

LIVING ON CAMPUS

THE PARENT & FAMILY CONNECTION TO UCONN'S
ON-CAMPUS RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY

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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. 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 2024 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 us 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 you 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 question. I hope your family is healthy and able to spend quality time together doing whatever you enjoy doing together!

Kim

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SUMMER ROOM CHANGE

FOUR ROUNDS



RANDY SHANNON, HOUSING ASSIGNMENT SPECIALIST

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

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 24th but do not pick a room during the online process taking place June 7-9, we will automatically give them a pick time for the June 12-14 online process so that they can look at the availability during that process.

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

Please keep in mind that group moves and specific room requests will be processed during the week of May 28th and June 3rd and must be submitted by the May 24th application priority deadline. After May 24th, students with a specific room or group move request select in the online process.

TIMELINE:

Submit the Room Change Application by:

May 26th
June 4th
June 11th
June 18th

Online Room Change Selection Dates:

Grp/Pair, Specific Rm Deadline
June 7-9
June 14-16
June 21-23

WAITLIST FAQ

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 on campus 8+ semesters

How will I be notified if I am offered housing?

- Students will be emailed if we can offer them housing. Offers are *time-sensitive* and made in batches once we know that we have space available. Students should check their email regularly so they do not miss an offer.

Will I get my building/area/roommate request?

- Our top priority is getting students on campus. Specific locations and requested roommates are often not possible and are *not guaranteed*. However, there are room change opportunities both in the Fall and Spring semesters.

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 include transfer students, regional campus students, missed deadlines, international students, etc. While there is a ranked system, students are randomized. Students in the above groups have priority when being offered housing that becomes available.

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

Visit <https://offcampushousing.uconn.edu/> through Off Campus and Commuter Student Services to access resources on and about off-campus housing. There is a link on their website where landlords and apartment complexes in the area post their availability of housing.

'MY COLLEGE ROOMIE'

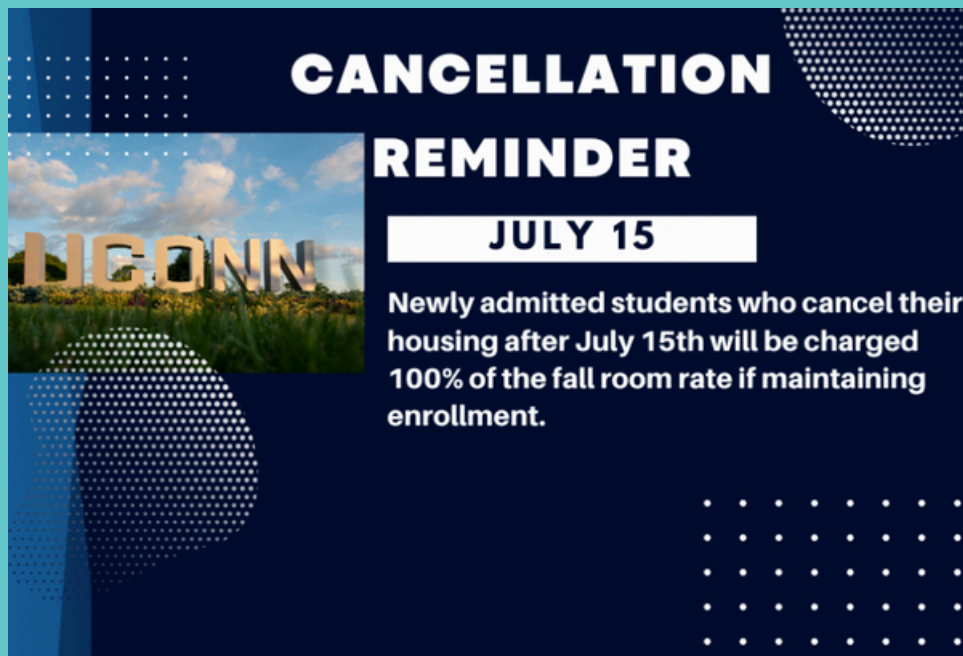
INCOMING STUDENTS

My College Roomie (MCR) is a roommate matching platform that is new for incoming students this year. The platform allows you to create an advanced profile about yourself and search for potential roommates that match your preferences. Profiles include general information about your student, as well as general expectations and preferences your student may have when it comes to a live-in setting. We believe this resource to be extremely useful and that it will aid in not only providing for a smooth-sailing roommate selection process but also an innovative way to meet new people on campus as students are coming in. If there are any further questions, please don't hesitate to call our main office at (860)-486-2926 to speak with one of our student staff members.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUMMER 2024

June 5-7	Summer Room Change Process Application Opens
June 12-14	Summer Room Change Online Selection Week 2
June 14	New Student Housing Application deadline
June 19-21	Summer Room Change Online Selection Week 3
June 30	New Student Roommate Matching Deadline in My College Roomie
July 1	Residency Exemption Deadline
July 15-26	New Student Selection Process
July 15	Cancellation Deadline
August 9	Opening Weekend signup times available
August 22 and 23	Move in for First year students (students will be assigned one of the two days)
August 24 and 25	Move in for Upper-class and Transfer students



**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.

The graphic features a dark blue background with white dotted patterns. On the left, there is a photograph of the 'HIGONN' sign in a field under a blue sky with clouds. The text is centered and right-aligned.

