Greetings parents and guardians! If you live almost anywhere in the country, though particularly the upper Midwest, you know what a cold and snowy winter we have been experiencing. Luckily, we have an incredibly dedicated facilities staff here at DePaul, and they have been working around the clock to ensure that our buildings are kept warm and safe. While our facilities staff is very busy, the staff in the main office is using winter quarter for a chance to plan and assess, in particular the progress of our strategic plan.

If you had a chance to read the article I wrote in our fall parent newsletter, you may recall my mention of our department's strategic plan. This plan, which is located on our website, is relatively rigorous in nature and focuses on four main areas — services, assessment, planning and outreach. This January, the strategic plan hit its one year mark of a three year plan and our staff underwent a complex review of the plan’s progress. I’m excited to share that we have exceeded our expectations of success for year one and are on track in all four areas, and ahead in many aspects. I am pleased to share this update with you, because everything in the plan relates in some way to improving our student experience.

Finally, on the horizon is our upcoming room selection process. Each spring we provide our current residents with the opportunity to return to on-campus housing the following year. As we continue to improve our residential living experience, our hope is that more and more of our students will want to stay with us to reap the benefits of on-campus housing. Please read more about this process and consider having a conversation with your student about their plans for next year, and we hope that those plans might include staying on campus.

Yours in service,

[Signature]

Director, Housing Services
DePaul University
Winter Photos
Housing Services staff took time to photograph some of the beauty in a Chicago winter season:

Work Order Reminder
This Chicago winter is especially cold, but our staff is working hard to maintain proper temperatures in residence halls. To aid in this effort, we continue to remind our residents about important information regarding temperature concerns, if applicable. We would like our parents and guardians to be aware as well.

If your student has a temperature concern (too hot, too cold), please remind him or her that he or she should submit a work order to address the issue via the Housing Services’ website. Additionally, it is important that residents do not open windows. In extreme cases, residents can visit their front desk, call their area office (business hours) or Public Safety (after-hours) for assistance.

Housing Services Happenings
As you may remember around this time last year (or a few years ago), your student applied for on-campus housing and you may have gone on a campus tour. This past January, we developed and launched a new tour room in University Hall for campus tours to visit. Take a look:

We want feedback!
Parents and guardians, help us obtain feedback about our move-in process. Please take a moment to complete our move-in survey and give us your input:

http://tinyurl.com/depaulparents

Winter & Spring Quarter Dates

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For more dates, visit our offices.depaul.edu/housing and click on Key Dates.
Room Selection 2014-2015
Room selection, an event that occurs every spring, is a process for current residents who are interested in returning to on-campus housing for the next academic year.

This year’s room selection is quickly approaching, and now is the time for your student to be thinking about where he or she will be living next year.

The process is simple. Before your student can attend room selection, he or she must complete an online housing agreement via campus connection. Priority will be given to students with agreements completed by March 31, 2014. It should be noted that unlike incoming first-year students, returning residents do not need to make a prepayment.

During the first week in April, residents who completed an agreement will receive a room selection packet and appointment time in their campus mailbox.

Because living arrangement options vary so greatly for returning residents, these students will have the opportunity during room selection to meet with Housing Services staff. This appointment includes talking through options and choosing a unit for 2014-2015. It is important that they know that once they are assigned a unit at room selection, they are responsible for any cancellation fees, should they choose to cancel.

As mentioned, our apartment-style options vary greatly, so please encourage your student to learn more about his or her options by visiting our website and browsing through our residence halls.

To learn more about room selection, the process and dates please visit:

http://go.depaul.edu/roomsel

Room Selection Dates:

Complete a 2014-2015 Housing Agreement:
March 1-31, 2014

Residents to check their campus mailbox for room selection packet and appointment time:
Week of April 7, 2014

University Center Tour (optional):
Friday, April 11, 2014

University Center Room Selection:
Tuesday, April 15, 2014
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Lincoln Park Open House (optional):
Wednesday, April 16, 2014
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Lincoln Park Room Selection:
April 22-24, 2014
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FAQ CORNER

“Where can my student learn more about the apartments available to returning residents?”

Remind your student who is wishing to return to campus housing to review the apartment-style hall options on the website and/or to participate in the University Center tour (April 11) or Lincoln Park open house (April 16). This will give your student a better idea of options and choices (as well as back up choices!).

Do you have any questions for Housing Services? Email us at housing@depaul.edu.
Winter Break Residence Hall Improvement Projects

While many residents enjoyed the long winter break, members of Housing Services, in partnership with Facility Operations, were hard at work making improvements to residence halls.

Every year, these departments work on building improvements while most students are away from campus, so as not to disrupt the residence hall environment for our residents. A few projects we are particularly proud of include: cleaning in all halls, wireless upgrade in Centennial Hall, fire alarm testing, filter replacements, carpet cleaning, implementing lost and found bins in all the laundry rooms and finally additional washing machines in each Corcoran Hall laundry room. Some of these project ideas were derived directly from our students, in particular from the move-in survey that we conduct at the beginning of the year.

It is our desire to provide the upmost quality residence hall experience, so we take your opinions and recommendations to heart!