

## Welcome to Seattle University.

The Department of Housing & Residence Life [HRL] is excited to welcome your student to campus.

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

We view parents and families as partners. Our shared goal 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 this critical and important “first year” - the campus residential experience will serve as the ***other half*** of your student’s education.

Welcome. We look forward to serving you.

**David Stephen, Ed.D.** Director—Housing & Residence Life

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## Our pledge to Parents & Families.

**Accountability.** The University does not replace you as the parent, but we do assume responsibility for providing residential environments which are safe, secure, clean, and conducive to the academic and personal development of your student. Doing so is largely achieved by holding community members accountable for the decisions they make. Just as you held your student to your own set of rules and expectations — we do as well and the attendant consequences that come when expectations are not fulfilled. For a comprehensive overview of the residence hall experience and our expectations for students—the *Resident Handbook* is made available to you at: [www.seattleu.edu/housing/housing](http://www.seattleu.edu/housing/housing)

**Communication.** Parents/guardians will experience an important transition in how and when the University will communicate directly with you. There is federal law [FERPA: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974] which governs the conditions under which the campus can or will contact you. Exceptions include imminent risk to health and safety as well as alcohol or drug policy violations.

The Office of Parent & Family Engagement sponsors a quarterly newsletter which is distributed electronically. This publication contains important information about campus programs, events, services, pending deadlines, etc. Housing & Residence Life will post important information about the campus housing program in each quarterly newsletter.

**What YOU should expect.** Expect *change*. Students arrive each Fall Quarter with great expectations and we know parents/families do as well. You have worked hard to prepare your student for this important point in their lives. You are excited to see them begin their next chapter but ***letting go*** is not easy.

We *understand* that experience and are here to share it with you. The enigma of parenthood is preparing your child to leave your home ... today is your day ... and now is the time.

**Community Respect.** University housing students comprise a community which represents diverse cultural, social, racial, and ethnic backgrounds that encompass a broad spectrum of experiences manifested in diverse religious belief, sexual orientations, sexual identities and expressions, 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.

**Safety and Security.** Each residence hall provides:

- Residence Life staff “on-duty” throughout the academic year when students are in residence
- Front Desk service in each residence hall
- Access to the University Public Safety Department
- Residence hall entrance doors secured 24/7 with access via SU card access
- Security cameras located at all University housing entrances
- Emergency communication “Blue Light” telephone system situated adjacent to each University housing community
- State-of-the-art fire and life safety systems in each residence hall
- Access to the [Night Hawk Safety Escort Program](#) which provide a safe and convenient way of traveling by vehicle throughout the surrounding community for SU students and affiliates 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 to two (2) blocks off the campus perimeter. This service is offered 24-hours a day, seven days a week during academic periods.

**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. The right to quiet supersedes the privilege to make noise. Each residential community has study lounges/spaces designated for quiet study at all hours.

**Theme Communities.** Residence halls and floors have 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 connected within your campus home.

- > **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*

**Activities & Programming.** There are many and frequent 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 community governance—afford students the opportunity to become actively engaged in the college experience. Individual 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. Please encourage your student to become directly involved in the building where they reside.

**Campus Alcohol & Drug Policies.** The Department of Residence Life & Housing maintains policies with regard to alcohol use and illicit drug use/possession. In accordance with the Seattle University Code of Student Conduct, students under the age of 21 may not possess, consume, provide, manufacture, sell, exchange or otherwise distribute alcohol. Students may not possess, consume, furnish, manufacture, sell, exchange, or otherwise distribute any drug prohibited by federal or state law. For a comprehensive overview of the residence hall experience and our expectations for students and a thorough explanation of rules/regulations — the *Resident Handbook* is made available to you at: [www.seattleu.edu/housing](http://www.seattleu.edu/housing)

**Residential & Campus Dining** Seattle University believes living and interacting with others outside of the classroom enhances the education of the whole person. To that end—the on-campus dining program offers many opportunities to serve this purpose. On-campus dining fosters a vibrant, tight-knit community in a social setting and provides opportunities for students to develop supportive relationships, meet new people, and interact with faculty and staff in a non-classroom setting.

