A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Here we are midway through the spring semester and your students are returning home for a well-deserved break. When they return to Oneonta time will seem to pass even more quickly. Students have much going on for the remainder of the term — room selection for next year, registration for fall classes, and then final exams. Don’t forget – with “One Rate” your student’s room rental will not increase as long as they remain living on campus.

All the celebrations for the end of the year will begin as April winds down, including OH-Fest with Hartwick College, residence hall barbeques, leadership and government award banquets, and finally graduation.

The Residence Life closing schedule is shown below. Your student can leave for the summer months as soon as their final exams are finished, but the residence halls close for the summer on Thursday, May 11 at 9 am. As May comes closer please be sure to make plans with your student.

If you ever have a question for us, please contact the Residence Life Office, or your student’s Residence Hall Director. We will try our best to get you the information you need.

Sincerely,

Michele Luettger, Director
Residential Community Life

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Room Selection

Housing Selection is right around the corner here at SUNY Oneonta. It is an exciting time for students who remain on campus to decide where they would like to live and who they would like to live with for the upcoming year. Below is some information that was shared with all students we feel is important for you to know as you may be guiding your student(s) through their decision making.

**A few highlights for this coming year:**

1. Oneonta’s ONE rate. Your room rental rates will remain the same for as long as you stay on campus. Room rates can be found [here](#).
2. All residence halls have a fitness center to be used exclusively by the students assigned to that residence hall.

**A few important reminders about the process:**

1. The first step is to make sure students read the guidelines provided to them via email thoroughly.
2. Students will be required to pay a $100 housing deposit. Deposits are now being accepted online at [my.oneonta.edu](http://my.oneonta.edu).
3. During the week of March 13, there will be Room Selection Information meetings in each residence hall. If students have any questions, they may attend any meeting in any hall. Meeting times and locations will be posted outside the Office of Residential Community Life, and in each residence hall.
4. The Residence Hall License for 2017-2018 is available [here](#).
5. **All current first time freshman students who entered to college in August of 2016 or January of 2017 are required to live on campus for 4 semesters.**
6. Room selection appointment times will be released on Tuesday, March 14, no later than noon. Students will receive an e-mail from the Office of Residential Community Life indicating that times have been released. Appointment times are created based upon the number of completed credit hours at the end of the Fall 2016 semester.

*If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 607-436-3182.*
Who are the students that help your students navigate through the College? We select and train several dozen student mentors of many types throughout our campus. They work with Residence Life, New Student Services and Academic Advisement during the course of the academic year to assist your students in social and academic areas.

**Resident Advisors** - upperclassmen who live in the residence halls on floors with students. Our RA to student ratio is 1:29. They assist students with developmental, community, and social needs throughout the year.

**Resident Community Advisors** - live in the First Year Experience and Transfer Living Communities to assist with developing building wide community.

**Academic Team Members** – upperclassmen who serve students in the Academic Advisement Office and do outreach programs and appointments with students in the residence halls on academic and registration advisement and concerns.

**Transfer Student Mentors** - The Transfer Student Mentors (TSMs) are current student leaders who transferred to SUNY Oneonta and want to make a positive impact on the newest group of transfer students. Specifically, the TSMs work with the transfer students living in the Transfer Living Community of Hays Hall.

**Very Influential Peers (VIPS)** – The Very Influential Peers are peer mentors for freshmen students. Primarily, the VIPS assist with the College Life course as well as implement programs for new students. Additionally, the VIPS connect with students via email to provide another form of support as freshmen navigate their first year at SUNY Oneonta.
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Tobey Hall - Shannon Marlow
Wilber Hall - Jessica Roman

Mission Statement:
The Office of Residential Community Life supports the educational mission of the College by providing opportunities and experiences for learning outside the classroom. We challenge and support students in leadership development, community service, civic engagement, and embracing diversity/inclusion. To meet the changing needs of students, we continually assess our policies and procedures, facilities, services, and standards. We strive to develop a sense of belonging and respect within our residential community.
New Independent Living Option:

A new housing option is available in Denison Hall. Denison provides on-campus housing with an off-campus feel and independence. Placement for Denison will be given to upper class students. The Denison Housing Option provide an independent living option of doubles and singles. Additionally, students will have the option of gender neutral housing. Each furnished unit is equipped with either a twin or a full-size bed, depending upon housing option selected. The building has a comfortable community room for study breaks, meetings, and casual conversations. Students 21 years old are allowed to have alcohol in the privacy of their rooms. The building will be managed by student managers in case of emergencies.

All current students were sent an email with instruction to request this special housing option and had the ability to schedule tours and apply with the deadline being Thursday, March 2nd.

