Dear parent or guardian,

Greetings! As the director of the Department of Housing Services at DePaul University, allow me to welcome you, your family and your new Blue Demon student to our community and to campus housing. I am thrilled with the opportunity to use this newsletter as a way to communicate with you. We value the relationship with our students’ parents and guardians and plan to communicate with you throughout the year through our quarterly newsletter, Under Our Roof.

As I am sure you know, sending your student to college is an exciting time! This may be the first student you send off to college, or perhaps you are a pro at this point. Either way, you most likely share the feelings of excitement and nervousness that your student is experiencing. We intend to do everything we can to make your student feel at home and at ease during the transition into college.

Our department, Housing Services, works very closely with our partner department, Residential Education. Both of our missions and values reflect our commitment to the residential experience. Our departments team up and work together to address all needs that come up in housing such as move-in day, room assignments, facilities and emergency response, as well as educational and social programming in the halls. Our goal is that our residents will seek ways to create community and engage in the learning opportunities that we have planned for them. In Housing Services, our vision is grounded in our four cornerstones: services, facilities, living and quality. Additionally, it is our priority to provide a safe environment to live in that will enrich our residents’ lives academically, socially and culturally.

We are proud of our housing program here at DePaul University. I can tell you firsthand that I work with a very talented and dedicated staff, one that truly puts the needs of our students at the forefront of everything they do. I have been at DePaul University for over 15 years and each year I enjoy being able to watch unique communities grow within each of our residence halls. I enjoy seeing lifelong friendships and bonds develop among our residents as they create memories and learn valuable lessons.

Our department is glad to have you and your student as a part of our housing community. As the parent or guardian of one of our incoming residents, we know that you are invested and we want it to remain that way. We encourage you to check out our website (offices.depaul.edu/housing) as we update it often with important information and news. We also encourage interested parents to join our social media networks, which can be accessed through our website and are listed in this newsletter.

I hope this year is one that your student will never forget. Thank you for choosing DePaul University and DePaul campus housing.

Rick Moreci
Director of Housing Services
Services + Facilities + Living + Quality

University Center Plans:
University Center plans are divided into two categories: a University Center Meal Plan and flexible money that can be used as you see fit. Both plans are designed to provide a variety of meal options for students living in residence halls on the Lincoln Park Campus. University Center Meal Plans include access to the following dining areas:
- The University Center dining area on the second floor of the University Center and
- The DePaul Center dining area on the eleventh floor of the World Trade Center.

For more information, visit our website at tinyurl.com/dpuguestpolicy.

How does the meal plan work?

DePaul plans operate with a declining balance, like a debit card. DePaul dining plan values roll forward from fall to winter to spring quarter until the end of spring quarter in June 2018. After that date, any remaining balance will be forfeited and is not refundable. DePaul plans may be used at all dining locations on the Lincoln Park Campus, as well as the DePaul Center 11th floor dining area in the loop.

University Center Plans:
University Center plans can only be used at the dining center of the University Center building.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

All confirmed residents will receive their 2017-18 assignment letter in late June or early July. This letter includes meal plan, building, room and roommate information. Residents will receive a move-in guide with this letter. We strongly encourage parents and guardians to review the move-in page on our website to learn details about move-in day.

Can roommates or rooms be changed before school starts?
Roommates and room assignments cannot be changed prior to move-in day. We want all of our residents to adjust to living in a residence hall and get to know their roommate(s) before making the choice to request a room change.

After the second week of the fall quarter, students can submit a room change request form at the Housing Services main office. Room changes will be made based on availability and date the request was received by our office.

Can we see my student’s room while we are attending Premiere Orientation or during our visit to campus?
During the summer, our facilities staff are preparing the residence halls for the upcoming year and have a number of projects that prevent the halls from being accessible. In the meantime, we recommend browsing our website. Although we do not have specific room measurements or floor plans for each unit available, you can find general room and residence hall information by visiting our website at tinyurl.com/dpuguestpolicy.

For more FAQs and additional move-in information, visit our Fall Move-In webpage at tinyurl.com/dpumovein.