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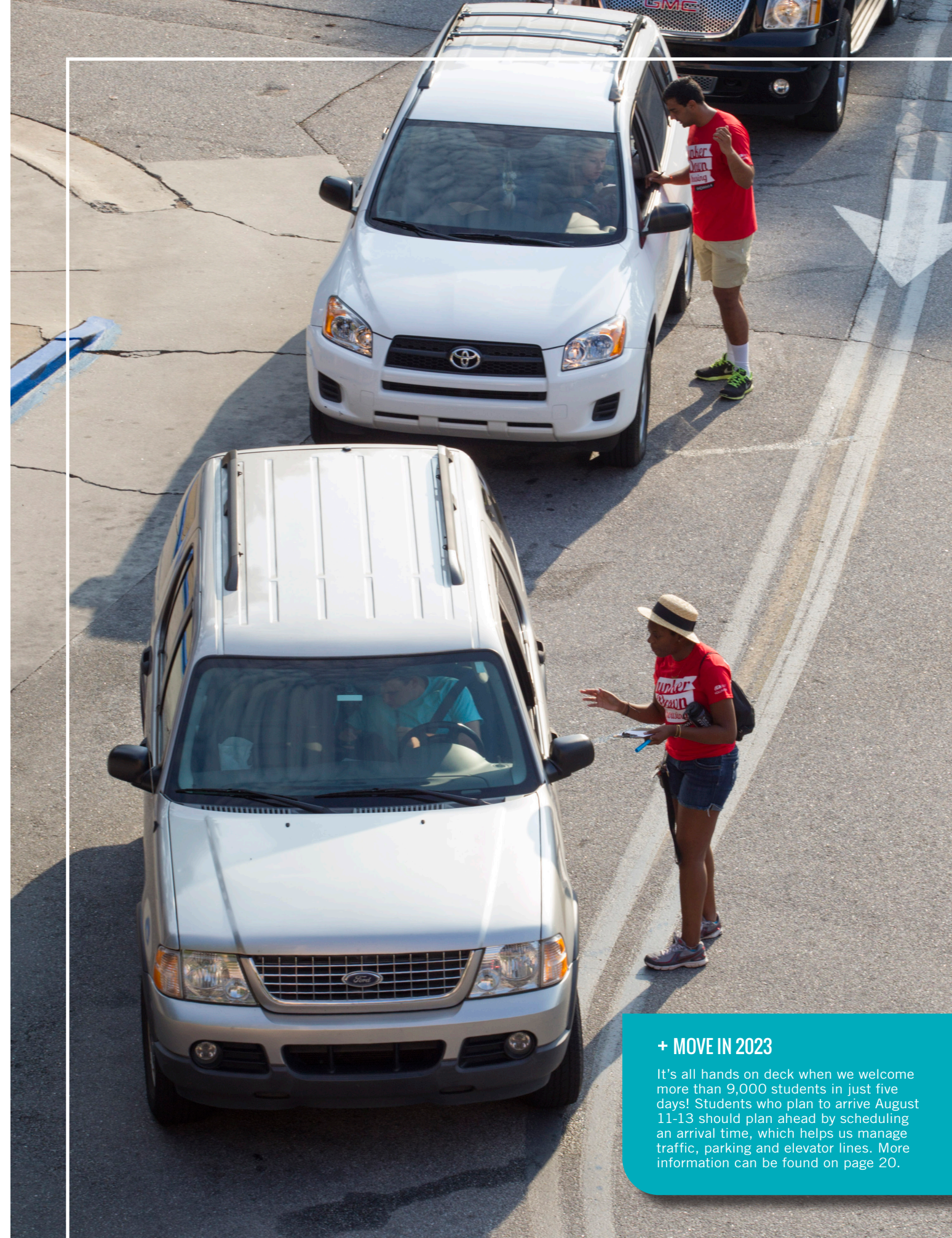
NEW STUDENT HUB

At press time, all information in this guide is accurate. Find all the up-to-date information and resources students, friends and families need in our new student online hub:

- Downloads
- Links
- Video playlists
- What to bring checklist
- Communications archive



NEW STUDENT ONLINE HUB



+ MOVE IN 2023

It's all hands on deck when we welcome more than 9,000 students in just five days! Students who plan to arrive August 11-13 should plan ahead by scheduling an arrival time, which helps us manage traffic, parking and elevator lines. More information can be found on page 20.

