Residence Life: Creating a Culture of Care

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Residence Life by the Numbers

- 169 student staff are employed by HRL and live and work in the halls.
- 2,195 new freshmen are in the halls.
- 6335 resided in the halls for summer camps and conferences, including SOAR and summer bridge programs.
- 28 residence halls on campus.
- 17 pro staff members live in the halls and supervise 136 RAs.
- 320 new transfer students reside on campus.
- 5,707 total residents.
- 7 graduate student assistantships are offered annually.
- 112 residents are involved in 6 HRL-sponsored living-learning communities.
- 2,460 total private rooms.
Move-In and Welcome Week

• Campus-wide effort with additional 500 student volunteers

• Largest move-in day (Thursday) – 1,480 residents

• Students from every continent except Antarctica

• Recycled nearly six tons of cardboard

• Comprehensive schedule of Welcome Week activities
House Calls – Welcoming our New Students

• Faculty and staff welcome our newest students to the University
• 1,316 new students visited
• 100 faculty/staff volunteers
• 116 student staff volunteers
Connections

• Importance of feeling connected to campus and sense of belonging

• Structured interactions between RAs and each resident

• 25,686 documented interactions last year – average of 202 per RA

• Common themes – navigating campus and their academic experience, living with a roommate, and getting involved on campus
Resident Advisors: Ambassadors of Care

• Responsible for 25 to 75 residents
• Primary role model focused on building community, engaging students and supporting their transition and development

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