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STUDENT HOUSING NEWSLETTER

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Hi, {Name}! The Department of Housing Services hopes that you are enjoying your new home away from home at DePaul. Fall is a lively and exciting time to live on campus. As the leaves begin to change colors, you will be creating new lifelong friendships while immersing yourself in DePaul's vibrant student culture.

The Blue Beat is Housing Services' official newsletter that will serve to keep you updated about important dates and other information throughout your stay at DePaul. Housing Services staff is just a phone call, email or quick walk away! Please visit us in Centennial Hall, Suite 301, to discuss any questions that may come up throughout your stay on campus. We also encourage you to learn more about our mission and department by visiting **Housing Services website**.

Get to know your residence hall staff. **They are here for you!**

Get involved with Housing Services

Would you like to participate in Housing Services' focus groups, photo shoots and room tours?

Email jolchawa@depaul.edu to sign up!

These are all excellent ways to become the face and the voice of DePaul, and you'll also receive prizes for your involvement!









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Facility Area Coordinators (FACs)

FACs are professional staff members from Housing Services who work and live on campus, and are responsible for facility management and administration. They coordinate all housing inspections, clarify and enforce standards of health and safety for residents, and manage most building access-related issues. They also respond to major facility-related emergencies outside of normal business hours.

If you live in Belden-Racine, Clifton-Fullerton, Munroe or **University Hall:**

Your FAC is: Jessica Vazquez, Munroe Hall 108 Phone: (773) 325-7430; Email: ivazque4@depaul.edu

If you live in Centennial Hall, Sanctuary Hall/Townhomes, Sheffield Square Apartments, Vincent and Louise House:

Your FAC is: Dylan Shiver, Sanctuary Hall 211D Phone: (773) 325-7243; Email: dshiver@depaul.edu

If you live in Corcoran, Seton or McCabe Hall:

Your permanent FAC is to be determined. Housing Services is currently working toward finding a staff member to fill this position in your hall. If you have facilities-related questions, please call the Housing Services main office at (773) 325-7196.

Residence Directors (RDs)

RDs are master's level professional staff members from Residential Education who supervise the student resident advisor (RA) staff, as well as facilitate the educational and social opportunities in your building. RDs are available for support, advice and advocacy. RDs are responsible for responding to policy violations and providing emergency response to student incidents that occur outside of normal business hours.

If you live in Belden-Racine or Munroe Hall:

Your RD is: Daniel Fotoples, Munroe Hall 106 Phone: (773) 325-7195; Email: dfotople@depaul.edu

If you live in Clifton-Fullerton Hall:

Your RD is: Jo Gruenewald, Clifton-Fullerton Hall 101 Phone: (773) 325-7175; Email: jgruenew@depaul.edu

If you live in Corcoran or McCabe Hall:

Your RD is: Samantha Schenk, Corcoran Hall 100 Phone: (773) 325-7207; Email: sschenk1@depaul.edu

If you live in Seton Hall:

Your permanent RD is to be determined. Residential Education is currently working towards finding a staff member to fill this position in your hall. If you have questions, please call Residential

IMPORTANT DATES FOR FALL QUARTER:

December Intersession Agreements Available: October 1, 2015

December Intersession Agreements Due: October 15, 2015

Fall Quarter Room Changes Complete: November 6, 2015

Fall Quarter Move Out: November 25, 2015 by noon

Housing Services Office Closes for Holiday Break: December 23, 2015

For more important dates and other oncampus housing information, review your Guide to Student Housing. An electronic version is available here!

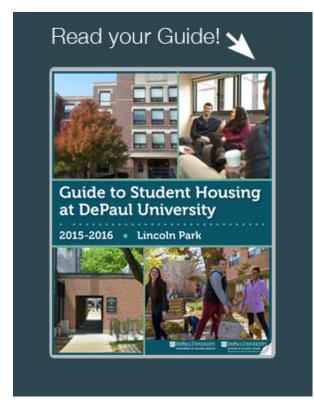
Education's main office at (773) 325-4211.

If you live in University Hall:

Your RD is: Megan Heckel, University Hall 123 Phone: (773) 325-8997; Email: mheckel@depaul.edu

If you live in Centennial Hall, Sanctuary Hall/Townhomes, Sheffield Square Apartments, Vincent and Louise House:

Your RD is: Bryan Roush, Sanctuary Hall 211A Phone: (773) 325-4585; Email: broush1@depaul.edu



Practice precaution for fire-safety on campus.



Fire safety is an important aspect of living in a residence hall.

As a reminder, for safety reasons, certain items are prohibited in residence hall rooms:

- Any electrical appliances without a "UL Certified" label approved for safety
- Refrigerator units exceeding 4.8 cubic feet or multiple refrigerators in a unit
- · Halogen lamps and bulbs
- Extension cords, multiple connecting decorative string lighting, splitters, outlet adapters, or multiple plugs (except power strips with built-in circuit breakers)
- · Any electrical appliance rated higher than 900 watts, or that has an exposed heating element

Read your **Guide to Student Housing** to learn more about fire safety and click **here** to familiarize yourself with a map of evacuation locations for each residence hall.