To parents and families, from the executive director



The transition to college is a big step, and living on campus is a significant part of the UGA experience for first-year students. We hope this magazine will help you prepare for the transitions ahead.

Students may encounter challenges while moving from home to a residence hall. Students will face a more independent lifestyle and experience new freedoms/responsibilities. Questions are certain to be on your students' minds; Will

I get along with my roommate? How academically prepared am I for college? Will I make the right decisions for me about the realities of being an adult? University Housing staff members are a resource for new students finding their individual answers to these questions.

Living on campus may be the first time your student shares a bedroom or bathroom with other individuals. Sharing space with a roommate requires good communication, compromise and a mutual understanding of roommate rights and responsibilities. Students will live and study with individuals who are different from them. We encourage students to develop knowledge and awareness to be successful in our diverse environment that will lead to lifelong skills and friendships.

University Housing is committed to providing comfortable, affordable and secure places where the academic success and personal growth of residents are encouraged and supported. Please review the information about campus resources. In addition, I encourage your student to contact staff whenever questions or concerns arise. Undergraduate, graduate and full-time professional staff members are available to assist your student.

We look forward to being a partner in your student's transition to UGA and are excited about meeting your student this fall. I hope they will have a positive and enjoyable on-campus experience.

Go Dawgs!

Linda Kasper
Executive Director for University Housing

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Reed Hall: 706-542-3753
Rooker Hall: 706-542-1780
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Rutherford Hall: 706-542-8271
Soule Hall: 706-542-8271
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UV East: 706-542-1473
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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Parking and Transportation Services:
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parking.uga.edu

University Health Center:
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uhs.uga.edu

