



# 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 2017. 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 several types of unique apartment-style units available to returning residents, both in Lincoln Park and at University Center. Our apartments offer more flexibility and independence for our returning residents while also offering support from staff. Many returning residents have said that they enjoy the larger spaces, the privacy, and the convenience of having their own living room and kitchen. Residents will still have many opportunities to participate in the numerous activities and programs offered to all of

our students. Our apartments are fully furnished, which is something our residents really like. I encourage you as the parent or guardian to learn more about apartment-style options in Lincoln Park and the Loop (University Center) 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  
Director, Housing Services  
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# How Students Can Return to Campus Housing for Next Year

Is your student interested in continuing to live on campus? Current residents who want to return to campus housing for the next academic year can choose their space during room selection this spring.

The process is simple: Before students can attend room selection, they must complete an online housing agreement via our Housing Connection portal. Priority will be given to students with agreements completed by March 31, 2017. Unlike incoming first-year students, returning residents do not need to make a prepayment or state their preferences on their agreement.

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.



Pictured above: A past room selection

Apartment-style options can vary greatly, so room selection allows students a chance to meet in-person with staff from Housing Services. The appointment includes talking through options and choosing a unit for 2017-18, as well as choosing roommates (if applicable).

If students cannot make their appointment time, we do have a proxy option available. More details about this option 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, see answers to common questions below or visit our website at [go.depaul.edu/roomsel](http://go.depaul.edu/roomsel).

## Does it cost anything to attend room selection?

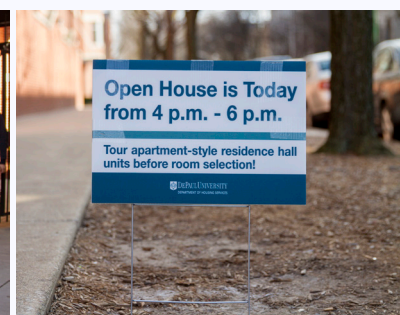
No. There is no charge for your student to complete the 2017-18 online housing agreement and attend the in-person process to talk to a staff member. If your student chooses to be assigned a unit during the in-person appointment and later cancels the agreement after getting that assignment, then there would be cancellation fees.

## Do students choose a meal plan at room selection?

Meal plans are required for all Lincoln Park residents and for University Center suite-style residents. Your student will be assigned the minimum required meal plan for his or her unit type but can always upgrade later. Meal plan details and rates can be found online at [go.depaul.edu/mealplans](http://go.depaul.edu/mealplans).

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

We recommend that students choose at least three building/room types. That way if their preference is unavailable, they can be prepared with additional choices. Please note: During room selection only Centennial, McCabe and Sanctuary halls, Courtside Apartments, Sanctuary Townhomes, Sheffield Square and University Center are available; some rooms in traditional halls are available but are typically single occupancy.



## Spring and Summer Dates

Last Day to Cancel and Receive Partial Winter Quarter Credit.....	March 3, 2017
Spring Quarter Move-In ( <i>new residents only</i> ).....	March 18, 2017
Lincoln Park Summer Housing Agreements Available.....	April 1, 2017
Last Day to Submit Meal Plan Change Requests.....	April 7, 2017
Spring Quarter Health and Safety Inspections.....	April 14 – May 1, 2017
Last Day to Submit Room Change Requests.....	April 17, 2017
Lincoln Park Summer Housing Agreements Due.....	May 1, 2017
Spring Quarter Move-Out ( <i>more information to come</i> ).....	June 10, 2017 at noon

## University Center: Learn More about Living in the Loop!

Room selection is the perfect time for students to decide which campus suits their needs. 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 and apartment-style units available to all students, who range from freshmen to graduate students. It houses students from DePaul and three other local colleges in a high-rise building that includes a dining center, outdoor rooftop terrace, workout center, music practice rooms and technology labs. Its downtown location on historic State Street brings students closer to a number of Chicago attractions. Learn more about apartment-style units by visiting [tinyurl.com/UCapartments](http://tinyurl.com/UCapartments).

Residents are welcome to live on one campus during their first year and request to live on the other for the second year. Students may attend either room selection for their preferred campus: April 11 for University Center (Loop) or April 18 – 20 for Lincoln Park.



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



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR: ROOM SELECTION DATES 2017-18

**Students Complete a 2017-18 Housing Agreement online via [myhousing.depaul.edu](http://myhousing.depaul.edu):**  
Due by March 31, 2017

**Students Check Campus Mailbox for Information Packet:**  
Week of April 3, 2017

**University Center Tour:**  
Friday, April 7, 2017  
1:30 p.m.

**University Center Room Selection:**  
Tuesday, April 11, 2017  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Lincoln Park Open House:**  
Wednesday, April 12, 2017  
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

**Lincoln Park Room Selection:**  
April 18 – 20, 2017  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### FAQ CORNER

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

Absolutely! Returning residents do not need to indicate a roommate when filling out the online housing agreement. Instead, they will choose a roommate during their in-person room selection appointment. 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 constraints, preferences are not guaranteed.

*Do you have any questions for Housing Services? Email us at [housing@depaul.edu](mailto:housing@depaul.edu).*

## News You Can Use

**Meal Plan Rollover and End Dates:** Meal plans for Lincoln Park residents refresh at the start of each quarter, and the plan balance rolls forward quarter to quarter within the academic year. However, any plan balance will be forfeited in its entirety after Friday, June 9, 2017. University Center meal plans operate on a meals-per-week basis and also do not roll over between academic years.

With that in mind, now is the time to see if your student is interested in a lower meal plan for spring quarter.

- Freshman students living in traditional-style halls (Belden-Racine, Clifton-Fullerton, Corcoran, Munroe, Seton and University halls) may lower to the Lite Plan for spring quarter.
- To change a meal plan, residents should come in-person to the Housing Services main office (2345 N. Sheffield Ave., Suite 301) or email [housing@depaul.edu](mailto:housing@depaul.edu).
- All meal plan changes must be completed within the first two weeks of the quarter, so Friday, April 7, would be the last day to request a change.

Lincoln Park residents can also make a dent in their plan money by donating funds to charity or ordering bulk items from ETC, the convenience-type store in the Student Center. Bulk items include beverages by the case, paper products, dry goods, frozen foods, snacks and candy. Encourage your student to learn about these options by visiting [onlinedining.depaul.edu](http://onlinedining.depaul.edu).

For more details about meal plan requirements, including minimums and rates, visit [go.depaul.edu/mealplans](http://go.depaul.edu/mealplans).



*Pictured above: An ad reminding residents about meal plan deadlines.*