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Graduate Housing - Golden Eagle Apartments

It's finally here! The Golden Eagle Apartments for graduate students is opening Winter quarter 2012. You can look forward to affordable housing with single occupancy in two-bedroom apartments as well as suite-style and double occupancy rooms for students on a stricter budget. Apartments are fully furnished, include basic utilities and Meal Plan options are also available.

Located on the corner of Dobbs Street and Mariondale Avenue, the Golden Eagles



Apartments will give you an opportunity to meet and live among other graduate students and enhance your academic experience. Take advantage of our quiet community living with convenient access to classes, faculty, libraries, research facilities and other campus resources.

If you are a Graduate student already living on campus, you get priority to move into the Golden Eagle Apartments. Stop by the Housing Services office to fill out the Graduate Housing Transfer Request form and visit our website for rates, floor plans and more.

Academic Advisement: Stay Informed

Budgets cuts and cancelled classes have made it difficult for many students to fulfill university requirements and have sometimes even delayed their graduation date. Don't let this happen to you, stay informed. The University Catalog available at ecatalog.calstatela.edu has basic information and requirements, however, academic advisors have the latest information on which classes are being offered which quarters and they can help you come up with a graduation plan in order to ensure that you fulfill all of your requirements towards graduation.

Registration dates for Winter Quarter have begun. Avoid taking classes that you don't need and take advantage of the classes that are only offered once a year. The University Academic Advisement Center (UAAC) provides students with the up-to-date information on General Education (GE) courses and University Requirements. Each major department also has their advisors that can provide you with detailed information about each department and the specific requirements for your major. Meet with an advisor on a regular basis to make sure

you're on track and have your questions answered. Undeclared majors should schedule an advisement appointment at least once a quarter.

Schedule an appointment with an advisor in the JFK Library—Palmer Wing, room 1040A or call (323) 343-3150. For department advisors' contact information visit the departments website or the University Catalog. For more information visit www.calstatela.edu/univ/advise/index.php

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Dining Corner

Campus Closures

The Housing Services office, Mail Room, Dining Room, and Community Information Center (CIC) will be closed on Fri., Nov. 11 in observance of **Veteran's Day** and on Thurs, Nov. 24 – Sun. Nov. 26 in observance of **Thanksgiving**. To reach the RA on duty, call (323) 343-4807.

Work Orders

Submit ALL Work Order online to the Housing Portal (housing.calstatela.edu/StarRezPortal). Report Emergency Work Orders to the Housing Services office or the RA on Duty if the office is closed (323)343-4807.

Basketball Courts

Basketball courts are located in Ph. II behind bldg. 5 and are specially lighted for night use. Lights go off at 10pm.



Mark Vargas

"The food is really good and its relaxing to sit down and enjoy my meal." Favorite Food: Tri Strip Steak, Chicken Marsala, Mashed Potatoes

Kathleen Miucci

"It's convenient and there's a good variety of food, something for everyone. Also, nobody is friendlier than Erika." Favorite Food: Fettuccini Alfredo



Jonathan Martinez works for University Auxiliary Services

(UAS) in Expo Delivery and prepares the dining room for meal plan participants. Having worked for UAS for two years, he enjoys the preparation process for catering. What he likes about our meal plan is when people come and sit in the dining room to eat and chat with

him (so don't be shy to say hi). He likes to accommodate residents when they have food restrictions, like being a vegetarian or having allergies. Fun fact about Jonathan: "I used to have long hair. My braid is at home. It took me 7 years to grow that braid".

2011-12 R.A.'s

Residence Life Coordinators



Calie



Gio



Stacey

3101, 3103, 3105, 3107, 3201, 3203, 3205, 3207, 3303, 3305



Semein

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Nick

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Victoria

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Joann

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Liz

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Residence Hall Association

By Erica Chapman (RHA Marketing/Public Relations Commissioner)

RHA (Residence Hall Association) presents a brand new year full of bigger, more exciting activities. If you thought we were small last year then you will be fully blown away this year because we have new members, more support, and fresh ideas! Our mission: to make being a resident the best choice you have ever made and to make your stay for the 2011-2012 academic year comfortable and enjoyable.

Our first event is The Second

Annual Ultimate Game Night on November 16. Here we will have every game you can think of from Board games to video games and karaoke. Come out and enjoy playing games and singing with your friends or make new ones. Last year's Game Night was a hit and this year again our mission is to top it and make it even better. RHA also co-sponsors other events like Carn-EVIL and Casino Night, 9which will occur in the spring). We guarantee that you will find these to be amazing and fun!

As residents you have the right

to voice your opinion about your stay here at Cal State LA Housing Services, whether they are highlights or challenges. While we hope your comments are good. If not, the Residence Hall Association meetings is a great way to share your input and work toward a better community and college living experience. If you would like to join RHA feel free to come to the meetings on Wednesday nights at 8:00pm in the Phase II Conference Room and share your great ideas so we can continue to make this school year EPIC!

Personal Safety: Apartment Thefts

Two apartments have had laptops stolen from inside the home. Our goal is to make this a safe, supportive, and enjoyable place for everyone to live. Therefore, we ask that we all take an active role in this goal.