Dining Services:
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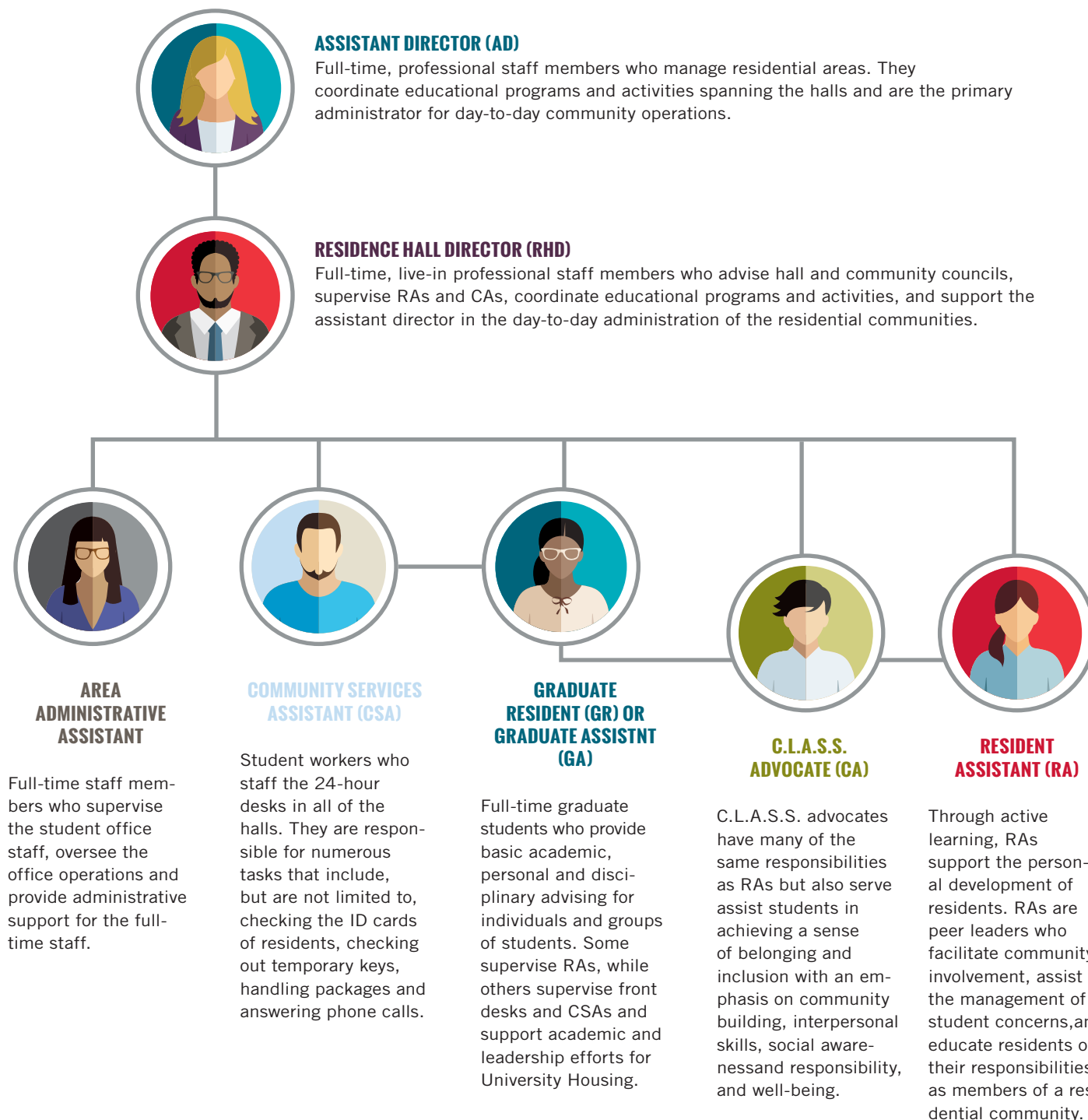
Student Employment/Career Center:
706-542-3375
career.uga.edu

Bursar's Office/Student Accounts:
706-542-2965
bursar.uga.edu

Student Financial Aid:
706-542-6147
osfa.uga.edu

Who's who in the halls

Both professional and student staff members support residents' academic success and personal growth at UGA; here's a glimpse of the staff members that students will find while living on campus



Security is a top priority

Moving away from home and into a residence hall is a significant change for most students, and understandably, a common concern among students and their families is safety. University Housing is also concerned about resident safety, which is why the provision of secure on-campus housing options is a core element of our mission statement



RESIDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Our most important resource for residence hall security lies in the hands of our residents. Students must remain diligent in complying with all of University Housing's security policies, including not holding doors for people who may be seeking to sneak in past a secure checkpoint, not allowing unescorted visitors to circulate in living areas and never propping open exterior doors. Security is part of our departmental mission, and it is also every resident's responsibility.



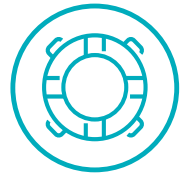
ACCESS

In addition to providing a form of identification, the UGACard is necessary to enter the secure areas of residence halls in conjunction with a PIN that controls the doors to residence halls. Security is enhanced through the use of surveillance camera systems. Each resident is issued a key to their individual room door and, in the event of lost keys, doors to resident rooms are re-keyed.



PERSONNEL

University Housing employs its own team of uniformed security personnel who assist with the monitoring of residence halls between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. daily. Responding to emergency situations, identifying security concerns, and checking access to residence hall entrances and exits are just a few of the nightly duties of security personnel.



After normal business hours and on weekends, student and professional staff members are on call to support student needs. Each of housing's residential communities also has a 24-hour desk, where residents can get assistance with missing keys, verify their identity for entry and report maintenance issues.