Special Features:
- Housing includes all breaks from August 26-Commencement
- Full-size bed option opposed to twin beds
- Independent living- Building and student manager only. No RA, hall government, or organized programming.
- Of age students may possess alcohol in their rooms similarly to Higgins.
- Gender inclusive options
- Individual Room options available
- Study space
- Cable Television
- Internet Access
- Laundry Facilities located on each wing of each floor

Same as on-campus housing:
- Same rates as on-campus residence halls
- meal plan required

Target populations:
- Students who need housing for breaks
- International students, student teachers, student interns or athletes
- Gender inclusive preferences
- Upper class independent students
Meet Kody Sargent:

I am currently a Resident Advisor (RA) in Blodgett Hall where my staff task is "Staff Development." Basically I come up with fun activities to do as a staff in order to get to know each other better. Also, as part of my staff task, I sit on the Marketing Committee for Residential Community Life where we try to make living on campus enticing and fun for everyone and try to reduce the amount of students moving off campus.

My favorite thing about SUNY Oneonta would have to be the welcoming environment. From the campus itself to the professors and residence halls, Oneonta feels like my home and I feel very comfortable on this campus. I went to Binghamton University for one semester and I can honestly say that I felt the complete opposite there so being a student here at Oneonta where its a warm and welcoming environment is my favorite thing.

Some of my hobbies include basically doing anything with my friends and RA staff here on campus. I love all things sports and try to go play basketball as much as I can at Chase gym. I also enjoy a good movie to sit down and watch when I can and I do a little bit of reading on occasion.

My advice to fellow students here would be to get involved on campus no matter what it is you’re doing. It can be any thing from intramural sports to the clubs on campus like Newman club, SUNY ONmark, finance club, Harry Potter club, etc. Even things like being an RA or working in the library or at the dining halls is also good for getting involved because you are able to make connections through the people you work with. I am an RA and I have made connections with most of the RD's and other RA's throughout campus and I feel like I am part of a strong community of people who genuinely want to make the experience here at SUNY Oneonta the best a student can possibly have!

Resident Advisor & Residential Community Advisor Selection!

In February, SUNY Oneonta Residential Community Life invited all students to apply to work within the Department of Residential Community Life as Resident Advisors (RAs) or Residential Community Advisors (RCAs).

We had over 140 students apply and go through the interview process. We congratulate those who have been selected to work with us and encourage all students interested to apply in the future. Applications and interviews are held every semester for these two student leadership positions.
Adventure is the name of the game when you come to Oneonta.

Sponsored by the Office of Residential Community Life, the Outdoor Adventure Program offers different trips and activities every weekend school is in session through either the Outdoor Adventure Club, on campus or at our College Camp. Whether you enjoy paddling, hiking, whale watching, rock climbing, winter sports or more, there’s something for you.

Trips fill quickly so we encourage you to register for our listserv. This will ensure that all the necessary information goes directly to your preferred e-mail account.

You can join the email listserv as soon as you arrive on campus. If you have any questions before then, feel free to contact our office at: (607) 436-3455 or by e-mailing: snapper.petta@oneonta.edu
Top 10 Reasons To Live On Campus!

Wondering if you should stay on campus or move off? We polled a group of students on campus students — Here are ten good reasons as to why they say staying on campus is the better choice!

#1 - SUNY Oneonta campus promotes top safety for the students. University Police Officers are on campus 24/7 to assist with whatever problems they can. We also use the “Blue Lights” system which acts as an emergency help button. You should be able to see at least one where ever you stand on campus.

#2 - Living on campus is very convenient for students. You are in walking distance from everything that you might need including the library, dining halls, classes, and the gym.

#3 - You’ll never have to do your own dishes! With your unlimited meal plan you will never have to worry about grocery shopping or worse... doing the dishes. This allows you to have more time throughout your day!

#4 - Every residence hall has cleaners that clean the bathrooms daily. If you live in a suite they clean it weekly. You already know that if you live on your own you won’t have that luxury! Also, emergency maintenance is available 24/7.

#5 - There are Resident Advisors, Academic Team Members and a Residence Hall Director that all live right in your residence halls if you needed anything! Whether it’s academically, personally or you just want to chit chat.

#6 - Staying on campus helps and encourages you to meet new people and help build a community. You will be living in a residence hall with 200 plus other students, the possibilities to make friends are endless!

#7 - It is easier to stay in tune with all of the events going on around campus if you are actually on campus. That includes your RAs programs and socials, new movie releases, diversity programs and tons more!

#8 - FREE, a college students favorite word. Luckily for the students who stay on campus laundry, Wi-Fi, amenities, cable, rec rooms, computer labs, and even condoms are free! You won’t see that living off campus.

#9 - You can sleep more! Since everything is so much closer to you, you can hit that snooze button a few more times before having to roll out of bed. There is nothing more satisfying then a full night’s sleep.

#10 - Staying on campus allows you to stay close with your friends. They can either be right down the hall or just the building next door. Signing leases for off campus housing can be tricky if you are trying to stay close to a specific group of friends. Who knows where you will all wind up?

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Upcoming Saturday Night Fever Events:

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Hulbert Hall

Kaitlin Mextorf
Hays Hall AHD

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MacDuff Hall

Jerrimiah Turner
Sherman Hall

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