Dear parent or guardian,

Greetings! As the Director of the Department of Housing Services at DePaul University, allow me to welcome you, your family and your new Blue Demon student to our community and to on-campus housing. I am thrilled with the opportunity to utilize this newsletter as a way to communicate with you. We value the relationship with our students’ parents and guardians and plan to communicate with you through our quarterly newsletter, Under Our Roof, throughout the year.

As I am sure you are already aware, sending your student to college is an exciting time! This may be the first student you send off to college, or perhaps you are a pro at this point. Either way, the feelings of excitement and nervousness your student feels are most likely shared by you. We intend to do everything we can to make your student feel at home and at ease as they transition into the college experience.

Our department, Housing Services, works very closely with our partner department, Residential Education. Both of our missions and values reflect our commitment to the residential experience. Our departments team up and work together to address all needs that come up in housing such as move-in day, room assignments, facilities, emergency response, and finally the educational and social programming in the halls. Our goal is that our residents will seek ways to create community and engage in the learning opportunities that we have planned for them. In Housing Services, our priorities lie in our four cornerstones: services, facilities, living and quality. Additionally, it is our priority to provide a safe environment to live in that will enrich our residents’ lives academically, socially and culturally.

We are proud of our housing program here at DePaul University. I can tell you firsthand that I work with a very talented and dedicated staff, one that truly puts the needs of our students at the forefront of everything they do. I have been at DePaul University for nearly 15 years and each year I enjoy being able to watch communities grow, uniquely within each of our residence halls. I enjoy watching lifelong friendships and bonds develop among our residents, as well as creating memories and valuable life lessons.

Our department is glad to have you and your student as a part of our housing community. As the parent or guardian of one of our incoming residents, we know that you are invested and we want it to remain that way. We encourage you to check out our website (offices.depaul.edu/housing) as we update it often with important information and news. If interested, we also encourage parents to join our social media networks which can be accessed through the website. I hope this year is one that your student will never forget. Thank you for choosing DePaul University and DePaul on-campus housing.

Rick Moreci
Director of Housing Services
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When will my student hear from Housing Services?

All confirmed residents will receive their 2014-2015 assignment letter in late-June or early-July. This letter includes meal plan, building, room and roommate information. Lincoln Park residents receive a move-in guide with this letter. We strongly encourage parents to review the move-in day webpage on our website (offices.depaul.edu/housing) to read about move-in day in Lincoln Park. University Center residents receive information about move-in through the University Center website (universitycenter.com) in July.

Can roommates or rooms be changed before school starts?

Roommates and/or room assignments cannot be changed prior to move-in day. We want all of our residents to adjust to living in a residence hall and get to know their roommate(s) before making the choice to request a room change. After their room assignment, residents may submit a room change request form at the Housing Services’ main office. Room changes will be made based on availability and date the request was received by our office.

Orientation or during our visit to campus?

During the summer, our facilities staff are preparing the residence halls for the upcoming year and have a number of projects that prevent the halls from being accessible. In the meantime, we recommend browsing our website. Although we do not have specific room measurements or specific floor plans available, you can find out about general room and hall information on our website at offices.depaul.edu/housing.

What is converted housing?

Converted housing gives more first-year students the opportunity to live in on-campus housing at the beginning of the academic year. If your student is a part of converted housing, he or she will be notified with his or her assignment letter. Converted housing residents have the same furniture and amenities as non-converted housing residents. Often, converted housing residents have questions, so we are here to help. If you have additional questions or need assistance, contact the Student Center to get your DePaul ID Card and check in at the housing table on the second floor.

Our guest policy allows a maximum of two guests at any given time, unless prior approval is granted by Residential Education professional staff. Guests must present a state, government or DePaul University photo ID at the front desk and be signed in by a resident host onto the guest register. If there is no valid ID presented, guests will be asked to immediately leave the residence hall. We reserve the right to ask guests to leave the residence hall, especially if the guest is causing a disturbance or hazard to others. Guests are permitted to stay within their room or apartment for no more than fourteen days total per academic year. Overnight guests will be required to wait a minimum of fourteen days before being allowed another overnight stay when visiting the same room or apartment. However, the length of stay may vary, so please confirm your move-in date with your student before your move-in date.

How does the dining plan work?

All first-year residents are required to have a dining plan. A dining plan allows you to use your DePaul ID card for dining needs on campus. Incoming residents can add a balance to their dining plan at the beginning of the quarter. The dining plan then works like a debit card: All items are sold a la carte and are deducted from your balance. A new dining plan balance is loaded onto the DePaul ID card at the beginning of every quarter. Contact DePaul Dining Services at (773) 325-8234 for all dining-related questions.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT IN A HOUSING ASSIGNMENT?

A Housing Assignment reflects your Student Preferences. The assignment process is designed to maximize your personal needs and preferences. Assignments are made by the Office of Housing and Residential Education. All assignments are made by June 27, 2016. There is a $50/week charge for all unassigned residents. Your Confirmation of Assignment email will include the following information:

- Your room number and floor
- Your assigned building
- Your meal plan
- Your roommate and gender
- Your location within the building
- The location of your door
- The building's contact information
- Your housing floor's contact information
- A map with your door location
- A map with your floor location
- A map with your building

How much do you know about your student’s roommate?

We can see your student’s room while we are attending Orientation. Your student’s roommate will be informed of your arrival and the first time you arrive. Our housing staff will inform your roommate that you are coming to campus. The first day of the academic year, housing staff will inform your roommate that you will be moving into the room. Your roommate’s unit will be unlocked, allowing you to move into the room.

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