GREETINGS PARENTS & FAMILIES!

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The Office of Residence Life & Housing believes that a student's support system has an integral role to play in the success of their overall college experience. We have made it a priority to embrace all Parents and Families by spreading awareness about certain aspects of our office. In this newsletter, you will learn about the Summer Student Housing, how to support your Spider through closing and transitioning back home, and more!
The best part of being a spider is the community. UR is such a small campus and nearly everyone knows everyone and you recognize people all the time walking through THC, the forum. It is really our WEB you know and it makes you feel a part of something. You make friends here that are really nice and fulfilling and create experiences that you will remember for the rest of your life. There are places for everyone at the University of Richmond and there also opportunities to create said spaces. I am currently positioned in a way that offers support to students as I create and structure certain communities. I love the fact that I get to do this so I think this a major plus as a spider.

**Advice to Spiders...**

College is a new experience that comes with really great things, but also comes with some difficult things as well. It would be great for you to set realistic goals for yourself each semester. Whether it be to eat better, go to the gym more, go to different events, just set a goal for yourself. I think time management is also something you should definitely recognize and prioritize. Avoid procrastinating with work and try to schedule your week. I think you should also get involved on campus either by joining organizations and clubs or just going to events, which also leads to you taking advantage of resources like free food, advising, career counseling and more. College is supposed to be a fun, learning step into adulthood and you should come into being your authentic self while you also grow as a person. Find what makes you happy and authentically you and go at it 100%.

**Advice to Parents...**

It’s important to understand that this experience is for your kid’s and it is not yours. As College students we are going to make mistakes as we navigate the many changes both big and small that are occurring in our lives, which parents should definitely understand. Its okay to check in once in a while, but we left the nest to make a life for ourselves and to create experience for ourselves. Maintain a balance of having your worries, but also real interest that is happening within your college kid’s life. Encourage them any chance you get as they are probably under a lot of stress and could need a little pick up from home.
The transition to college may be a difficult journey, and not just for first-year students. It is a time filled with an overwhelming amount of change from new environments and roommates to new challenges with exploring majors and new ideas. As a member of the Spider Family, you play a crucial role in providing additional support to your Spider. Please see the topics below for ways you may assist in supporting your student.

Closing and Move Out

Support Tips
- Residence Halls/Apartments close April 30th at noon. This is a prompt deadline. (except for graduating seniors)
- Be sure to communicate and coordinate with your Spider about plans (travel/transportation/storage)
- Be sure your Spider cleans the room/apartment and removes all trash and personal belongings!
  - Do not put trash in hallways or stairwells!
- Return all physical keys to RLH office or the drop box.
  - Do NOT give keys to the RAs.
- Inspections of spaces will occur, so discuss any potential damages with your Spider in advance.
- Looking for storage?

Support Your Spider As They Transition Back Home
- Discuss expectations before they come back home (chores, curfew, money, etc.)
- Remember the past few months they have been making decisions on their own, allow them space to continue to do that within barriers you all agree upon
- Try to avoid monopolizing their time & over planning schedules
- Allow them time & space to decompress and adjust to being back home
- Enjoy your time together as summer will fly by!

Policies & Services

RLH Policies:
https://residencelife.richmond.edu/policies-and-services/policies/index.html

RLH Break Policies:
https://residencelife.richmond.edu/policies-and-services/arrival-break-transitional-housing/index.html#end-of-spring/summer-end-of-summer

Room Change Process:
https://residencelife.richmond.edu/housing/RLHRoomChangeProcess.pdf

Housing Services:
https://residencelife.richmond.edu/policies-and-services/services/index.html

Contact Us:
https://residencelife.richmond.edu/about/index.html
PREPARING FOR MOVE OUT

Please note:
• Students are not permitted to leave items in their room. All left behind/unclaimed items will be donated or discarded upon inspections for closing.
• Students who do not vacate according to the listed date and are not approved to stay will be assessed a fine of $50/day for each day the room is occupied. If necessary, items will packed and stored utilizing a University vendor at the student’s expense.
• The Residence Life & Housing staff will be inspecting all rooms and apartments. Damage bills will be charged to students' accounts following inspections and will appear on June invoices.

Timeline

• April 21st:
  ○ Last Day of Classes
  ○ First Day of 24hr Quiet Hours
• April 24th:
  ○ Finals Week Begins
  ○ Undergraduates must vacate 24 hours after last exam.
• April 30th:
  ○ Residence Halls Close for undergraduate students at 12:00 pm.
• May 7th:
  ○ Summer Housing Begins
• May 8th:
  ○ All Graduating Seniors and Law Students must vacate by 2:00 pm.

Move Out Check-List

✓ Clean & Set up your room/apartment back to it's original state with the original furniture.
✓ Clear out ALL trash or personal belongings or you will be charged for removal.
✓ Wipe down all surfaces (desks, chests, bookshelves, etc.) and remove posters, pictures, etc. from the walls.
  ○ Do NOT remove command strips or hanging lights.
✓ Return keys before you depart campus. Keys may be returned to the RLH Office at 1 Bostwick Monday-Friday between 9am-5pm. After 5pm? use the drop box at the Special Programs Building.
✓ Donation Stations: Rethink Waste donation bins will be placed in most laundry rooms and some lounges throughout all residential spaces.”
✓ Gifting: If you desire to leave/gift an item to a University Facilities staff member, this must be done in person and not left in your room/apartment.
Eligibility
You must be currently housed on campus for the spring term prior to your request, and be classified as one of the following:

- Student with Summer Housing starting May 7
- International Student Travel
- Sibling of a Graduating Senior
- Member of approved group or organization.

Application Status
Students may be required to move to transitional housing during this period. The Spring Extension Application is now open and will close on April 19. Spring extensions – if approved – will only be permitted through the end of the student’s on-campus commitment.

Students will be notified of their application status by no later than April 26th.

Extended Stay/Transitional Housing Dates
- April 26th: Transitional Housing assignments sent to those approved.
- May 8th: Approved students may be required to relocate to transitional housing assignment by 5 pm.
- May 14th: Students move from Transitional Housing to Permanent Summer Housing Assignments.
  - UFA Key Pick Up: RLH Office from 10 am - 4 pm
Spring Semester Memories

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