

UNDER OUR ROOF

FAMILY NEWSLETTER // FALL 2022



Greetings from the Department of Housing, Dining & Student Centers

Our campus is perhaps the most beautiful during the fall season thanks to the leaves changing color and the liveliness our students bring to campus. We are so thrilled to have students living with us again this year and are truly thankful to you for getting them here. The support of family and friends is so important, and we hope your student views DePaul Housing as an extended family member or friend who can help them during their college experience.

In these first few weeks together, DePaul Housing introduced new undergrads at the annual Blue Demon Welcome event, made sure residents are living comfortably and safely through fire drills and health and safety inspections, celebrated fall flavors at Festi-Ful hosted by Blue Demon Dining, and greeted visiting families during Alumni & Family

Weekend. Trust me when I say that there is more to come over the course of the academic year, especially now that we are fully in-person.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Moreci".

Rick Moreci

Director of Housing, Dining & Student Centers



Winter Break Information

Below are basic Winter Break details, which are also outlined on our website at go.depaul.edu/winterhousing.

TRADITIONAL HALLS

Residents living in Belden-Racine Hall*, Ozanam Hall, Corcoran Hall, Munroe Hall, Seton Hall, and University Hall are required to vacate their room **by noon on Wednesday, November 23, 2022**. 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 23, 2022 – January 1, 2023), 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

Residents living in traditional halls may return to Lincoln Park Campus housing beginning at **10:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 1, 2023**. Housing will email residents information about advance check-in for Winter Quarter to all residents prior to this date.



Meet The Basic Needs Hub

The Department of Housing, Dining & Student Centers is proud to announce the launch of **The Basic Needs Hub** at DePaul University. The Basic Needs Hub is committed to supporting Blue Demon success by providing basic needs such as, food, toiletries, clothing, towels, and bed sheets.

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Goals of The Basic Needs Hub include:

- Addressing short-term food insecurity.
- Making DePaul a more equitable and accessible university for all students.
- Strengthening the DePaul community by promoting food sustainability.
- Enhancing public knowledge through education and outreach.



Those within the DePaul community may already be familiar with the efforts of The Rosalie Rendu Student Pantry and The Career Closet. However, staff recognized that students' needs go beyond food and clothing and made the pantry and career closet extensions of The Basic Needs Hub. In addition to the hub located inside the Lincoln Park Student Center, Room 107, staff created a second hub space located on the Loop campus inside DePaul Center, Room 9700.

"In order for students to be successful in the classroom, they need to feel secure in their day-to-day lives," said Jen Fox associate director of the Department of Housing, Dining & Student Centers. "The Basic Needs Hub will not only supply them with the necessities but give them the support they need while achieving their personal and professional goals. Now, students can access resources on both campuses, which is exciting."

With generous donations from The Carol Lavin Bernick Family Foundation, Blue Demon Dining powered by Chartwells, and other charitable donors, The Basic Needs Hub has more opportunities to help DePaul students.

A website for The Basic Needs Hub is under development. In the meantime, the DePaul community may visit The Rosalie Rendu Student Pantry website at go.depaul.edu/basicneeds for more information. Students, faculty, and staff interested in partnering with The Basic Needs Hub or learning about its programs, may email basicneeds@depaul.edu.

On-Campus Safety News

We like to partner with families to highlight the importance of safety not just in the fall, but throughout the year.

Fire Safety >> In September, DePaul Housing and Residential Education conducted fire drills for each of our 12 residential buildings on the Lincoln Park Campus. Leading up to the Halloween season, 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.

Health & Safety Inspections >> Housing staff performed health and safety inspections of every on-campus housing room and apartment from late September through mid-October. These line of site inspections exist to ensure that all residents are living in safe and healthy 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. Residents can contact their respective **Area Office** for more information.

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All-Gender Housing Update

DePaul Housing will include an option for All-Gender Housing in the 2023-24 housing agreement come January. All-Gender Housing at DePaul University refers to housing whereby residents, regardless of sex; gender; or gender identity; are permitted to share a room or suite in selected areas of DePaul's residence halls.

The intention of this community is to provide additional campus housing options that take into consideration all gender identities and preferences, and to ensure a safe, comfortable, and affirming environment for all residents.

More information will be posted at the beginning of Winter Quarter 2023 on the All-Gender Housing webpage:

go.depaul.edu/all-gender-housing