Visitation designations are specific to each hall:
 Visitation 1 (restricted): Visitation permitted Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. and beginning 10 a.m. Friday-Saturday, ending at 2 a.m. Monday (Sunday night).
 Visitation 2 (24-hour): Visitation permitted 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
 Roommate's rights have priority over visitor's rights. Residents can further restrict the current visitation policy, but not broaden it. If consensus cannot be met independently, RAs will assist in creating a written agreement with the roommates.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT
SECURITY COORDINATOR

Security coordinator **RICKY YOUNG** and his team are used to taking on challenges that come their way. Not only are they a visible presence on campus helping to deter and/or handle various problems, they also respond to some maintenance and facilities issues, as well as building security.

Sometimes Young and his

team run into more serious issues, but very rarely do they have to get the UGA police involved. Instead, they focus on de-escalation. They are also available when a student needs them. "It could be as simple as somebody just wanting somebody to talk to," said Young.

If someone's having a mental health issue, Young and his team

connect them with housing staff or mental health services for whatever else they might need.

"You never know what you're going to get," he said, describing a typical night on the job. "I get calls all the time. And if I can help them, I will. That's basically our MO within this unit. If we can't help you, we will find somebody who can."



Most residence halls offer composting as well as recycling so residents can dispose of food waste.

Everyday sustainability

University Housing is combining the student learning experience and sustainable initiatives

University Housing provides sustainability education and infrastructure to more than 9,000 residents.

A coordinated effort in August, called Hunker Down with Housing, organizes and ensures packaging from new futons, mini fridges and appliances are properly recycled during the move-in process, said Christy Tweedy, University Housing's sustainability coordinator.

"Volunteers separate cardboard, plastic film and Styrofoam," said Tweedy. "Plastic film and Styrofoam do not go into our mixed recycling stream, but they go to the Center for Hard to Recycle Material."

Student ambassadors known as EcoReps, engage in educational efforts and provide guidance to housing residents.

Haley Swanger served in the Myers Community as an EcoRep by educating residents about the compost tumbler, located outside of Rutherford Hall. This tumbler speeds up the food decomposition process to reduce methane in landfills.

EcoReps help educate peers about how to use their in-room recycling bins and what can and cannot be composted. Their goal is to teach critical thinking skills students can use to reduce their environmental impact on campus.

Two other initiatives focus on energy conservation through competition. The Green Cup Challenge pits Boggs, Church, Hill, Lipscomb and Mell halls against each other, and Energy

Bash Dash is a competition between floors in Black-Diallo-Miller Hall. These competitions see electricity use reduce up to 21 percent from the baseline during competition.

Recycling education is also an important aspect of waste reduction efforts on UGA's campus. Students play a crucial role in promoting sustainability practices—educating peers about how the benefits of recycling can have a significant impact on the environment and in-room recycling bins encourage sustainable habits.

The focus on reusing items carries into the move-out process during Dawgs Ditch the Dumpster and Donate, when students donate their futons, shelves and other items to local nonprofit organizations.

This year the Dawgs Ditch the Dumpster program prevented roughly 30 roll-off loads of trash—around 60,000 pounds—from being deposited into landfills.

To be a part of these efforts, housing annually requests volunteers to assist with move in and move out.

One of housing's sustainability initiatives is collecting compostable materials from the residence halls. Nearly all halls now have a compost bin, into which residents may place food scraps, which are then collected and converted at UGA's Bioconversion Center. From there, the compost is used all over campus, including at the UGArden, a teaching farm that grows food for hungry community members.



RHA's annual Dawg Fest happens the weekend before classes start on Myers Quad.

