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What Does Your Future Hold?

Summer is only a couple of months away. Have you given thought as to where you will live after June 11, 2011? Why is this day important? This is when your current license agreement is due to expire.

Live on campus for the summer and 2011-2012 academic year? There are many benefits to living on campus supported by research. Studies show that students who live on campus do better academically and are more likely to finish school in

four years. Imagine finishing school a quarter or two sooner and getting closer to grad school or your first full-time job.

Help us plan. If you haven't done so already, please turn in your Intent Form to the Housing Services office letting us know your housing plans for the summer/fall. Those of you moving out will need to fill out the Move-Out forms and those continuing for summer and/or the 2011-2012 academic year



will need to apply through the NEW HOUSING PORTAL. Keep an eye out for flyers, banners and announcements on the Housing Channel with application information.

I ♥ Living on Campus Because...

By: Imelda Gonzalez



Living on campus so far has been extremely beneficial because waking up to go to school is not as hard as it was last year. I am able to wake up an hour earlier rather than 4 hours early to take the train. Now, all I do is climb stairs which is a hassle but you get a good work out. I love the fact that my roommates and I come from completely different lifestyles and backgrounds. We have a few things in common but we're not all the same and the fact that we're not gives us opportunities to experience new things. There is definitely

no place like your parents home but having your own home is incomparable. I look forward to next fall and moving back as long as I get enough financial aid. I'm excited to start a new year to add to the experience and memories of living on campus.

By: Mazen Subeh



I am a Freshman studying Health Sciences with a focus on community health. I currently live in the lovely housing development in phase two, building one, with one of the best Resident Assistants ever. I decided to attend Cal State LA

because it gave me the opportunity to strive to receive an education that I wanted. It has a very diverse student body. Best of all, Cal State LA offers programs for every lifestyle possible. The best part of living in the dorms is the great relationships a person makes. It helps a person grow and thrive. Many times the roommates a person has will give moral and spiritual support; which by the way, helps greatly when a person is stressed. Also, a nice thing about the dorming life is that just like in any household, you can get into disagreements with others, but you will get over the disagreement soon and become better friends than before.

Housing Survey

Let us know what you think about Housing and how we can improve your stay on campus. Keep an eye out for a Housing Survey. Check your email account soon and look for flyers and banners or a slide on the Housing Channel to notify you when it will be ready.

Grocery Runs

Need a ride to the market? Take our shuttle service for free. You can catch it in front of the Phase II Mail Room. Leaves Campus: 10am-1pm. Return trips only: 1pm-2pm

April 9, 23
May 7, 21
June 4, 18



Spring Meal Plan



Sign up for the Spring Meal Plan! The 7-meal plan consists of five dinner meals Monday through Friday and two brunch meals on Saturday and Sunday. It is all you can eat with a delicious selection to choose from daily. The meal plan prorated so you can sign up at any time during the quarter. Stop by the Housing Services office to pick up an invoice or visit www.calstatela.edu/univ/housing/mealplan.php. Start eating great food tonight!

Summer Quarter

For the 2011-2012 academic year, the CSU Chancellor's Office has increased our campus enrollment target to 16,350 full-time equivalent students (FTES). For our campus, this target represents an increase of approximately 1,100 additional FTES compared to what we estimated for the 2011-2012 academic year. In order to realize this higher target and serve additional students, our campus is returning to a state-supported summer quarter for 2011.

Housing Resident Advisors 2010-2011



Starlet Barnes, Resident Advisor. I like working in Housing because I like to impact and help students! Things that keep me busy on the weekends are anything that's fun; amusement parks, movies, restaurants, really just exploring Los Angeles!

Melissa Zavala, Resident Advisor. I like working in Housing because it has given me an opportunity to become a better person. Things that keep me busy on the weekends are my family and my jobs.

