

Welcome to Seattle University. “Home is a feeling ... not a place.”

On behalf of the Department of Housing & Residence Life—I am pleased to welcome you to the **SU Fall Preview Day**. Your participation is an important step as you evaluate college/university choices. I believe the “*second most important*” decision a student will consider —after college choice— is where to live.

The entire HRL staff is committed to providing student residential communities which enhance personal development, academic success and, social engagement within physical environments that are safe, clean and well-maintained.

Our shared goal for SU residents is to assist and guide students in participating and contributing to healthy and positive residential communities where individuals value respect, assume responsibility, and achieve socially and academically.

During your critical and important “first year” on campus - you will soon find the campus residential experience will serve to be the **other half** of your education.

We look forward to serving and assisting you today and in the future.

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Department of Housing & Residence Life

VISION: We provide **formational experiences** that empower students to be **engaged leaders** as they move beyond our communities and into the world.

MISSION: Housing & Residence Life provides **safe** and **inclusive** communities to the students of Seattle University with opportunities for **connection** and **exploration** through a dedicated Residence Life team, strategic campus partnerships, and a commitment to living the University’s values.

Seattle University as a residential campus. In the Catholic Jesuit Tradition—the University is committed to the education of the **whole person**, which includes the on-campus residential experience as an integral part. Living on campus supports and fosters:

- Personal connections
- Community membership and participation
- Convenience/proximity to academic and campus services
- Connection and care of residential students—24/7

The Residential Experience. National research studies have shown students who have had a college/university residential experience report/demonstrate the following:

- *A greater sense of belonging and stronger connection to the institution.*
- *Retention from the first year to second year is higher.*
- *Academic performance is better as measured by grade point average.*
- *Are better able to manage higher course loads each term which shortens time-to-degree completion and reduces educational costs overall.*
- *Complete undergraduate degree programs in higher numbers.*
- *Participate in campus student organizations and leadership roles in greater numbers.*
- *Report stronger/better connections with faculty and university staff.*
- *Tend to use campus resources/services more frequently which aids in academic success/support— [retention/persistence = graduation]*
- *Report less conflict with parents.*
- *Become more engaged and stronger alumni.*
- *Tend to seek graduate education opportunities in greater numbers.*

The Residential Policy All undergraduate students who fall into any of the categories below are required to live on campus and to purchase a Redhawk Dining meal plan.

- Freshmen or Sophomore and under the age of 21
- First or Second Year SU student and under the age of 21
- Within two years of high school graduation date as of first day of fall quarter classes and under the age of 21

Residence Life Staff. Within each SU residential community are highly-trained professional University Housing staff responsible for providing leadership and direction in each residence hall [Area Coordinator and Assistant Area Coordinator positions]. Their presence best insures the on-campus living experience fosters student learning, personal development and, contributes to a vital and engaged student experience. In addition, there are Resident Assistant staff [student staff] situated on each floor, wing, or house who are aid residents as a campus resource, provide engaging and educational programs, enforce University rules/regulations and, respond to emergency conditions if they arise.

The Academic Environment. In each community, “Quiet Hours” are 10:00 pm to 7:00 am Sunday through Thursday; 11:00 pm to 7:00 am on Friday and Saturday. Additionally, it is expected residents will maintain a reasonable noise level during daytime periods. “Courtesy Hours” should be observed 24-7 everyday—all day. Each residential community has study lounges/spaces designated for quiet study at all hours.

Theme Communities. In traditional residence halls where first year students are assigned—there are designated THEME FLOORS formed around personal and academic interests. From specific academic majors to various extracurricular interests to leadership programs—there are numerous opportunities available which are connected within campus residential communities.

CAMPION HALL:	Outdoor Exploration; Mind, Body, Wellness; Creative Expression; Millie Bown Russell & Social Change
XAVIER HALL:	Global Exploration
BELLARMINE HALL:	Career Discovery; Business & Innovation; STEM & Health Professions

Safety and Security. The safety and security of our students is a fundamental value and responsibility of Seattle University. To that end—each residence hall provides:

- *Residence Life staff are “on-duty” throughout the academic year when students are in residence*
- *Front Desk services in each residence hall*
- *Access to SU Public Safety*
- *Residence hall entrance doors are secured 24/7 with entry via SU card access*
- *Security cameras located at all University Housing main entrances*
- *Emergency “Blue Light” telephone system situated adjacent to each University Housing community and across campus*
- *State-of-the-art fire/life safety systems in each residence hall*
- *Access to the Night Hawk Safety Escort Program—a safe and convenient way of traveling by vehicle throughout the surrounding community during evening hours:*
 - > Sunday – Thursday: 6pm to Midnight
 - > Friday and Saturday: 6pm to 2am
- *Access to the Walking Escort Service available to SU students, staff and faculty who request a walking escort within two (2) blocks of the campus perimeter. This service is offered 24-hours a day, seven days a week during academic periods.*

Activities & Programming. There are many and frequent programming opportunities for students to become directly involved with their student housing experience—both educationally and socially. Residential Life staff in each hall are responsible for sponsoring in-hall activities, special events, and programs. Leadership development and leadership opportunities—through residence hall community governance—afford students the opportunity to become actively engaged “where they live”. Individual residence hall councils are elected in each community and the Residence Hall Association [RHA] serves as the *student voice* to Housing & Residence Life administration. Each of these groups and organizations are student-centered and student-led. Residents are strongly encouraged to be involved in the community where they reside.

Redhawk Dining At six (6) locations across campus, Redhawk Dining operates more than a dozen restaurants and cafes which are included in the residential dining meal plan program. The campus dining program provides quality, variety, flexibility and value. Items are priced *à la carte* so students can choose exactly what they desire. Additionally, Redhawk Dining offers a wide variety of menus and food nutritional information is available. Vegan and vegetarian selections, local and organic options, as well as special assistance with medically prescribed diets is available to students. A meal plan is required for all first and second year residents living in on-campus or affiliate-housing.

Community Respect. A commitment to Diversity & Inclusion As a University housing resident —students will be part of a community which represents diversity in many elements: cultural, social, racial, and ethnic backgrounds that encompass a broad spectrum of experiences. This will be manifested in diverse religious belief, sexual orientation, sexual identity and expression, ability/disability, and/or political identification. A healthy and vibrant community is predicated on *mutual respect* in an atmosphere of positive encouragement and accountability. HRL is dedicated to encouraging and supporting residence hall communities which celebrate the totality of each person and the communities where they reside.

Our pledge to Parents & Families.
Accountability. The University does not replace parents and families, but we do assume responsibility for providing residential environments which are safe, secure, clean, and conducive to the academic and personal development of our students. Doing so is largely achieved by holding community members accountable for the decisions each make. Just students have been held to standards and expectations within their family’s home—the University does as well and the attendant consequences that come when expectations are not fulfilled.

Important Admissions dates to know.

- **Admitted Student of Color Reception**—April 4
- **Admitted Student Days**—April 5th and April 18th
- **National Candidate's Reply Date** - May 1

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