In The House

January 2016

College Life Happens on Campus

Why Live Anywhere Else?

There are a myriad of reasons why students choose to live—and stay—in on-campus housing. Whatever their reasons, we are so glad to have them as part of our communities. Here are 5 of the top reasons why UNH Housing is a great option for Wildcats.

Recent research of college students across the nation indicates that students who live on campus are more satisfied with their college experience, earn higher grade point averages, and are more likely to graduate (according to the American Council on Education).

Why drive when you can walk! In five minutes, you can be anywhere on campus; classes, cafeteria, gym, library, computer labs, chapel, bookstore, friends and campus offices like the Registrars Office, Financial Aid and Student Development. Living close makes it easier—and more likely—for students to get to class and resources.

There can be a feeling of disconnect for students who live off campus. Easy access to friends, faculty and staff is hindered. Participation in groups, activities, games and events is less likely for off-campus students. There are many opportunities to serve in leadership roles and earn scholarships for students who live on campus.

Campus security and UNHPD is on call and patrolling our campus 24/7, every day of the year. They protect our students and their vehicles. Every residence hall is staffed with a Residence Director/Manager and Resident Assistants who tend to the building and each resident who lives in it.

Living on campus helps the student to know what is going on and be part of it. Learning about different types of people with various backgrounds can be an opportunity for the student to develop a more balanced world view. There is a feeling of family that cannot be duplicated off campus. Community communicates a sense of care and acceptance.

The staff is very personable! They’re real people and actually care about our experience and safety.”

Adams Tower West resident, 2015
New Combo Locks

A Hit for Students and Housing Staff

Last summer one of Housing’s many upgrade projects was to install 306 electronic combination locks in the Upper Quad residence buildings of Hitchcock, Randall and Devine Halls. The installation of these new replacement locks give Upper Quad residents peace of mind because they never have to worry about whether their door is locked, whether or not they’ve locked their keys in their room, or having to come to the Housing Office’s Service Desk to borrow a temporary key. And as any super busy college student knows, those are the last things they truly need to be concerned about.

And on the plus side of the electronic lock installation project, it now only takes Housing Staff about a minute to change a combination code when needed due to roommate changes or other various reasons. All of this means that UNH Housing, and our residential students in the Upper Quad spend less time worrying about keys and more time on other important issues. Keep an eye out, these new locks may be coming to your building next!

Rate My Space Winners!

2nd Annual Best Room Competition

Best Overall—Ashlea & Hannah
Alexander Hall Double

Best Single—Destiny
Christensen Hall

Best Quad
Emily, Karissa, Jackie, Brittany—
McLaughlin Hall

Best Double & Student Choice
Meghan & Courtney
Doe Hall
**Making Our Buildings Your Home**

**Lounge Renovation**

Lounges are community hubs for our residence halls, creating a sense of comfort and belonging which turns a residence building into a “home away from home” for every Wildcat. Housing has focused on transforming the look and feel of our residence hall lounges and we are excited this year to be moving into Phase 3 of the renovation program! Our goal is to improve each lounge space and provide the amenities which will appeal to the academic and social needs of every student. We’ll be adding new LED lighting fixtures, fresh color schemes, quality new flooring and sleek furniture as part of the redesign and refurbishment. In addition to the lounge renovations, UNH Housing is preparing to upgrade some community kitchens with new appliances, countertops, and cabinets.

**Babcock Renovation**

Babcock Hall is a unique community which is home to 180 graduate and 21+ nontraditional students. It houses a diverse, eclectic and often international residential student body. To suit the students’ needs, Babcock is open year-round and has remarkably well-used facilities. UNH is exploring the possibility of updating many of the common areas of Babcock Hall, including improving the finishes and furniture in every floor lounge and the spacious main lounge. Additionally, we are exploring creating a centrally-located, commercial quality kitchen on the first floor that would enable the year-round residents to cook in a beautiful newly-outfitted space.