Stacey Johnson, Resident Advisor. I like working in housing because I enjoy working with the wonderful staff and interacting with our diverse residents. It has given me the



Left: Starlet Barnes, Victoria Enriquez, Melissa Zavala, Nick Biedma, Gio Rodriguez, Donyet King, and Shannon Roe. **Right:** Berenice Aceves, Lien Pham, Shanekwa Robinson, Taylor Mechliniski, Stacey Johnson, Natasha Buranasombati, and Marlena Smith.

opportunity to come out of my comfort zone and be creative with programming. Things that keep me busy on weekends are hanging out with friends and family, including the RA staff, reading and scrapbooking, video and board games and of course sleeping.

Oscar Navarro Alvarez,



Resident Advisor. I like working in Housing I get to meet a lot of people while working and it is a fun experience. Helps build leadership and a free apartment, pay check and early registration doesn't hurt either. Things that keep me busy on the weekends are usually work because I'm always on duty on the week-

ends, sometimes I go visit my family or on rare occasions I go out with friends to explore the night life.

Natasha Buranasombati, Resident Advisor. I like working in Housing because I enjoy putting on programs that build our community and fulfill residents' interests. Things I like to do on the weekends are going hiking/being outdoors, eating at different restaurants, and visiting my family.

Nick Biedma, Resident Advisor. I like working in Housing because it's a great way to meet all of the people who are living here. It's also awesome to plan programs for residents because they are usually really rewarding, educational, and fun.

Finally, working with my co-workers this year has been amazing. Overall, it's a really great job. Things that keep me busy on weekends are hanging out with friends, going to Disneyland with my family and friends, going to concerts, avoiding homework, making films, and watching the Giants beat the Dodgers.

Marlena Smith, Resident



Advisor. I like working in Housing because I like to meet new people, and I enjoy making lasting relationships. Having lasting relationships allows for resident to trust me and talk to me about ANYTHING. Things that keep me busy on the weekend are work, homework, hanging out with family and friends, and shopping!! I love to shop!! But I have to work, so that I can make the money to afford to shop!!

Victoria Enriquez, Resident Advisor. I like working in Housing because I enjoy meeting new people and making a difference in their lives. Things that keep me busy on the weekends are hiking, reading/homework, and baking.

Iris Aceves, Resident Advisor.



I like working in Housing because I get to meet new people on the job. I am someone people in housing can come to when they need help or just someone to talk to. Along with the fact that in Housing the staff is amazing, we are all close and in the end all have one goal to achieve, to help make our residents lives better, more fun, happier, and

safe. Things that keep me busy on the weekends are going home to my family every once in a while to have myself be taken care of, hanging out with my fellow staff members cooking food or playing games or even coming up with programs and activities.

Berenice Aceves, Resident Advisor. I like working in Housing because it gives me the opportunity to meet and network with many students. Things that keep me busy on the weekends are hanging out with friends and family.

Jennifer Gales, Resident Ad-

visor. I like working in Housing because I love having a large group of friends in my housing community. It makes me feel a part of something larger than myself. Things that keep me busy on the weekends are my sorority (Alpha Sigma Tau), school, the gym, friends and family.



Gio Rodriguez, Resident Advisors. I like working in Housing because I like being part of building a community that's not only conducive to education, but helps people form connections with others! Things that keep me busy on the weekends are to engage in one of my many artistic talents! Anything from cooking to painting or sketching!

Elizabeth Prophete, Resi-



dent Advisor. I like working in Housing because it gives me a chance to interact with other residents from other places like International Students. I love

being in a diverse community. Things that keep me busy on the weekends are going to church, movie nights with my friends, going out to eat, and study parties.

James Brooks, Resident Advisor. I like working in Housing because I get to work with an interesting group of people. Things that keep me busy on weekends are reading, cooking and practicing Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.



Shannon Roe, Resident Advisor. I like working in Housing because great staff and students and I love continuing to learn and helping students become better people. Things that keep me busy on weekends are just enjoying live entertainment like jazz, hip-hop, or classical music!