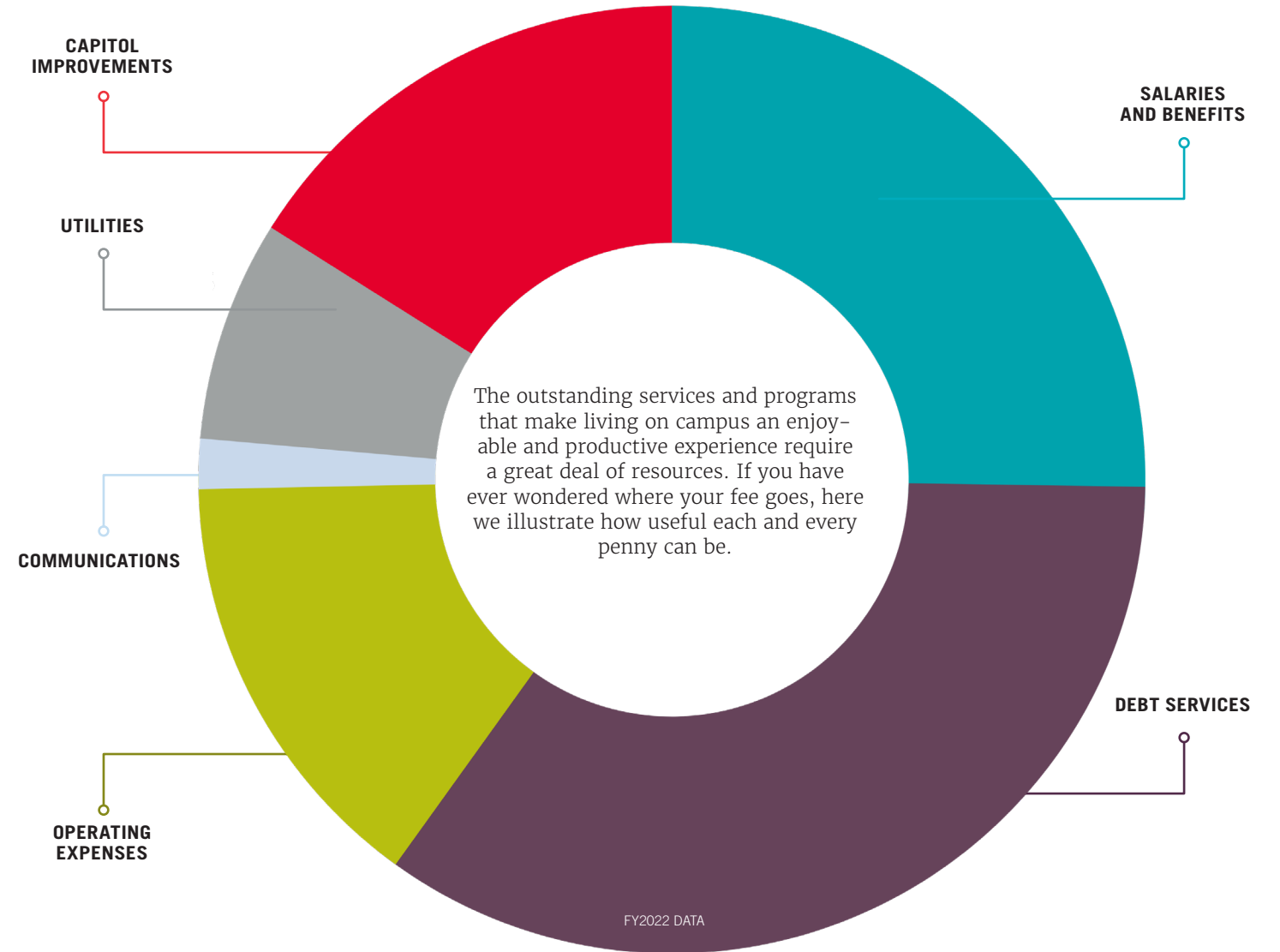


The on-campus advantage

National studies, as well as internal research, show students who live on campus consistently earn higher GPAs than students who live off campus. University Housing offers a few ways for residents to be involved in their community and on campus, including Residential Hall Association (RHA) and National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH). In these organizations, students gain valuable leadership experience as they facilitate events, socials and service opportunities for residents throughout the year.

+ COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The primary governing bodies in our halls are community councils composed of elected officers and representatives of residents within that hall. Taking part in residence hall government is an excellent way to develop leadership skills and to become involved in the community. Each group's purpose is the same: to implement programs and activities that respond to the needs and requests of residents.



Where does your housing fee go?

SALARIES AND BENEFITS

25.24%
Personnel services accounts for the salaries, wages and benefits of the University Housing staff members, including student workers. University Housing employs more than 400 student workers and is one of the largest employers of student workers on campus.

UTILITIES

7.54%
With the rising costs of natural resources, energy costs have also increased. The luxury of having all utilities included in the fee utilizes a significant portion of the housing fee. For instance, last year alone, University Housing paid over \$4.4 million for utilities.

COMMUNICATIONS

1.71%
High-speed Internet, office and desk phone lines, as well as cell phones for on-call staff are a small portion of the housing fee for residents.

OPERATING EXPENSES

14.76%
Services such as insurance, administrative overhead, supplies and regular repairs and maintenance.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

16.07%
Each year, any revenue amount that exceeds operating expenses is contributed to University Housing's fund balance. In order to keep the buildings up-to-date, all

halls are assessed for renovation needs. For instance, over the past fiscal year, we opened a new first-year residence hall, Black-Diallo-Miller Hall, upgraded Mell and Lipscomb bathroom and community spaces and replaced lobby furniture in Myers and Creswell halls.

DEBT SERVICES

34.68%
Paying off long-term debt associated with past large-scale capital projects results in debt service payments (mortgages) each year. East Campus Village (built in 2004), Building 1516 (built in 2010), Black_Diallo-Miller (2022) account for the majority of debt obligations. All of these projects were financed by the UGA Real Estate Foundation.

Improving access to housing

An endowed scholarship makes it easier for non-first year students to continue benefiting from living on campus

For the 2023–2024 academic year, University Housing awarded four students the Jim Day Housing Scholarship, which offers financial assistance to outstanding students to offset the cost of living on campus.

Recipients of the scholarships are current UGA undergraduate students with on-campus room assignments, who demonstrate financial need as determined by the UGA Office of Financial Aid. Recipients also

must commit to living on campus for the fall and spring.

These stand-out students contribute to others' on-campus experiences by actively participating in their communities.

The executive director of University Housing from 1990 to 2006, Dr. James "Jim" Day, conceived and initially funded the University Housing Scholarship Fund to assist students with financial need offset the cost of on-campus housing.



The critical role of RAs

Resident assistants (RAs) play an important role in the on-campus experience at UGA. They are upperclassmen who live alongside residents and are responsible for fostering a positive living environment, creating active learning opportunities and supporting the needs of students.

RAs perform a variety of duties, such as organizing social events and educational programs, engaging student in the residential curriculum and providing support and guidance. They are trained to handle a range of situations, from roommate conflicts to mental health concerns, and are often the first point of contact for students in need.

One of the primary ways that RAs help students is by providing a sense of

community and connection. They work to create a welcoming and inclusive living environment and encourage residents to get to know one another. RAs also serve as a resource for information about campus resources, activities and events, and can help students navigate the college experience.

For students who live in dorms, building a relationship with their RA can be a great way to get involved and feel connected to the campus community. Here are a few tips for getting to know your RA:

- Attend floor meetings and events
- Stop by their room to say hello
- Take advantage of their expertise: RAs are often well-connected on campus and can provide information about resources and opportunities (for example, who's



STAFF SPOTLIGHT SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR

CHRISTY TWEEDY's job is about the environment – understanding it, protecting it and actually getting outside in it. She gets students outside and engaged with the campus and community.

As the school year progressed, she took students field trips to local spots like Athens Farmers Market.

"It was a great opportunity to highlight local food and see what kind of foods grow in this region and who it's grown by," she said.

