student, so that you can remain informed and seek out additional information if you wish to do so.

We are looking forward to seeing your student again in August or meeting your student for the first time! Over the next few months as you and your student begin to plan their arrival to campus, please reach out to us with any questions. I hope your family is healthy and able to spend quality time together doing whatever you enjoy doing together!

Sincerely,

Kim

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FOUR ROUNDS OF SUMMER ROOM CHANGES THIS SUMMER!

Randy Shannon, Assignments Specialist

The schedule below shows each week's timeline for the 4 rounds of the Summer Room Change process for continuing students.

Students who submit an application but do not select a new room will automatically be issued a time for all remaining rounds of the room change process. This means that if students apply before May 26th but does not pick a room during the online process taking place June 7-9, we will automatically give them a pick time for the June 14-16 online process so that they can look at availability during that process.

Students who request a group move, specific room request, or special interest area will be processed manually by staff each week.

Please keep in mind that group moves and specific room requests will be processed during the week of May 29th and must be submitted by the May 26th application priority deadline. After May 26th, students with a specific room or group move request select in the online process.

Submit the room Change Application in MyHousing by:	Online Room Change Selection Dates (in MyHousing)
May 26th	Grp/Pair, Specific Rm Deadline
June 4	June 7-9
Jun 11	June 14-16
June 18	June 21-23

Summer Housing

Vince Walker, Assistant Director of Housing Services

While the spring semester has come to a close and most students have left campus, our on-campus community is still active! We are able to offer on-campus housing to students working on campus, doing internships on campus, and taking summer classes. If you have interest in applying for Summer Housing please email livingoncampus@uconn.edu to request access to the application. We would love to have you on-campus during this wonderful time of year.



MOVE-IN MADNESS

MAKE SURE TO CHECK YOUR E-MAIL AND SIGN UP FOR A CHECK-IN TIME

You are going to be getting a lot of e-mail regarding moving in. Make sure you check regularly and follow all the instructions provided!



CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR MOVE-IN PROCEDURES

Look at a campus map and figure out where to pick up room keys and where cars can pull in for unloading and parking afterwards.

Make sure to bring whatever you need (hand truck/moving cart) to make your move-in stress free and successful. No supplies will be provided

HAVE TOOLS HANDY

Tools are recommended to assist with lofting the bed, building purchased furniture and making your space the perfect place!



Recommendations: hammer, screwdriver, hand truck, sticky tack & tape measurer

LIMIT WHO HELPS OUT DURING MOVE-IN DAY

Moving into residence halls is often stressful. The rooms are warm and will be cramped with a lot of extended family. Make sure to only bring a few helpers.

You are also allowed only one car so plan accordingly.

PACK WITH SEASONS IN MIND

Bring only what you need for the amount of time you will be living on-campus.

Leave bulky winter items at home until the spring semester when you will really need them.

Make sure to pack an umbrella and/or raincoat for the fall!

GET THERE AT THE START OF YOUR MOVE-IN TIME SLOT

There might be lines to get to the check-in station. When you arrive, quickly unload all your items and stay with the items while a family member parks the car.



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WAITLIST FAQs



Students on the waiting list for housing typically are aware that they are part of this group and did not participate in room selection in April.

If your student is unsure of their housing status, please encourage them to contact us at livingoncampus@uconn.edu.

Why am I on the waitlist:

- Missed housing application deadline
- Previously cancelled housing
- Took a leave of absence and returned
- Lived in campus 8+ semesters

How will I be notified if I'm offered housing?

Students will be emailed if we are able to offer them housing. Offers are time sensitive and made in batches once we know that we have space available. Check email regularly so you don't miss an offer.

Will I get my building/area/roommate request?

Top priority is getting students on campus. Specific locations and requested roommate are often not possible. Although, there may be room change opportunities later in the academic year.

When will I know if I have housing on campus?

We will continue to assess our space availability and make offers to students when possible through the summer and into September. We do not expect that we will be able to accommodate all students on the waitlist due to the large number of students waiting and the limited amount of available housing this year.



How is the waitlist managed?

The waitlist is ranked by groups. Examples are transfer students, regional campus students, missed deadlines, international students, etc.

LET'S TALK ABOUT
WAITLISTS

OFF CAMPUS HOUSING RESOURCES

Need help with off campus housing?