Lien Pham, Resident Advisor. I like working in Housing because the staff is amazing, the residents are motivated & enthusiastic, and it's fun. Things that keep me busy on weekends are dancing, volunteering at LA County/USC Medical Center, hanging out w/ friends, drinking BOBA, and studying!

Shanekwa Robinson, Residence Life Coordinator. I like working in Housing because I have the opportunity to create community, connections, and amazing programs. Things that keep me busy on the weekends are studying and skyping my husband.

Calie Smejkal, Residence Life Coordinator. I like working in Housing because of the environment and the people. Things that keep me busy on weekends are homework, sleep and eating.

Intent Forms

What are your plans after Spring Quarter? Submit your Intent Form to the Housing Services office now.

Congratulations

to Johanna Torres who won the contest to choose the newsletter's name. Runner Up's were Benji Guerrero and Nick Hisoire.

Closet Doors

Residents in Phase I who want their closet doors removed please fill out a work order online.

Need Advice?

Submit your questions to Housing Services and they may be selected to appear on the advice column of an upcoming issue of the Housing Newsletter. Email your questions to Rebecca Palmer rpalmer@cslanet.calstatela.edu.

Graduation Initiative

Currently, fewer than 50% of CSU students graduate in six years. The Graduation Initiative's goal is to raise the freshman six-year graduation rate by 8 percentage points by 2015-2016. If we reach this goal, the CSUs will be in the top quartile of national averages of similar institutions while cutting in half the gap in degree attainment by CSU's under-represented minority students. Every interrupted education is a lost opportunity for the student, student's family and community. The state and the Graduation Initiative commits to eliminating roadblock to our student's success. Each campus in the CSU system will work on individual plans designed to reach the graduation goal and enhance the college education their students will receive.

By: Rebecca Palmer



As the Assistant Director for Residence Life in Housing Services, I am dedicated to the academic success of our students! We strive to create a residential community that supports students in the personal, emotional, ethical, and intellectual development. Our staff and programs might seem like a helpful group of people who make this a fun place to live- but there is a lot of intentionality behind everything we do. Why is that you ask? Because research has shown how important living on campus is in relation to student success!

Important research by Dr. Alexander Astin on his study of college students who lived on campus shows that students who live on campus are statistically more likely to:

- Be satisfied with their university experience.
- Have a higher persistence rate and graduate sooner than students who live off-campus.
- Maintain a higher grade point average, with a higher percentage of residence hall graduates pursuing professional degrees after obtaining their bachelor degree.
- Be more involved in campus life, including: clubs, Greek life, and student leadership.
- Build relationships with their faculty and university employees.

By: Roselynde Barrow



Graduation is the cornerstone of an educational foundation; without the symbolic representation of a formal degree, the "real" world has no indication that you spent your time at college doing anything more substantial than eating

ramen noodles and playing video games. Accomplishing this goal requires some sacrifice; maybe instead of taking that pottery class, you should meet with your advisor and create a game plan to get you on the path to graduation as soon as possible.

Important Deadlines

April 1, 2011 - Rent Due

April 4, 2011 - Graduation application filing period for students graduating end of Fall 2011 with a bachelor degree begins.

April 5, 2011 - Spring 2011 No record drop deadline

Apr 6, 2011 - Spring 2011 "W" withdrawal period begins

April 6, 2011 - Last day to pay Spring 2011 registration fees and be guaranteed access to register by April 13 with \$25 late fee

April 11, 2011 - Spring 2011 add deadline, includes \$25 late fee

April 11, 2011 - Last day for partial refunds (reduction in unit loads)

April 14, 2011 - Deadline for reinstatement of Winter 2011 disqualified students in Spring 2011 classes

April 28, 2011 - Deadline to submit "credit by exam" requests for Spring 2011 Thurs

April 28, 2011 - Deadline to apply for Spring 2011 Cal State L.A. recommended credentials

April 29, 2011 - Honors Convocation, University Gymnasium

SUBMISSIONS

If you would like to make a submission to the newsletter, please email your article to: rpalmer@cslanet.calstatela.edu.