Tweedy's passion for sustainability came when she was working on an organic farm after college and contemplated the fate of her banana peel. "I learned what happened to my banana peel if I put in it the garbage – how it goes to the landfill and produces methane, a powerful greenhouse gas. However, if I composted it, that compost can produce nutrient rich soil which, in turn, can produce healthy nutrient-rich foods. That blew my mind."

Tweedy has been similarly inspired by working with her students. "Just like with our changing climate, we really have to embrace and practice adaptability in ways that work for all."



Street team members manage housing's social media and get some exclusive access.

Like and subscribe

Social media ambassador and video producer positions offer a student perspective on campus living

Since September of 2017, University Housing has employed current residents to capture their experiences and share them on housing's social media accounts.

Student video producers and social media ambassadors (known as the housing street team) have given viewers a tour of their rooms, shown us a day in their life as a student and offered some great tips for residents on entering the annual Room of the Year contest. They also collaborate with campus partners to offer advice about topics such as roommate relationships, studying, staying healthy and getting involved in campus organizations.

Video producer Riley has earned some fame by taking to the streets on TikTok, and ambassador Elisa once took over the UGA Housing Instagram to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.

This past year, the street team helped with the Room of the Year contest, Housing Against Hunger—the department's annual canned food drive—and collaborated to produce a video

series dubbed "UGA's Next Top Roommates."

The team also used a golf cart for Popsicle Patrol during move in to hand out popsicles and prizes, initiated the First Year First Look video series, and created content for housing's campaign to recruit C.L.A.S.S. advocates and resident assistants.

The team's final project was developing the entire marketing campaign to hire the next street team, whose work will be gin in August.

Keep up with housing student representatives by subscribing to University Housing's YouTube channel at youtube.com/housinguga and by following them on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @UGAHousing.

WE'RE HIRING! Applications to be on the 2023-24 team are open through the end of June at housing.uga.edu/about-us/employment/

An environment of learning

University Housing promotes residents' academic success by supporting special programs both inside and outside of the classroom. In addition to the department's new residential curriculum—an intentional way of guiding students to specific learning outcomes within the residence halls—University Housing works with academic partners to support cohorts based on common interests.

SPANISH AND FRENCH LANGUAGE COMMUNITIES MARY LYNDON HALL

The language communities in French and Spanish provide a means for interested students to blend their residential and academic experiences and improve language skills through a simulated immersion environment. The communities are supervised by faculty coordinators. A graduate assistant specializing in one of the target languages serves as resident language coordinator. They facilitate the use of the languages through spontaneous and organized activities, such as informal conversations, dinners, cooking demonstrations, guest lectures, concerts, excursions, community outreach and a weekly conversation course. The communities complement classroom language instruction by offering more intensive and natural exposure to the target language. Any student, incoming or already enrolled at UGA, who has studied French or Spanish at the intermediate level is eligible to apply.

langcomm.uga.edu



VIDEO

THE LAUNCH PAD CRESWELL HALL

The Launch Pad Living Learning Community is the launch point for aspiring entrepreneurs at UGA.

The Launch Pad houses up to 40 innovative students who live in an environment where first-years immediately begin collaborating on ideas and processes.

- Launch Pad students also get:
- Automatic acceptance into the Entrepreneurship Certificate Program during their first year
 - Enrollment in the Entrepreneurship First-Year Odyssey Seminar
 - Membership in the Athensmade Tech Incubator and/or other local incubators
 - Membership in the Society of Entrepreneurs, the student organization for innovative students
 - Access to maker spaces in the lobby of Creswell and at Studio 225, the Student Center for Entrepreneurship. Both include 3-D printing capability, raspberry pi support, vinyl cutters, and tools for prototyping concepts.

ugaentr.com



VIDEO

Undergraduates Haylee Peters, Logan Haynes, Andrew Capuano, and Lauren Gower working on a group project during a First-Year Odyssey entrepreneurship class in the Launch Pad in Creswell Hall.