OPENING

As we enter the Summer months new Huskies begin to think about arriving to campus and all the excitement that brings. It is easy to get lost in the sea of information, but let these quick tips speak to a few important points about the Residence Halls Opening in August.

First and foremost, your student should be keeping an eye on their UConn email for information about finding a roommate, choosing a room, selecting a move-in time, and other start of the year processes. If you are unsure if there has been information released about a topic you are interested in, do a quick search of our website - you'll likely find it there!

My next tip would be to build a move-in plan that lowers stress! It will be a busy time and each item you can set up and forget about will help ease the burden at that crucial time. Move-in dates are Thursday, August 22, or Friday, August 23 for new first-year students. Your student will sign up for an hour block to move-in on one of those days. Advise them on what time to pick, remember this time is the start of your time on campus, you want to choose a time that is reasonable for a drive from your location. Returning students move in on Saturday, August 24, and Sunday, August 25 so the first two days are just for our newest Huskies to get settled and acquainted with things. Our sign-up times are designed to keep traffic flowing and keep individual family wait times down.

As you plan the packing, keep in mind that you should bring some basic tools and maybe a handcart to ease with transporting things. It is possible you will be moving items upstairs, so be prepared for that. It would be good to have help but be thoughtful about the number of people you bring, as only one car is allowed through the check-in process and any additional vehicles will have to park and wait for you and your student somewhere else. Take a moment to consider the weather as well - it will likely be hot, but it also might rain. Both of which add a level of complexity to moving belongings, especially if you did not plan for it. Bring water!

Finally, think about the space where your student will be living. Bring only what is needed for the time they are on campus. You might consider leaving bulky winter things behind if your student will be home for a break later in the semester - they can swap out their summer gear and bring things back. Consider the list of items that are not allowed (on our website and in our contract) so you don't bring something you have to immediately take back with you. Also be mindful of other roommates, having multiples of every item can really take up real estate in the room, and a quick conversation about sharing and boundaries could save you space (and headaches).

We are excited to have you join us for Fall 2024!

Kim



Welcome



RESIDENTIAL LEARNING MODEL

The Residential Learning Model (RLM) is our departmental guide to creating purposeful interactions with our residents multiple times each semester. We want to make sure your students are getting the most out of their experience at UConn, not just inside of our Residence Halls but across campus. This includes providing residents an opportunity to learn about academic and wellness resources, meeting a variety of other campus staff, connecting with and finding community in the halls and around campus, teaching conflict management, communication, and other skills needed for community and apartment living, and preparing students to live on their own after graduation.

To provide these growth opportunities and ensure all these goals are being met, the RLM outlines specific strategies for the Resident Hall Directors and Resident Assistants to customize together to best fit the needs of each community. However, each community has some variation of the same activities and events. Most importantly, all residents are encouraged and can participate in one-on-one check-ins with their resident assistant, who calls them Husky Chats twice each semester. Resident Assistants also hold monthly gatherings with each community, beginning the first day in or back in the residence hall, to help the community get to know each other and set community expectations together. They continue throughout the year with anything from volleyball tournaments to paint nights to talent shows! Staff also utilize bulletin boards, newsletters, and regular emails to stay in contact with residents about important information and may invite our campus partners in for professional trainings and demonstrations. These may include self-defense classes and cooking safety from the University Safety Division and Dining Services, respectively, or interactive sessions on various topics from the Student Health & Wellness Office. Our goal is for your student's experience in the Halls to be fun and meaningful.

CONNECTICUT HALL

The time has finally come! Our new residence hall in South campus will be open starting Fall semester and we couldn't be more excited for everyone to see how it has turned out after a long period of construction. Visit our website to learn more information about the hall and to view floor plans of the building.



HOW TO REACH US

A mobile app interface for UCONN ResLife. At the top is the UCONN Husky logo. Below it, the text "UCONN ResLife" is displayed. Underneath is the heading "CONTACT US:" followed by four contact options: a phone icon with the number "860-486-2926", an email icon with the address "livingoncampus@uconn.edu", a website icon with the URL "www.reslife.uconn.edu", and a location pin icon with the address "Whitney Hall - Garden Level, 1346 Storrs Road, Unit: 4238, Storrs, CT 06269-4238".

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