

IN-HOUSE: THE NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS OF ON-CAMPUS STUDENTS



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A MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL STAFF

Greetings from Residential Community Life! I hope you are enjoying a happy and healthy winter. My name is Anne Everett and I am the Assistant Director for Program Development in the Department of Residential Community Life here at SUNY Oneonta. I am part of the Central Staff that oversees the residence halls, Residence Hall Directors and the RA (Resident Advisor) staff.

To share with you a little about what I do in Residence Life, I will tell you up front ... my job is a fun one! I work with the Residence Life staff on building community in the Residence Halls. These efforts make your student's residence hall feel like a "home away from home." We achieve this through a multi-pronged approach. There are many educational and social programs that occur in the residence halls to help your student develop life skills such as communication, career development and time management. Additionally, we provide opportunities for personal growth for our students through the residence hall system. Hall Governments exist in each residence hall to serve as a sounding board for student ideas and concerns. Beyond this function, Hall Governments plan social and community service based pro-

grams for the residents including Finals Food, Halloween in the Halls, Angel Tree and various food and clothing drives. We encourage all students to become a part of their Hall Government to fulfill their desire to be involved in their community and gain leadership skills.

This does sound fun, right? Well, in Residence Life we recognize that students have basic needs that affect their ability to be successful at SUNY Oneonta. They need to feel accepted and safe in their environment so that they can flourish in their academics. They need to gain life and academic skills that will complement their study. They need opportunities to grow. And I feel lucky that my job is to assist in that growth and development!

If there is anything I can do to be of assistance to you or your student, please feel free to contact me at (607) 436-2514 or everetac@oneonta.edu.

Happy Winter!
Anne Everett

RA SELECTION PROCESS

The Office of Residential Community Life will begin their search for new Resident Advisors in February! An RA is a student leader who lives in the residence halls and is a role model, community builder, programmer, campus resource, disciplinarian, or just a listening ear. As an RA, your student has the opportunity to learn skills such as

conflict mediation, team building, communication, budget management, and much more! Being an RA is an awesome addition to any resume! There will be two interest meetings held on Thursday February 16 and on Tuesday February 21 in the Instructional Resource Center. Encourage your student to check it out!

Residential Community
Life Central Staff:

Michele Luettger:
Director

Christine Edwards:
Associate Director

Michael Farmer:
Assistant Director

Anne Everett:
Assistant Director

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER!

Residential Community Life strives to provide a variety of opportunities for students to attend programs on campus. One way we do this is through a late night series of programs called Saturday Night Fever. Each residence hall on campus offers this event once an academic year as a fun way to spend a Saturday evening. All of the events have a theme selected by the building, and there is free

food and the possibility for those who attend to win some great prizes. The Saturday Night Fever program series is in its seventh year. It was started in the spring of 2005 as a grant program and we continue this series due to its tremendous success in providing a safe alternative for Saturday night activities. We encourage you to have your student check one out next semester!

Spring 2012 SNF Dates!

February 11 *Hays Hall*
February 18 *Matteson Hall*
February 23 *Wilber Hall*
March 3 *Grant Hall*
March 10 *Curtis Hall*
March 31 *Bacon/Denison Hall*
April 7 *Ford Hall*
April 14 *Golding Hall*
April 21 *Tobey Hall*

GENDER INCLUSIVE HOUSING

Residential Community Life will be offering a pilot Gender Inclusive housing option for fall 2012. This program will be located in Higgins Hall on up to 2 floors.

- What is Gender Inclusive housing?

Gender Inclusive housing, means that any student, regardless of gender, can live together in an apartment in Higgins, with the exception of the double room in each apartment which must house two students of the same



gender, a student of any gender can live in the adjoining single rooms within the apartment.

- How do I apply?

Application information will be distributed next semester, however, it's important to know units will be chosen/assigned by credit hour (the same as regular room selection). Additionally, filling the unit to its designed capacity will be a factor. We offer both 5 and 6 person apartments.

- Who is allowed to live there?

At this time we are offering the pilot program to returning students only. Safe space housing will still be available to all new and returning students.

- When will more information be available?

Residential Community Life will announce meetings via email for question/answer in January. During these meetings we will explain the purpose and process. This will also be an opportunity for students to meet others interested in forming groups to fill apartments.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

February:

Seniors File for Diploma: 2/6
Gender Inclusive Housing Meeting 2/15 after RSO
Gender Inclusive Housing Meeting 2/16 8pm IRC
RA Interest Meeting 2/16, 2/21 9pm IRC
RA Applications available online 2/21-2/27
TAP certification Begins: 2/22

March:

Summer Registration Begin 3/5

RA Selection Process Interviews and Group Process 3/5-3/10
College Closes after classes: 3/16
Classes Resume: 3/26
Withdrawal Deadline: 3/30

April:

Room Selection: 4/9 to 4/20
Last Day to Withdraw from the college: 4/26

May:

Study Day: 5/9
Finals 5/10-16
Commencement: 5/19

FACEBOOK LINK:

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Stay up to date with what is happening on campus and in the residence halls! To add us to your Facebook, click the link below and like our page!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/SUNY-Oneonta-Residential-Community-Life/144127812294587?sk=wall&filter=2>

CONSOLIDATION: WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

Students who are left without a roommate in the Spring semester and want to continue to pay for a double room must move in with another student. ALL students will receive general information of their responsibilities and options if they lack a roommate. These options include:

A. Your student can request a **specific individual** to be re-assigned to the room in which they reside. If this person resides in your student's residence hall, they should contact their Residence Hall Director immediately. If this person lives in a residence hall different from your student's, they should go to the Residence Life

Office immediately.

B. Your student can move in with another individual to another room.

If your student does not utilize one of these options additional charges WILL BE ADDED TO THEIR ACCOUNT.

Once notified, a student is given a date that single room charges will be added to their account for occupying a double room as a single.

Why is consolidation important?

1- Financial Inequity (paying for an Individual Room Program room vs. getting one for free).

2- Save on wear and tear of

rooms and furniture, and to save on maintenance/energy costs.

Q: If my student does not consolidate, is paying for a single but subsequently moves together with someone, will the single room charges be dropped?

A: Yes, the charges will go back to being double room charges on the date that the two students become roommates.



ROOM SELECTION: WHAT STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW!

The room selection process here at Oneonta State is coming up very quickly. Over the years we have tried to make room selection easy for everyone to understand. The entire process is completed on-line, and your student actually selects the room they want to live in for next year. Here's a quick overview of the steps for room selection:

1. Beginning on March 5, students can pay their \$100 housing deposit via MyOneonta, or at the Student Accounts office.
2. Once the deposit has been paid students may pick up their 'housing key' in MyOneonta. The housing key is a unique identification number assigned to your student for room selection, and serves as

their 'key' to enter the room selection process. Also, if students wish to request a specific roommate, they will need this number from their desired roommate.



3. Beginning on March 26, your student will be able to view his/her appointment time on MyOneonta. Students will not be able to select a room until their designated appointment time.
4. Appointments will begin on April 9, and are assigned based on credit hour seniority. (In other words, seniors select first, then juniors, then sophomores, then freshmen.)

5. Room selection will be turned off during class registration, and then turned back on in order for students to make any changes they wish to their room assignment. Room selection will be turned off for the summer on Thursday, May 17.

Students will receive information regarding room selection in their e-mail inbox at the end of February. Also, during the week of April 2 we will offer an informational meeting in each residence hall. Please encourage your student to come and ask any questions about room selection they may have at that meeting.