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 over 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
Services + Facilities + Living + Quality

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When will my student hear from Housing Services?
All confirmed residents will receive their 2015-2016 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 Park University Center webpage (https://depaul.edu/housing). If you have any questions, please call our office at (773) 325-7196.

Can roommates or rooms be changed before school starts?
Roommates and room assignments cannot be changed prior to move-in day. We strongly encourage parents to review the move-in day webpage on our Park University Center webpage (https://depaul.edu/housing). If you have any questions, please call our office at (773) 325-7196.

Can we see my student's room while we are attending Premiere 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 general fire safety and fire protection information on our website at (773) 325-7196. We are here to help! If you have additional questions, we encourage you to contact us at (773) 325-7196.

What is converted housing?
Converted housing gives more freshman students the opportunity to live in 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, we encourage you to contact us at (773) 325-7196.

What is the guest policy in residence halls?
Our guest policy allows a maximum of two guests at any given time, unless prior approval is granted by Housing Services professional staff. Guests must present a DePaul ID Card, go to the Student Center to check in at the housing table and go directly to your residence hall. If you need a copy of your residence hall, please call our office at (773) 325-7196.

How does the meal plan work?
DePaul University’s general move-in day is September 5. However, if you are a part of a program that requires early move-in, an alternative date has been communicated to your student. Please confirm your move-in date with your program or group. The information below serves as a basic reminder for some of our larger first-year move-in dates. If you are unclear about your move-in date, call our office at (773) 325-7196 so we can help you.

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