

UNDER OUR ROOF

FAMILY NEWSLETTER // WINTER 2023



Greetings from the Department of Housing & Residence Life

New year, new us! As you are reading this, you have probably noticed some exciting changes happening in DePaul Housing, starting with our department name.

Under the recommendation of our new president and university administration, it was decided a more traditional housing model (commonly referred to as *residence life*) was in order to make roles and functions more streamlined and clearer to residential students as well as you, their families. Over the winter break, the departments of Housing and Residential Education then merged to form the **Department of Housing & Residence Life** under the Division of Student Affairs.

While this is a big change for our department, please be assured that we will provide the same level of service to your students as we did at start of the academic year. Any significant changes to resident policies and procedures won't be implemented until the end of Spring Quarter 2023.

Though Dining and Student Centers are no longer official extensions of our department, we do work with their staff on a regular basis to support our resident community. In fact, these departments are also now part of the Student Affairs family.

Another noticeable change is the change in leadership. Rick Moreci has moved on to become the Associate Vice President of Student Auxiliary Services, while my role at DePaul has transitioned from the Director of Residential Education to the Director of Housing & Residence Life. Please know that you have been left in good hands as my background in higher education and residence life spans two decades. I welcome you to learn more about me at go.depaul.edu/rod-waters or email any housing-related questions to me at housing@depaul.edu.

Thank you for your continued support. Our team genuinely appreciates it and we know that the students do too. I look forward to catching up with you again in the spring. In the meantime, take care and stay warm this winter!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rod Waters".



Rod Waters

Director of Housing & Residence Life

Room Selection is HERE!

For students interested in living on campus next year...

At this time, your student is likely considering where they will live next year. Please know that DePaul Housing can help them through **Room Selection**.

Room Selection is DePaul Housing's process for current students who want to live on campus for the next academic year. The process is simple: Before students can attend Room Selection, they must complete a housing agreement at myhousing.depaul.edu.

Priority will be given to students with agreements completed before April 1, 2023. Unlike incoming first-year students, continuing residents do not need to make a prepayment or state their preferences on their agreement.

During the first week in April, students who completed an agreement will receive an email with their Room Selection appointment time. On their scheduled appointment time, students will visit myhousing.depaul.edu to view the available housing options. Then, they will select their campus housing for the 2023-24 academic year.

For detailed information, including rates and room types, visit the Room Selection webpage at go.depaul.edu/roomselection.

To get you started, here are some common questions asked about Room Selection...

Does it cost anything to attend Room Selection?

No. There is no charge for your student to complete the 2023-24 housing agreement and participate in Room Selection. Once students are confirmed for campus housing, they will be held to the terms and conditions of the housing agreement, including cancellation charges. Fall Quarter housing charges will be posted to the student's financial account in July.

I heard in past years students had to attend Room Selection in-person?

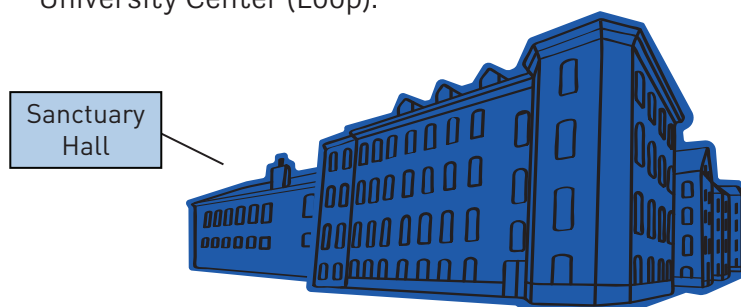
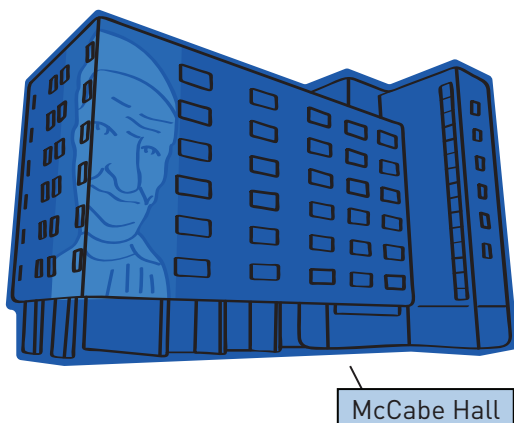
Since Winter 2020, students have enjoyed the convenience and flexibility online Room Selection has to offer.

Do students choose a meal plan during their Room Selection appointment?

Yes. Information about plans and minimum requirements can be found at: go.depaul.edu/mealplans.

What if my student only wants to live in a specific building, apartment, or room type?

Continuing students are housed in on-campus apartments, such as: Centennial Hall, Courtside Apartments, McCabe Hall, Sanctuary Hall, Sanctuary Townhomes, Sheffield Square, and University Center (Loop).



Winter Gear & Goods FREE Store

A special event hosted by The Basic Needs Hub



The Basic Needs Hub, in partnership with the Career Center and Office of Multicultural Student Success, hosted the first Winter Gear & Goods FREE Store event on January 9, 2023, at DePaul's Lincoln Park Student Center.

Students were able to shop for winter items provided by generous donors of The Basic Needs Hub—*completely free of charge*. These are just some of the goods that were available at the free store for students to choose from: winter coats, winter accessories, boots, sweaters, towels, and sheets.

In addition to the free store, there was a student resource fair where Blue Demons could learn more about campus and community partners with services that help support their basic needs. **Depaul USA**, a national homeless services nonprofit organization inspired by Vincentian values, was thrilled to partner with the university so they could share information about the **Dax Program**. The Dax Program provides students with multiple services that support a successful path toward the continuation and completion of their studies.

“The Winter Gear & Goods event was a perfect opportunity for my students (and other students who may be struggling), to come to the Student Center and receive warm clothes and other essential gear, no questions asked,” said Sarah Lipo of Depaul USA - Chicago. “I saw a lot of our housing participants at the fair, and talked to students who were struggling with housing and wanted to know about the options Depaul USA provides. I was really grateful to be included and appreciative of this avenue as I was able to spread the word about Depaul USA and the Dax Program at the fair!”

Though the event is over, the work of The Basic Needs Hub is never done. With your help, hub staff can restock the shelves with food, clothing, and other supplies as well as organize more free store events for students. For more information about The Basic Needs Hub, including donations, visit go.depaul.edu/basicneeds.

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Housing Key Dates: Winter & Spring 2023

February 1 - March 31

Room Selection

March 13-19

Winter Quarter Finals

March 20-24

Spring Break*

March 25

Spring Quarter Begins

April 21 - May 7

Health & Safety Inspections

*Residential students may stay on campus over Spring Break, but please note that dining hours and other DePaul services may vary during this time. For dining information, go to dining.depaul.edu.