Below are some quick tips on how to best utilize and care for the appliances in your building or unit.

Laundry

- · Do not overload the machines.
- · Leave washer doors open when not in use to prevent mildew.
- Report out-of-order machines right away. The sooner they are reported, the sooner they can be fixed.
- Did you know that you can now monitor the status of your laundry and view available machines through an online system? Visit <u>laundryview.com/depaul</u> and select your residence hall.

Freezer and Refrigerator

- Set the temperature of the fridge/freezer to the middle/normal setting to start. If necessary, adjust no more than half an increment and wait 24 hours before adjusting again.
- Setting the fridge/freezer temperature too cold will cause it to run improperly and may result in water leaking into the fridge from the back of the freezer.

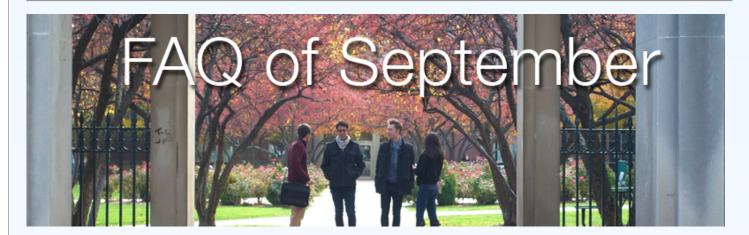
Stoves

- · You may smell a faint odor of natural gas when first lighting a burner. It should dissipate quickly after the flame ignites.
- On some older ranges, there is a small pilot light flame under the top of the range that stays lit, which may make parts of the surface of the range warm or hot to the touch. This is normal.

Dishwashers

- · Ensure that the dishwasher is properly loaded and that none of the internal mechanisms are blocked.
- Only use dishwasher detergent not regular dish soap!
- The dispenser on the door which requires you to unscrew a cap is for rinse aid only do not put detergent in the rinse aid dispenser.
- If your dishes are not getting cleaned properly, run hot water from your sink faucet until it is hot, turn your dishwasher on, and then turn off the faucet.

If you have questions, ask your Facilities Area Coordinator or Facilities Assistant.

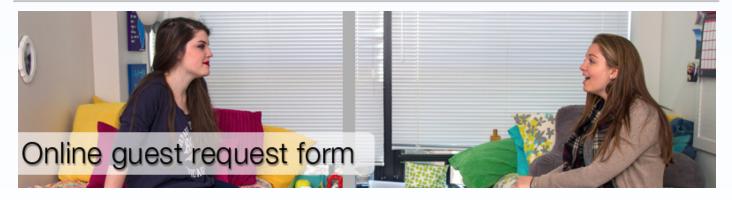


"When is winter quarter move out and do I have to move out completely?"

Residents are not required to clear their rooms completely for winter break. They are instead encouraged/required to take anything needed during the winter break (November 25 – January 2) as they will not have access to their space once halls close at noon on November 25, until they reopen again at 9 a.m. on January 2, 2016.



Living on campus has its advantages! Did you know that you now get your own HBO GO account included with your housing? To get access to thousands of HBO shows, movies and more, just visit www.hbogo.com, select "DePaul University" from the 'Sign In' menus, and follow the instructions.



DePaul University Housing policy allows residents the privilege of having two registered guests at any time in the residence halls. Guests are allowed to stay overnight, but cannot stay more than two nights in a row in a 14-day period.

If you are in need of special accomodations for your guest(s), you must submit a request form to Housing Services at http://tinyurl.com/dpuguestform. Sumbit this form if you would like to have more than two guests at one time, OR if you would like to have a guest stay more than two nights in a row in a 14-day period. Please note: for either accommodation to be considered, this form must be received between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday and at least one business day before the guest's anticipated arrival. You must also complete a separate form for each guest. Once the form is submitted, Housing Services staff will contact you with notice of whether the request has been approved.



Throwback Photo Highlights!

Below are some special moments that we captured from both move-in day and the Blue Demon Community Meeting. Thanks for a wonderful start to the year, residents!

Residence Hall Council (RHC) is a student organization that serves as a liaison between residential students and DePaul University's administration. We are one of the largest programming organizations on campus and annually plan a number of celebrated events. We strive to enrich the lives of

students and help them feel comfortable in the DePaul community. Our goal is simple: "We make DePaul home."

- RHC is excited to welcome its new Executive Board and Hall Senators! Be sure to look out for all of the fun events these leaders will plan this school year.
- •Senators' rooms are signified by RHC Door Decs. Feel free to stop by to voice any concerns you have about your residence hall.
- General body meetings are open to all students every Sunday at 7 p.m. in Student Center, Room 220.

Visit rhc.depaul.edu for event information, pictures and more.











