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End of the Year Check List

Summer is almost here and the Spring Quarter is quickly coming to an end. By now, you should have submitted your Intent Form letting us know your housing plans at the end of the Academic Year. If you have not done so, please turn in your Intent Form and the appropriate forms.

You must follow some steps according to your housing plans in order to avoid incurring any fees, losing a portion or all of your security deposit and ensuring a smooth transition into your summer break. Determine which of the following four categories applies to you and follow those steps.

1. Continuing (staying in Housing for the 2011 summer quarter and 2011-2012 Academic Year):

- Apply for the 2011 summer quarter online through the Housing Portal beginning May 23, 2011.
- Submit payment for the 2011 summer quarter by May 27, 2011.
- Apply for the 2011-2012 Academic Year online through the Housing Portal beginning June 1, 2011.
- Submit payment for the 2011-2012 Academic Year by September 1, 2011

2. Returning (moving out for the summer and returning

for the 2011-2012 Academic Year):

- Apply for the 2011-2012 Academic Year online through the Housing Portal beginning June 1, 2011.
- Submit the initial payment for the 2011-2012 Academic Year by July 1, 2011.
- Print and submit the Move Out Refund Request, Financial Aid form and complete the online Exit Survey at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/CSULAHousingExitSurvey.
- Remove all of your belongings from your apartment.
- Clean your apartment. Vacuums are available at the Community Information Center (CIC) in Phase I.

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Resident Spotlight



Saul "Cyrus" Chavez
Major: Psychology
Freshman

As the President of the Residence Hall Association, Cyrus is making a difference in his community by leading an organization that stands as the voice of the students in the housing area. From event planning to meeting with the Housing Director, Cyrus is looking to be an agent of change for his fellow students!

Cyrus loves living in Housing because he gets to meet new people and be independent! He

chose CSULA because it was close to home, he gets a great education, IT'S LOS ANGELES, and he gets an amazing cultural experience.

When asked what he wanted to do most in the world, Cyrus said, "I would be like Dr. Drew... I want to work with teens who require some form of rehabilitation; whether it's drugs, obesity, disability... whatever, I just really want to help young people."

*Graduates
Congratulations
to CSULA's
Graduating
Class of 2011!*



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

**May 7, 21
June 4, 18**



End of the Year Checklist

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- ❑ Clear out your mailbox.
- ❑ Return both keys to the Housing Services office by 2:00 pm June 11, 2011.



3. Moving Out (moving out at the end of the 2011 spring quarter and not planning to return for the 2011-2012 Academic Year):

- ❑ Print and submit the Move Out Refund Request, Financial Aid form and complete the online Exit Survey at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/CSULAHousingExitSurvey.
- ❑ Remove all of your belongings from your apartment.
- ❑ Clean your apartment. Vacuums are available in the Community Information Center (CIC) in Phase I.
- ❑ Clear out your mailbox.
- ❑ Return both keys to the Housing Services office by 2:00 pm June 11, 2011.

4. Summer Only (staying in Housing for the 2011 summer

quarter but not returning for the 2011-2012 Academic Year):

- ❑ Apply for the summer 2011 quarter online through the Housing Portal beginning May 23, 2011.
- ❑ Submit the payment for the 2011 summer quarter by May 27, 2011.
- ❑ You will be submitting move out forms and turning in your keys by 2:00 pm September 3, 2011.

Due to some building closures for Summer Conferences, residents staying through the summer quarter may be asked to transfer apartments.

If Move Out Forms have been submitted and the office is closed when you want to check out, place both keys in an addressed envelope (Name and Apartment Number) and put them in the drop box located on the wall right outside the Housing Services office. (The

wall closest to the mailroom). Keys returned must match the ones assigned at move-in. If the keys don't match, you will be charged for a lock change.

If you submitted your Intent Form indicating that you will not return for the 2011-2012 Academic Year but change your mind after moving out, we will prioritize you as a new student. You will not be guaranteed housing and may be placed on a waiting list.

All Move Out and application information for Continuing and Returning residents is available: http://www.calstatela.edu/univ/housing/returning_residents.php?#maincontent.



Dobbs Street Community Housing for Graduate Students



Dobbs Street Community Housing will be available for graduate CSULA students beginning Fall 2011. Located at

the North Gateway entrance and a short walk up to campus, Dobbs Street Community Housing gives residents an opportunity to meet and live among other graduate students all while enhancing the academic experience. Dobbs Street Community will feature affordable housing with single-occupancy in two-bedroom apartments. For students with a stricter

budget there will be suite-style and double-occupancy bedrooms.

Take advantage of our quiet community living, and convenient access to faculty, libraries, research facilities, classrooms, and other campus resources. Applications for Dobbs Street Community Housing will be available on the Housing website in the summer. For updates visit www.calstatela.edu/univ/housing or call (323)343-4800.

R.H.A. Making a Change in the Housing Community

By: Kamilah Moore, RHA Treasurer (Edited by D. King)

The Residence Hall Association (R.H.A) is making a big difference in the Housing Services community. Fall 2010 was the comeback year for this incredible organization. The Residence Hall Association consists of students currently living within Housing, who serve as the liaison between the residents and the housing department. R.H.A. also creates and implements large scale events for the residents, all while focusing on ways to enhance the living experience for everyone!

