

# UNDER OUR ROOF

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DEPAUL  
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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, DINING  
AND STUDENT CENTERS



## News You Can Use

For future family newsletters from DePaul Housing, you are welcome to visit our News & Media webpage at [go.depaul.edu/housing-news](https://go.depaul.edu/housing-news).

Newsletters will be posted each quarter.



## Greetings from the Department of Housing, Dining & Student Centers

The warmth from Fall Move-In days is finally waning and we are now watching the leaves change to their beautiful autumn colors in The Quad as well as the transition of t-shirt weather to sweater weather (or more likely DePaul hoodies). Also, while Fall Move-In feels like a distant memory to our staff, we understand the feeling of dropping off your student on the DePaul campus must be still fresh in your minds.

It goes without saying that this year was quite different, much more time-consuming, and in many ways more challenging as we continue to navigate the latest COVID developments. As parents and guardians, we understand any hesitation or worry on your part and we thank you for putting your faith in us. To the best of our abilities during the pandemic, we will maintain a safe and comfortable

environment for on-campus residents—what we hope they view as their **home away from home**.

On behalf of my team, we welcome those of you who are brand new to DePaul. If your student has returned to live on campus, we are delighted by your continued support and promise to serve you to the best of our ability.

Take care,

**Rick Moreci**

Director of Housing, Dining &  
Student Centers



# Winter Break

To the right are basic Winter Break details, which are also outlined on our website at:

[go.depaul.edu/winterhousing](https://go.depaul.edu/winterhousing)

## Traditional Halls:

Residents living in \*Belden-Racine, Corcoran, Munroe, Ozanam, Seton, and University halls are required to vacate their room by noon on Wednesday, November 24, 2021. We urge residents who must leave campus during the Winter Break to take home their key and other necessities (laptop, medications, glasses, device chargers, etc.). Non-essential belongings may remain in their room. Those living in suite-style halls must clear all items out of their bathroom, so cleaning staff may conduct a deep clean of bathrooms over the break. Please keep in mind that anything left inside the bathroom will be discarded.

Once residence halls are closed at the end of Fall Quarter, residents will not be able to access their room until the halls reopen for Winter Quarter.

\*Belden-Racine Hall is open during December Intersession for those residents who have completed a December Intersession agreement and been approved to stay in the hall.

## Apartment-Style Halls:

For the entire Winter Break period (November 24, 2021 – January 1, 2022), residents of Centennial Hall, Courtside Apartments, McCabe Hall, Sanctuary Hall, Sanctuary Townhomes, Sheffield Square, and University Center may remain on campus.

## Returning to Campus for Winter Quarter and Mandatory Check-In:

Returning residents from traditional halls must check-in prior to arriving on campus (NOTE: Halls will reopen Sunday, January 2, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.). Residents from on-campus apartments must check-in the first week of January to maintain access to their building. Check-in information will be emailed to all residents in December.

## Introducing...Blue Demon Dining!

This fall, in partnership with Chartwells Higher Education, DePaul University rebranded all dining services to **Blue Demon Dining powered by Chartwells**. In addition, upgrades have been made and new locations and options introduced to campus cafés, marketplaces, and coffee shops across campus. Most of these exciting updates are reflected on the new Dining website: [dining.depaul.edu](https://dining.depaul.edu).

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# Safety Updates

We like to partner with families to highlight the importance of safety not just in the fall, but throughout the year. Please remind your student about the following on-campus safety initiatives:

**Fire Safety >>** Between late September and early October, DePaul Housing and Residential Education conducted fire drills for each of our 12 residential buildings on the Lincoln Park Campus. For the rest of October, we covered fire safety policies and procedures with residents, including those outlined in our **Guide to Student Housing**. More information about fire safety may be found at [go.depaul.edu/guide-to-student-housing](https://go.depaul.edu/guide-to-student-housing).

**Health & Safety Inspections >>** During the winter season, Housing staff will perform health and safety inspections of every on-campus housing room and apartment. These inspections exist to ensure that all residents are living in safe environments. All rooms may also be inspected while the halls close for Winter Break in order to ensure that no health or safety problems exist. Please contact your **Area Office** for more information.

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## Dining at Lincoln Park Campus

In order to provide as many unique dining experiences as possible on campus, Chartwells and DePaul University developed four new Lincoln Park Campus restaurant concepts:

- **Blue Demon Dining Hall** showcases a new take on the college cafeteria with a variety of cuisines including plant-forward dishes, updated sustainability practices with OZZI reusable containers, and more.
- **Sushi with Gusto** features specialty and custom sushi rolls and rice bowls.
- **Create Custom Mediterranean Eats** is a flavorful and healthy experience featuring customizable and craveable salads, grain bowls, and wraps.
- **Transit** features delicious grab-and-go meals from a varying pop-up menu.



Mainstays 312 Diner and ETC continue to serve students, parents, faculty, and staff on the 2nd floor of the Lincoln Park Student Center. DePaul community members can enjoy 312 Diner's classic diner fare with upgrades that set it apart from your standard grill. ETC maintains a good stock of convenience store items including chips, drinks, and prepackaged options for busy people on the go. Moreover, DePaul's Brownstones Café expanded to include two existing locations at the Lincoln Park Campus in the McGowan Science Building and in the Holtschneider Performance Center.

## Dining at Loop Campus

Loop Campus dining experienced a similar refresh as Lincoln Park. At the DePaul Center, 11th floor, Loop patrons will notice the university's second Blue Demon Dining Hall location and a convenience store called "The Market." In addition, Brownstones Café boasts a fourth location for DePaul community members to enjoy at the DePaul Center. Like its counterparts on the Lincoln Park Campus, Brownstones' Loop location supports local by selling goods from Chicago-based Do-Rite Donuts and award-winning Big Shoulders Coffee. Big Shoulders created a custom Blue Demon Blend Coffee roast made exclusively for Brownstones.

Undergraduate and graduate students living in University Center may expand their meal plan to **Basic Plus or Standard Plus** so they may enjoy more Loop dining at the DePaul Center. As an added bonus, these new meal plans are applicable to Lincoln Park dining as well.



## #MyDePaulHome Dorm Decorating Instagram Contest

From October 1-8, DePaul University hosted the **#MyDePaulHome** dorm decorating contest for on-campus residents to show off their interior design skills on Instagram. Rooms were judged on creativity, use of color, use of space, theme, organization, and overall design. The first 20 participants received a DePaul Housing coffee tumbler and the top 3 winners received a \$75 Target gift card.

Here are the rooms and decor that won over the judges. P.S. Don't forget to follow us **@depaulhousing** for news, events, and activities!



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