A Note From the Director

It is hard to believe that spring quarter is at its halfway point and another academic year is wrapping up. As director, I enjoy watching our students grow as members of the residential community, as well as reflecting back on the departmental accomplishments made throughout the year.

It is always humbling to observe our residents in action over the course of nearly ten months. We have seen our residents create lasting friendships, emerge as leaders, excel academically and grow with experiences that our residence halls have provided. It is always our hope that our residents leave our community with a little more wisdom and overall growth than when they walked into our doors in early September.

Along with our resident development, our department continues to improve as well. You have read in previous newsletters that there has been an immense focus on the implementation of our departmental strategic plan. Included in accomplishing these goals are direct improvements to the halls and department procedures. Some examples include strengthening our campus partner collaboration in an effort to better serve our students, implementation of new technologies and placing a strong emphasis on our student employees and their professional development. The work that we do now and over the next several years will lay an even stronger foundation for our department, which will directly benefit our resident experience.

While the closing of the academic year is always bittersweet, we are happy to know that some of our current residents will be returning to our halls next year. We will continue to foster an environment of learning and growing for these students. If you have other children or friends attending DePaul University next year, we hope that you will recommend on-campus housing as an option. For those students not returning to on-campus living, we hope that their time here has been rewarding, exciting and educational.

Thank you to all of the parents and guardians who supported the decision to have their students live in our residence halls this year. We hope our residents experienced some of the best memories and learning moments, outside of the classroom, that DePaul University has to offer. We wish you and your student a relaxing and wonderful summer break.

Yours in Service,

Director, Housing Services
DePaul University
Housing Services Happenings
Below are photos from a few spring quarter events:

Pictured left: Returning residents pose together at Room Selection 2014, shortly after being assigned as roommates for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Pictured above: A University Center lounge receives new DePaul University decor, wrapping on top of wall.

Pictured right: Student housing employees assist with spring break building improvements (including new mattresses for Corcoran Hall, as pictured here).

Demon SWAP
Worried about the amount of clothes or items your student will be bringing home this summer? It may be a good time to remind them about Demon Surplus With A Purpose!

Unwanted items and clothing can be donated to Demon Surplus With A Purpose (SWAP). Demon SWAP allows residents to donate goods, which are resold at the annual SWAP shop. Funds raised are donated to the Vincentian Assistance Fund Endowment. Please remind your student to donate any reusable items at donation locations in their residence hall from June 9 - 13. The SWAP shop will take place in the Student Center Atrium on June 16. For more information, visit our website at tinyurl.com/demonswapshop

We want your feedback!
Parents and guardians, we welcome any feedback you may have regarding your student’s experience. Email us at housing@depaul.edu with comments or suggestions.

FAQ CORNER

“Can I come to campus and help my student move out?”

Professional moving assistance is not available so we encourage residents to plan accordingly. Beginning June 1, up to five helpers (parents and guests) may present their IDs with an accompanying student to receive a guest wristband that will allow access to a student’s hall. Wristbands for parking validation will be available to visitors on Monday, June 9 and Saturday, June 14. There are certain street locations that also have free parking. Please be mindful of city metering, tow zones, no-parking areas and street signage.
Spring Move Out 2014

The majority of our residents are moving out for the academic year at the end of spring quarter. Below we outline some information that is important for you and your student to know regarding move out:

Residents must move out within 24 hours of their last final exam or by noon on Saturday, June 14, whichever comes first. If your student is taking part in graduation ceremonies, they must contact the Department of Housing Services prior to move-out to be granted an extension. Failure to move out on time will result in a $150 improper move-out fee. This fee does not extend their move-out date and/or time.

It is imperative that move-out dates are met by all residents due to the short turnover to prepare our facilities before summer programs begin. Failure to move out on time will result in a $150 improper move-out fee. This fee does not extend their move-out date and/or time.

Due to the number of students moving out on various dates and times, our office will not be able to provide additional assistance during move-out. Please coordinate with your student to recruit moving assistance if necessary.

All of our residents receive information in late-May with detailed move-out instructions. We also encourage you and your student to read more on our website: offices.depaul.edu/housing and click on resident resources, spring move-out.

To help prepare your student for move out and to avoid improper move-out fees, please advise the following (next column):

- Ensure student thoroughly cleans unit. Students should refer to their move-out guide (provided late-May) for details. Vacuums are available for check-out at front desks two weeks before move-out.
- Remove all personal items from room or apartment.
- Students may borrow moving carts from June 11 - 14 in the Munroe/Belden-Racine courtyard by presenting their DePaul Student ID.
- Follow instructions on how to clean their unit, disassemble loft (if applicable), reassemble bed, defrost refrigerators for return (if applicable) and lock doors.
- Visit their designated key return box station (listed below) to fill out a check-out key envelope for their unit and mail box key.
- Place the completed key packet in the drop box at their check-out station.
- Use Campus Connection to change mailing address.
- Students should email housing@depaul.edu if responsible for damages in room or apartment.

If you have questions, please view our website (offices.depaul.edu/housing) or call our offices at (773) 325-7196.

DESIGNATED KEY RETURN / CHECK OUT BOXES

| Belden-Racine, Clifton-Fullerton, Corcoran, McCabe, Munroe, Seton and University Halls |
| Centennial Hall and Vincent & Louise House |
| Sanctuary Hall, Sanctuary Townhomes and Sheffield Square Apartments |

HALL LOBBY

HOUSING SERVICES MAIN OFFICE
(CENTENNIAL HALL SUITE 301)

SANCTUARY HALL LOBBY
A Year’s Reflection by Residence Hall Council

Written by Sam Tofanelli, Housing Services Marketing Assistant.

Residence Hall Council (RHC) is a student group on campus that works with organizations and university departments to enhance the quality of life in the residence halls. All members of RHC live on campus and are liaisons for the residence hall population. RHC creates networking in the halls by organizing programs, most notably the DePaul Talent Show, D-Factor, and Little Sibs Weekend, among other events. The group provides not only a voice to the resident population, but also serves as a great way to gain leadership experience for its members. Dan Olsen, president of RHC, comments on his leadership experience through RHC. “Serving on RHC has opened so many doors for me and has truly enhanced my overall college experience,” said Olsen. Olsen has been involved in the organization since his first year in 2011, and loves the connection that being involved with RHC has given him to our Vincentian mission. “Our mission and work is reflective of the Vincentian Question “what must be done?” and that is something I am proud to be a part of,” stated Olsen. If your student is returning to on-campus housing and is interested in being involved with RHC next year, have him or her contact RHC at depaulrhc@gmail.com.