



Under Our Roof Parent Newsletter

The Department of Housing Services, DePaul University



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A Note From the Director

Greetings parents and guardians! I hope that this letter finds you doing well as we start 2016. Around this time of the year, our residents begin to think about the next academic year and where they might want to live. Each spring, we provide our current residents with the opportunity to return to campus housing the following year through a process called room selection. You will read more about room selection inside this newsletter.

We have unique apartment-style residence halls available to returning residents. Our apartment-style halls offer more flexibility for our returning residents while also offering support from live-in staff. Many returning residents have said that they enjoy the larger spaces, the privacy and the convenience of their own living room and kitchen. Residents will still have many opportunities to participate in staff-organized activities and programs offered to all of our students. Apartment-style halls are

fully furnished, which is a nice perk. I encourage you as the parent or guardian to learn more about apartment-style options in Lincoln Park and the Loop on our website and to read more about room selection on the following pages.

We hope that you consider having a conversation with your student about his or her living situation plans for next year. As always, feel free to reach out to our office if you have questions, comments or concerns.

Yours in service,

Rick Moreci
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How Students Can Return to Campus Housing for Next Year

When current residents are interested in returning to campus housing for the next academic year, they participate in room selection, a process that occurs every spring.

This year's room selection is quickly approaching, and the time has arrived for your student to be thinking about where he or she will be living next year.

The process is simple: Before students can attend room selection, they must complete an online housing agreement via Campus Connect. Priority will be given to students with agreements completed by March 31, 2016. Unlike incoming first-year students, returning residents do not need to make a prepayment or state their preferences on their agreement.



Pictured above: Room Selection 2015

During the first week in April, residents who have completed an agreement will receive a room selection packet and appointment time in their campus mailbox.

Because apartment-style options vary greatly, students will have the opportunity during room selection to meet with Housing Services staff. This appointment includes talking through options and choosing a unit for 2016 – 2017, as well as choosing roommates (if applicable) and a dining plan. It is important to note that once they are assigned a unit at room selection, they are responsible for cancellation fees, should they choose to cancel.

If students cannot make their appointment time, we do

have a proxy option available (more details will be sent to students in their room selection packet). Please encourage your student to learn more about his or her living options by visiting our website and browsing through our residence halls.

To learn more about room selection, please visit go.depaul.edu/roomsel

ROOM SELECTION DATES:

Complete a 2016-2017 Housing Agreement:
March 1 – 31, 2016

Check Campus Mailbox for Information:
Week of April 4, 2016

University Center Tour (optional):
Friday, April 8, 2016

University Center Room Selection:
Tuesday, April 12, 2016
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Lincoln Park Open House (optional):
Wednesday, April 13, 2016
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Lincoln Park Room Selection:
April 19 – 21, 2016
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Spring and Summer Dates

Last Day to Cancel and Receive Partial Winter Quarter Credit.....	March 4, 2016
Spring Quarter Move-In (<i>new residents only</i>).....	March 19, 2016
Lincoln Park Summer Housing Agreements Available.....	April 1, 2016
Last Day to Submit Room Change Requests.....	April 18, 2016
Spring Quarter Facility Inspections.....	April 18 – May 2, 2016
Lincoln Park Summer Housing Agreements Due.....	May 1, 2016
Spring Quarter Move-Out (<i>more information to come</i>).....	June 11, 2016

University Center Corner

While most of DePaul's residence halls are located on the Lincoln Park Campus, there is also an option for students who want to live near our Loop Campus. The University Center has both suite-style units and apartment-style units available to all students, who range from freshmen to graduate students. It houses students from DePaul, Roosevelt University, Columbia College and Robert Morris University in a high-rise building that includes a food court, third-floor rooftop garden and workout center.

Room selection is the perfect time for your student to decide on which campus to live. Residents are welcome to live on one campus during their first year and request to live on the other for the second year. Just make sure your student attends the correct selection date (April 12 for University Center, April 19 – 21 for Lincoln Park).



Pictured above: The University Center dining center. Below: Students at the nearby El station and in the center's rooms.



No wheels under heels!

Effective immediately, all self-propelled mobile/movement devices (hoverboards, Segways and similar) are no longer permitted in DePaul University buildings because they pose a fire hazard. They cannot be used, charged or stored in any buildings, including residence halls.



If you own one of these devices, it must be removed from campus housing as soon as possible to avoid fines or confiscation.

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Pictured above: A poster about the hoverboard ban.

Prohibited Items Updated

Each summer, Housing Services publishes a list of prohibited and restricted items in the Guide to Student Housing, which can be updated as the need arises.

As of January 2016, self-propelled mobile/movement devices, including hoverboards, Segway scooters and similar, are no longer permitted in DePaul University buildings because they pose a fire hazard. They cannot be used, charged or stored in any buildings, including residence halls. If your student has one of these devices, please work with him or her to remove it from campus.

With winter upon us, it is a good time to brush up on other items that are prohibited in DePaul's Lincoln Park residence halls, including:

- Electric blankets
- Portable heaters
- Candles and scented oil burners

Please encourage your student to read the full, updated list at tinyurl.com/dpuprohibiteditems and to be aware of and follow all campus housing policies.

FAQ CORNER

My student is interested in returning to campus housing. Can she request specific roommates for next year?

Absolutely! During their assigned room selection appointment, residents come in-person to sign up for an apartment-style unit and meal plan and to choose roommates. DePaul has many unique housing options and it is helpful for students to meet with housing staff members to review options and answer questions. Each roommate will need to submit a housing agreement prior to the appointment. Students who want to live together should decide before their appointments and should attend the earliest appointment time. All roommates must attend in order to be assigned together. Please know it is not required to have roommates to participate in room selection, and due to space restraints, preferences are not guaranteed.

Do you have any questions for Housing Services? Email us at housing@depaul.edu.

Housing Services Happenings and Updates

Our department has been keeping busy during the winter months. Read on for news from around campus and the residence halls.

Building Heat: Heat is now on in the residence halls, and our goal is to keep everyone comfortable by maintaining a temperature range of 68–72 degrees Fahrenheit. If your student's heat is not working properly and the temperature falls below this range, we consider this an urgent issue to be addressed right away. Students should call our office at (773) 325-7196 during business hours and we will notify Facility Operations. After business hours, students should call Public Safety at (773) 325-7777 so an on-call staff member can be dispatched.

Blue Demon Week: The DePaul community showcased campus pride January 25 – 31 during Blue Demon Week, which featured the slogan, "Once a Blue Demon, Always a Blue Demon." Student organizations and departments from across the university planned a week of events to help students, faculty, staff and alumni celebrate what it means to be a DePaul Blue Demon.

Mail Center Reminders: The Student Mail Center on our Lincoln Park Campus shares tips for getting the best mail experience. The center picks up U.S. mail from the post office daily by 10 a.m. Monday through Friday. Items showing a "delivered" status after that time are picked up the following business day. Students will receive an email notification and a notice in their mailbox when packages are ready for pick-up. When contacting the mail center about package status, please have the tracking number handy, not the order number from the shipper. The mail center strongly encourages shipping items via UPS or FedEx and ensuring boxes are properly packed. For further questions, contact the Student Mail Center at (773) 325-4912.



Pictured above: Housing Services staff show off Blue Demon Week spirit