You may want to utilize the on-line resources available at

<https://offcampushousing.uconn.edu/> through Off Campus and Commuter Student Services.

They have a link on their website where landlords and apartment complexes in the area post their availability of off-campus housing. We believe you will find this resource helpful in your search for off-campus housing.



CANCELLATION REMINDER

JULY 15

Newly admitted students who cancel their housing after July 15th will be charged 100% of the fall room rate if maintaining enrollment.

SUCCESSFUL ROOMMATE RELATIONS

A successful roommate relationship is one based on communication and compromise, and this holds true if you're living with friends or strangers. We encourage everyone going into any roommate relationship (regardless of how much experience you have in sharing a room) to do some prep work before move-in.

- a. Share basic information about yourself and be open minded to what your new roommate is sharing with you.
- b. Talk about what everyone is going to bring to the room, keeping in mind that your room is not huge, and you'll be sharing the space.
- c. Discuss how your expectations about sharing belongings, noise, guests, and anything else you feel will be important in your room. Don't be shy—the more you discuss these things up front the less likely they'll become issues later.

Talking Points

The following are key areas where conflict and tensions can arise in a room. Consider how you feel about each of these areas and share that with your roommate. Just be aware that your roommate may not feel the same way—compromise is key.

- **Belongings:** Some items may be off limits while others are considered shared. Make no assumptions and always ask first.
- **Sleeping and Study Habits:** You may be able to sleep through a rock concert, but can your roommate? Are you sure your roommate likes to study while listening to your music? Talk to each other about schedules (day and night) and study preferences.
- **Guests:** A great starting point for this conversation is the guest policy. Once you've got those guidelines down, talk with your roommate about guests and how often you're both comfortable having them in the room.
- **Cleaning & Hygiene:** Keep your room neat and tidy. Practice good self care and bathing habits; body odor can become intolerable in a small space.

Talk it Out

Even the best roommates disagree occasionally. If an issue develops, here are some things to keep in mind:

- a. Speak directly to your roommate right away, and never talk about your roommate or the issue behind their back.
- b. Come to a solution where everyone feels comfortable with the outcome.
- c. Respect differences and seek to reach common ground. Remember, everyone has different values, lifestyles, and expectations, but if you continue to work on building a respectful relationship, you will be more successful.
- d. If you are unable to resolve your conflict, bring it to your RA's attention.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR FALL 2023

August 24-27	Move-In Weekend (More details can be found at Check-In and Arrival Residential Life (uconn.edu))
August 31	Fall Room Change Application Available for Eligible Storrs Residents
September 11	Tenth day of classes, students must be enrolled in classes by this date to stay in housing.
September 11- October 23	Weekly rounds of the Fall Room Change (See Fall Room Change Website for specific information)
October 1	Current Fall Residents who cancel Spring 2024 Housing are responsible for \$500 cancellation fee.
October 9	Spring 2024 Housing Application Opens for new Spring Residents (current Fall residents do not need to reapply)
October 23	Fall Room Change Application Deadline for Eligible Storrs Residents
October 30	Midyear Move Room Change Process Application Available for Storrs Residents
November 1	Current Fall Residents who cancel Spring 2024 housing are responsible for 100% Spring Room Rate
November 1	Winter Recess Housing Application Available in MyHousing
November 17	Spring 2024 Housing Application Deadline; Spring 2024 Campus Change and Spring into Storrs Deadline; Midyear Move Room Change Process Deadline
November 20-24	Fall Break/Thanksgiving Recess (Hall Remain Open)
December 4-5	Midyear Move Online Room Change Process in MyHousing
December 7-8	Spring 2024 Housing Selection in MyHousing for continuing students. Newly admitted freshmen and transfers will be assigned by staff in late December/early January.
December 8	Winter Recess Application Deadline
December 18	Halls Close at 12:00 pm (noon) for Fall Semester, Winter Recess Begins

SOUTH CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

We are well underway with construction of our new 657 bed Residence Hall and 500 seat Dining Hall that overlooks Mirror Lake with a planned completion date of July 2024. Students will be welcomed by beautiful courtyards, spacious rooms, and plenty of gathering areas for the Fall of 2024. Construction steel is currently being erected, concrete decks are being poured and interior/exterior wall framing is moving along quickly. Upon completion of the exterior walls, facades and roofing, interior work will be full steam ahead with finishes, plumbing and all the final touches to the finish line in July 2024.

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