1. Front Doors and Sliding Glass Doors: Please make sure that your doors are closed and locked at all times.

A. The front door can be left unlocked by moving the inside lock all the way to the right (don't do this— it leaves your door unlocked).

B. Always check your door locks before leaving your apartment or going to bed.

2. Windows: Do not leave your windows open, especially during the night. This creates a potentially unsafe environment for you and others living in your apartment. Particularly first floor residents— close and lock your windows at night.

3. Personal Items: Always secure your personal items in your bedroom and lock the door when you leave. Remember that you have several roommates who may or may not be responsible securing the apartment before they leave.

4. Sharing Apartment Keys: NEVER loan your personal apartment key to ANYONE

under ANY circumstances (including your roommates). It is a policy violation to do so. CSULA is not liable for property loss. It is recommended to purchase Renter's Insurance to cover any loss or damage to personal property. CSULA is affiliated with National Student Services, Inc. which offers personal property insurance especially designed for college students at an affordable price. For more information, visit their website at www.nssi.com. If you have any concerns, contact Rebecca Palmer at rpalmer@cslanet.calstatela.edu, your RD or RA directly.

Sherwood's Forest: Apartment Repairs

All maintenance and repairs needed in your apartment should be reported to maintenance with a work order. Work orders MUST be submitted online through the Housing Portal at housing.calstatela.edu/

StarRezPortal. Click on 'Maintenance' and follow the instructions to report the problem. Be sure to submit one work order for every problem. Maintenance will then prioritize these reports

in terms of safety. We ask that you are patient with any repairs. Maintenance staff will get to your apartment for your work order request as soon as they are able to.

Water Machine

Located in Phase I outside of the laundry room. Cost is 25 cents/gallon

RA On Duty

To reach the RA on duty after hours and on weekends call (323)343-4807

Computer Lab

Open in Phase I for all residents. Printing is available.

Meal Plan

You can still sign up for the Meal Plan. Stop by the Housing Services office or sign up online at www.calstatela.edu/univ/housing/mealplan.php

Social Networks

Like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @ CSULA Housing for updates on what is going on in housing!

Grocery Runs

November 5, 19
10am-1pm
Return Trips Only:
1pm-2pm

Graduation Initiative



Alfredo Gonzalez—Dean of Undergraduate Studies

The “Graduation Initiative” is a CSU system-wide effort to increase the six-year graduation rate of students at each of the 23 campuses, as well as to eliminate “gaps” in the graduation rates among different groups on the campus. At CSULA a group of administrators, faculty and staff have been meeting to develop a plan to achieve the goals set for the campus. The practical results of these efforts for students will be better advising, more effective planning of course offerings, greater coordination of support services, and greater opportunities for students to participate in experiences that involve high impact practices such as student learning communities, undergraduate research, and community engagement, all of which have been proven to enhance student success and graduation rates.



Xenia Sanchez is a first year transfer student from Southwestern College located in the San Diego area. She graduated after attending the community college for 4 years, being involved in student government her first two years and then working on campus events her last two years. She commuted by bus from Tijuana to campus for her four years at southwestern college. Xenia’s day began at 4:30am to be at the Tijuana/U.S. border by 5:30am, which could take up to two hours to cross. She would then take a bus that would take her directly from the border to Southwestern College in about 30 minutes, getting there in time for her 8am classes. She was a full-time student and full-time activities staff member her last semester and would finally make it back home at 8:30pm.

Xenia is now a Psychology major at Cal State L.A. and new to the city. She lives in phase I with two other roommates whom she gets along with very well. Living in an apartment on campus now means that she can wake up at 8am and not 4:30am anymore. Having a plan for her future, Xenia is very focused on her goal to graduate and get her masters. She hopes to move to

Washington state to continue her education in Grad school. Through her experiences at Southwestern and Cal State L.A., her recommendation to students is to get involved and meet new people, especially professors. When they know what you’re going through and your obstacles as a college student, they can help ease your path to reach your goals.

Important Deadlines

November 1, 2011 - Rent Due for residents on monthly payment plan.

November 10, 2011 - Withdrawal period ends

November 11, 2011 - Veteran’s Day; Campus Closed.

November 14, 2011 - Emergency Withdrawal period begins (extenuating circumstances only)

November 24 – 26, 2011 – Thanksgiving Holidays; Campus Closed

November 28, 2011 - Eligible NEW Students can begin to view Registration Appointments in GET for Winter Quarter 2012 registration.

November 28, 2011 - Parking Permits for Winter 2011 go on sale

Readership Program

Housing Services participates in the Collegiate Readership Program that provides copies of USA Today and Los Angeles Times Monday-Friday throughout the academic year (fall, winter and spring). This program is designed to create an atmosphere of community awareness and prepares students



for our rapidly changing global society. Need to write a report on a news article? Take advantage of this free source and pick up a newspaper for casual reading or for use as part of course assignments. Newspaper stands are located in the Phase I and II hallways.

SUBMISSIONS

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