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DePaul University Department of Housing Services
Parent Welcome Newsletter 2017

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

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Move-in dates are dependent on a student's class standing and class registration. **Only students registered for the sessions listed below will be allowed to move in on the date listed.** If your student cannot move in on their designated date, they will not be allowed to move in until September 2.

Directions for finding your student's move-in date:

1. Locate the Premiere (freshmen orientation) or Transition DePaul (transfer orientation) session for which your student is registered.
2. If your student is an incoming freshman, know whether they are registered for a Discover or Explore class, as the classes have different start dates.

Review the tables below to determine your student's move-in date. You can also find this information on the Housing Services website at tinyurl.com/dpmovein. If you are unclear about your student's move-in date, call our office at (773) 325-7196 so we can help you.

Freshmen Students	
Discover	Move-In Date
Class starts August 28	Attending prior to August 15
Class starts August 28	Attending August 24
Explore	Move-In Date
Premiere Session (Freshmen Orientation)	Attending prior to August 15
Class starts September 6	Attending prior to August 15
Class starts September 6	Attending August 30

Transfer Students	
Transition DePaul Session (Orientation)	Move-In Date
Attending prior to August 25	Saturday, September 2
Attending August 28 or 29	Sunday, August 27
Attending September 5	Saturday, September 2
Returning Students	
Move-In Date	
Saturday, September 2	

For Discover Chicago and Explore Chicago class students, contact the Office of the First-Year Program at (773) 325-7573.

For orientation questions for freshmen and transfer students, contact New Student and Family Engagement (NSFE) at (773) 325-7360.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When will my student hear from Housing Services?

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 to review the move-in page on our website (tinyurl.com/dpmovein) 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 offices.depaul.edu/housing.

What is converted housing?

Converted housing gives more freshman students the opportunity to live in campus housing at the beginning of the academic year. If your student is a part of converted housing, he or she will be notified with the assignment letter. Converted housing residents have the same furniture and amenities as other residents. Our website (tinyurl.com/dpconverted) provides answers to some common inquiries. If you have additional questions, we urge you to call our offices at (773) 325-7196 to speak to a housing assignments coordinator.

What is the guest policy in residence halls?

Our guest policy allows a maximum of two guests at any given time, unless prior approval is granted by Housing Services professional staff. Guests must present a state, government or DePaul University photo ID at the front desk and be signed in by a resident host. If there is no valid ID available, the guest will not be permitted. Residents are allowed to host overnight guests only with the prior permission of their roommate(s). However, the length of stay may not exceed two nights in a seven-day period. Guests who visit DePaul, regardless of which host they are visiting or which hall, may not have more than 10 overnight visits in any given academic quarter. Find more details, including forms for extended stays and minor guests, online at tinyurl.com/dpguestpolicy.

How does the meal plan work?

All Lincoln Park residents and University Center suite-style residents are required to have a meal plan, which allows residents to use their ID card for dining needs on campus. More details are available at go.depaul.edu/mealplans.

- **DePaul Plans:** DePaul plans operate with a declining balance, like a debit card. DePaul dining plan values roll forward from fall to winter to spring 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 have a set number of meals allotted per week, plus a certain amount of "flex" money per quarter. University Center plans can only be used at the dining center of the University Center building.

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