Subject: 2020-2021 On-Campus Housing: Room Selection Reminders

Thank you for signing up to live on campus at the University of Delaware for the 2020-2021 academic year. Your application secures you a space in campus housing.

Due to the large number of applications received AND the great popularity of the University Courtyard Apartments, we are writing to remind you how the room selection process works.

Below are the important pieces of information about 2020-2021 housing included in this letter:

- You are guaranteed a space on campus, not a specific type of space.
- Nearly 70% of students who have placed preference for apartment style housing will be unlikely to be able to live in an apartment due to the number of available units.
- Due to the high interest in on-campus housing, many students will not be able to select their own space and may not receive their assignment until August.
- We understand the disappointment this information may cause, and therefore are offering release from the housing contract without penalty through February 28, 2020.
- You may want to consider off campus options and we have resources to assist.

What are the next steps in this process?

Students can self-select a room or will be assigned a space by Residence Life & Housing. This coming year, more students than in the past will be assigned by Residence Life & Housing. Your selection priority is based on your year in school and then by number of credits earned. If you are in a roommate group, your group priority is averaged based on the year in school and number of credits. Students falling within the same year and credits will be randomly prioritized.

Final priority designations will be determined after the application closes at the end of February. You will receive additional information from our office in early March regarding your priority.

Room Self-Selection

We anticipate that current Sophomores and Juniors (rising Juniors and Seniors) will be given an opportunity to select their rooms during the room selection periods this spring. We anticipate that 40% of all current first year students (rising sophomores) who have applied for housing will be able to select their rooms during the room selection periods this spring. Room selection will begin in March and will likely be offered throughout the semester as space permits. Students who are not given the option to select their room will be assigned by Residence Life & Housing.

Room Assignment by Residence Life & Housing

Many students, particularly current first year students, who applied for housing during the guaranteed enrollment periods will likely be assigned a room by Residence Life & Housing. These assignments will be made beginning in spring and continue throughout the summer.

What does this mean for me?
You are still guaranteed a space. As noted on the housing application, we guarantee a space but not the specific type of space. We will do our best to honor preferences listed in the housing application, but this will not always be possible.

*I still want to live on campus regardless of the type of space*

This is fantastic – we want you to live on campus. Please understand that you may need to wait until August to receive your room assignment.

*I’m not sure I want to still live on campus. What are my options?*

We understand that you might prefer to know exactly what you’re signing up for and we can only provide you generalities. We are providing all students receiving this email with the option to cancel the housing contract by February 28, 2020 without financial penalty. There will be no $200 housing application cancellation fee and you will not be obligated to the housing contract. If you no longer plan to live on campus, please be sure to cancel your contract by going into the housing portal, select “My Application Status”, and select “Cancel Application” from the dropdown menu. If you do not cancel your contract by February 28, 2020 you will be obligated to the UD housing contract for 2020-2021 regardless of the space you are assigned.

*I want an apartment, but isn’t it too late to find something off campus?*

We have worked with several local property managers who have noted that they have spaces in apartments for next year and will be at our Housing Fair being hosted on Monday, February 17, 2020 from 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM in the Rodney Room located in the Perkin’s Student Center. We also recommend looking at www.places4students.com for local off campus listings. The Office of the Dean of Students’ website has excellent resources which can help answer the questions you have about living off campus.

If you have any questions about living on campus or the room selection process, please check out our website or call our office at 302-831-HOME(4663).

We thank you for your patience and understanding given the high number of students who wish to live on campus next year. We commit to doing all we can to assist you throughout the entire process.