**Woodside Bathroom Renovation**

This summer we will be moving into the 3rd and final phase of the bathroom renovations at Woodside, one of our on-campus apartment complexes. Woodside offers an independent living environment for 400 junior and senior students in four-person apartments. The final results will include new solid surface showers, beautiful ceramic flooring, LED lighting, new vanities with solid surface countertops, and a color makeover. As all Woodside apartments recently also enjoyed a complete kitchen remodel, the sleek improvements to every bathroom will help make Woodside an even more desirable place to live for our upperclassmen.

**Happy New Year from MicroFridge!**

While you’re enjoying your time with friends and family during Winter Break, don’t forget that Spring Semester is fast approaching. If you haven’t ordered your MicroFridge with Safe Plug combination appliance for the Spring Semester, visit the MicroFridge website (www.collegerefrigerators.com) now to place a Spring Semester order. You can always call Kim Gafford at 800-637-7567 ext. 2153 to schedule a delivery for those last-minute decisions!
Students are our most important customers; the quality of their experience at the University is our top priority. Each of us in UNH Housing commits to provide consistent superior customer services. We commit ourselves to practice ethical behavior at all times. We embrace flexibility, forward thinking, improvement and change as essential to our success.

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10 Academic Way
Durham NH 03824

Director’s Corner

We want to hear from you!

Each year a number of attempts are made to gather feedback from UNH students who live in the residence halls and on-campus apartments. Housing staff visit every residential council meeting to ask a series of questions aimed at learning what students like about their building and what they wish was different. The information received at these visits along with other focus groups throughout the year help determine departmental priorities and upcoming projects. Some recent one are the new combo lock installation project, hydrations stations, and lounge renovations. We also often gather information about what residents would like to see in future building projects.

Following the residential council visits, students complete an anonymous opinion survey including questions like whether they feel their building is an easy place to make friends, do they know their Hall Director, and is their R.A. a good role model? While we consistently enjoy strong satisfaction ratings from our students (we had a 95% survey participation rate this year with 95% of residents saying they like living in their current community) we always want to know how we can do better.

So…please feel free to stop by the housing office when you’re in the area, pick up the phone and call or drop us an e-mail. We really want to hear from you!

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Complete an Online Housing Reapplication

All current residents who wish to return to on-campus housing for the 2016-2017 academic year must reapply. This form will be available starting at 8:00am on Monday, February 1st. Complete the form by visiting www.unh.edu/housing/returners.

You must complete the reapplication by 4:30pm on Monday, Feb 22nd.

NEW THIS YEAR - NO DEPOSIT REQUIRED. In lieu of a deposit, during your reapplication you will be asked to agree to our cancellation fee terms. A Cancellation Fee will be applied to your student account only if you withdraw your commitment to 2016-2017 on-campus housing. The cancellation fee schedule is outlined below. Full description and terms are contained in the Room and Board Agreement.

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Select a Space During The Online Process

Wednesday, March 3 — if you are staying in your same hall

Monday and Tuesday, March 7 & 8 — if you are moving to a different hall

Interested in the on-campus apartments?

All 2016-2017 Gables and Woodside spaces have been selected during our early sign-up process. However, we are still accepting applications for our apartment waitlist. To submit an application for the apartment waitlist please visit unh.edu/housing/call-dibs for the form and instructions!
The reapplication deadline of Feb 22nd is FIRM! Any student who misses this deadline but who would like on-campus housing will need to apply to the housing waitlist.

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ONLINE REAPPLICATION OPENS!
Visit unh.edu/housing/returners to complete the online reapplication.

DEADLINE! REAPPLICATION DUE!
If you want to live on-campus in the residence halls for the 2016-2017 academic year you must complete the online reapplication by Monday, February 22nd at 4:30pm.

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IN-HALL ROOM SELECTION
More information available from your RA and Hall Director in early February.

OR

BETWEEN-HALL ROOM SELECTION
Details are available on Housing’s website and Facebook page.

www.unh.edu/housing/returners www.facebook.com/UNHHousing