**Meal Plan Policy** Seattle University’s meal plans provide quality, variety, flexibility and value. Items are priced *à la carte* so students can choose exactly what they desire. A meal plan is required for all first and second year residents living in on-campus or affiliate housing. There are three (3) meal plans for first and second year students which are (a) Maximum (b) Expanded, and (c) Residential. The meal plan selected for Fall quarter will be automatically renewed each quarter unless it is changed within the first 10 class days of the next quarter [see below].

**Meal Options** The University offers a wide variety of dining venues, menus and hours of operation. Redhawk Dining offers nutritional information and guidance, vegan and vegetarian selections, local and organic options, as well as special assistance with medically prescribed diets.

**Meal Plan Changes** Meal plan changes may be made during the first ten (10) business days of each quarter by submitting the online Meal Plan Change Request form through the [Housing Portal](#). A Meal Plan change is any change of a meal plan within the policy outlined above.

**Meal Plan Fund Rollover Policy** Ideally, the meal plan selected will be depleted by the end of the quarter. If there are monies remaining on the meal plan at the end of the quarter, a limited amount will be carried forward [i.e., Rollover MP Account] from quarter-to-quarter during the academic year.

- > A maximum of \$250 will roll over to the next quarter.
- > A meal plan must be purchased for the following quarter and balance depleted before funds from the Rollover MP is used.
- > At the end of Spring Quarter, all leftover meal plan and roll over money will be forfeited to the University.

**Meal Plan Exemption Policy** Meal Plan Exemptions are any changes to a meal plan outside of the policy outlined above. The University recognizes four (4) circumstances when exemptions *may be possible*:

- A severe financial burden which, without some relief, may result in the student having to withdraw from SU;
- Medically diagnosed condition with prescribed dietary restrictions which the campus dining program is unable to reasonably accommodate;
- Religion-based dietary restrictions which the meal plan options are unable to reasonably accommodate;
- Exceptional circumstances that would hinder the student’s ability to complete the meal plan requirement as stated in the policy above.

### Important Dates to Know

- Roommate Search ends: July 19
- Room/building assignments posted on the Housing Portal: August 6
- Last day to request “early arrival/check-in” : August 10
- Early Move-In for First Year students: September 20 *[approved on a limited basis]*
- Fall Quarter New Student Move-In: September 21 *[appointments will be assigned]*
- Thanksgiving break: November 27 to December 1
- Winter break: residence halls close Saturday, December 14 at Noon
- Winter Quarter opening: residence halls open on January 3
- Spring break: March 22-29
- End of Spring Quarter: residence hall close June 13

### Campus Resources

**Housing & Residence Life**  
206.296.6305  
[housing@seattleu.edu](mailto:housing@seattleu.edu)

**Public Safety**  
206.296.5990  
[publicsafety@seattleu.edu](mailto:publicsafety@seattleu.edu)

**Campus Ministry**  
206.296.6075  
[campusministry@seattleu.edu](mailto:campusministry@seattleu.edu)

**Counseling/Psychological Services**  
206.296.6090  
[caps@seattleu.edu](mailto:caps@seattleu.edu)

**Multicultural Affairs**  
206.296.6070  
[oma@seattleu.edu](mailto:oma@seattleu.edu)

**Orientation Programs**  
206.296.2525  
[orientation@seattleu.edu](mailto:orientation@seattleu.edu)

**Parent & Family Engagement**  
206.296.6291  
[parents@seattleu.edu](mailto:parents@seattleu.edu)

**Student Conduct & Integrity Formation**  
206.296.6060  
[integrity@seattleu.edu](mailto:integrity@seattleu.edu)

**Student Health Center**  
206.296.6300  
[studenthealthcenter@seattleu.edu](mailto:studenthealthcenter@seattleu.edu)



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