Some of R.H.A. events you may have seen include Casino Night and Spring Madness. Another great event, which will be a partnership with the Residence Life area, the "Who Got Game?" a 3-on-3 basketball competition this month! We are also working on creating a

logo for our organization. If you're creative, have any drawing skills and would like to show us your ideas, we would greatly appreciate it.

Right now our main focus for R.H.A is recruitment. We currently have 6 senator positions left and 5 commissioner positions. The senators are individuals who are the voting representatives for a particular area in Housing. They assist R.H.A. in dispensing information and connecting with the residents in the community.

The commissioner positions include Fundraising, Public Relations, Sustainability, Recruitment/Spirit and Multicultural.

If you're interested in filling one of these positions or you just want to see what we're up to, please attend our meetings in the Phase II Conference Room every Wednesday at 8:00 pm or contact Donyet King, the R.H.A. Advisor at dking5@cslanet.calstatela.edu or (323) 343-4800. Applications are available at every meeting.



Summer Courses and Financial Aid



In summer 2011, CSULA will host a state-supported quarter that will provide students access to courses that may help them advance toward their degrees. CSULA will offer courses that are in high demand throughout the academic year, are popular within upper division GE themes and create bottlenecks for student time to graduate. The state-supported

summer will run as a traditional quarter, spanning from June 20 through September 3.

Financial aid is available for those who qualify and students will be able to submit a Summer 2011 Award Request online. Priority processing date for Award Request is Friday, May 27, 2011. Award request forms submitted after that date will not be processed until all requests submitted prior to May 27 have been processed. Federal Pell Grants, State Uni-

versity Grants and Direct Loan Programs will be awarded to eligible students as aid for the Summer 2011 quarter.

Students should check their To Do List on GET to determine if you are required to submit any documents. Students with missing documents will not be processed for Summer funding. For more information or to submit an Award Request visit www.calstatela.edu/finaid/summer_2011.php

Intent Forms

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

Memorial Day

The Housing Services office, Mail Room, Dining Room, and Community Information Center (CIC) will be closed on Mon., May 30th in observance of Memorial Day. To reach the RA on duty, call (323) 343-4807.



Door Removal

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

Graduation Initiative

Tracey Truong, International Admissions Evaluator



As a diverse campus, students come from all over the world to CSULA, and my job is to process their international applications. We have applicants coming as first time freshmen, transfers from other colleges and graduate students. The majority of applications received are for our graduate programs. After the determination of the students' admission eligibility, we will send them an admission letter and an I-20, which is required for them to apply for a student visa to study in the U.S.

Besides the admission process, we also assist them with questions about their overseas transfer credits. My goal is to help them in any way I can so that they stay at CSULA and eventually graduate.

Sometimes, I run into students on and off campus, and they remember me as their evaluator. They tell me that they are happy to earn their degree from CSULA, because they have had a great undergraduate experience. Many even stay to get their master degrees. I enjoy learning about their culture and I respect it as well. It gives me personal satisfaction to see them happy and getting their degree (s). Sometimes, they come by our office to thank us for our help. It makes me feel good about my job and the opportunity to help our international students.

Johann Almeida, Freshman



Johann Almeida, a freshman at CSULA, is a Political Science major determined to succeed and become a congressman in his native country, Brazil. Johann attended middle and high school in New York, then moved to the west coast to attend Cal State L.A. Being trilingual and speaking Portuguese, English and Spanish, Johann set off to find a Brazilian Denomination church and found a Portuguese one in Los Angeles.

Johann likes CSULA because of its many options within his major and although he is \$12,000 in debt so far, earning his degree will help him succeed in his career. He will gain a lot of valuable experience while studying and living in Los Angeles. "Getting an education is great, but graduating with a degree from the USA is even better. It is like gold back home!" states Johann.

Important Deadlines

May 1, 2011 - Rent Due

May 12, 2011 - "W" withdrawal period ends for Spring 2011

May 12, 2011 - Last day to submit planned student leave petitions for Spring 2011

May 12, 2011 - Last day to drop all classes for prorated refund

May 13, 2011 - Emergency Withdrawal period for Spring 2011

May 15, 2011 - Application Processing date for 2011-2012 Academic Year housing applications

May 27, 2011 - Priority Processing date for Summer 2011 Financial Aid Award Requests

May 30, 2011 - Memorial Day; campus closed

June 1, 2011 - Rent Due

June 2, 2011 - Spring 2011 Emergency Withdrawal period ends

June 6 – 11, 2011 - Spring 2011 final examinations

June 10, 2011 - 2010–11 Commencement Ceremony

June 11, 2011 - 2010–11 Commencement Ceremony

June 11, 2011 - Move-Out by 2pm.

June 12, 2011 - ELP Spring Quarter Move-Out by 2pm

June 12-19, 2011 - Spring 2011 Quarter break

June 17, 2011 - Spring 2011 grades available on GET

June 20, 2011 - 2011 Summer Quarter classes begin

SUBMISSIONS

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