THRIVE AT GEORGIA RUSSELL HALL

THRIVE offers a transformative four-week academic residential program to a diverse community of first-year undergraduates. Introducing scholars to the rigors and unique learning opportunities at America's first state-chartered university, THRIVE allows students to form meaningful academic and social networks, equipping them for future academic success.

Students enroll in two credit-bearing courses including a high-demand discipline-based course and a service-learning course that fulfills the university's experiential learning requirement for most majors.

dae.uga.edu/initiatives/thrive/thrive

ART OF WELLNESS BUILDING 1516

The Art of Wellness Living Learning Community acknowledges the unique needs and experiences of arts students entering college. The program supports them by offering wellness instruction and mental health resources, as well as programming and social activities, including performances, cooking classes, yoga and mindfulness, open mic nights and more. The community is open to all first-year aspiring arts majors and minors. Students live together in Building 1516 and participate in two academic courses—one each semester—that teach yoga, meditation, and other wellness-related skills and practices.

danc.franklin.uga.edu/art-of-wellness/home



VIDEO

FRANKLIN RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE (FRC) RUTHERFORD HALL

The Franklin Residential College or "FRC" is one of UGA's oldest living learning communities, open to students with a major or minor in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences. Under the leadership of a faculty director and an academic adviser in residence, FRC features a vibrant calendar of academic events, service learning projects, and social gatherings. The FRC also provides opportunities for student leadership and employment, as well as experiential learning credit and funding, through its executive board. Students interested in applying to join should email frc@uga.edu in the fall.

frc.uga.edu

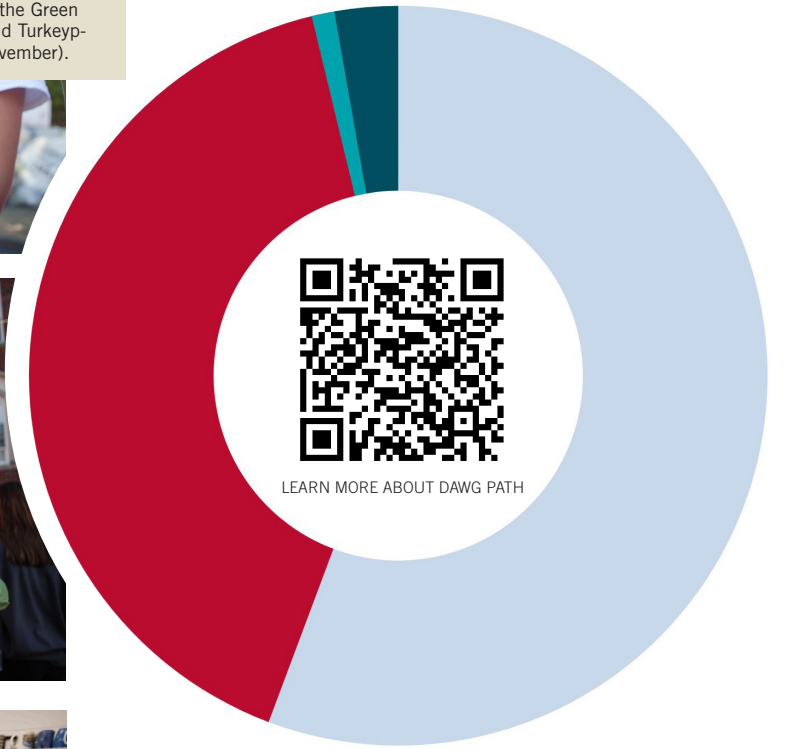


VIDEO





Clockwise from left: DawgFest (August), International Street Festival (April), Shamrockin' on the Green (March) and Turkey-aloosa (November).



■ TAG-ALONG EVENTS
 ■ ACTIVE LEARNING EVENTS
 ■ COMMUNITY COUNCIL EVENTS
 ■ EVENTS PUT ON BY STUDENT STAFF

1,805

Events and programs in the residence halls fall 2022-spring 2023

DAWG PATH: THE GEORGIA RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCE

Learning where you least expect it

The residence halls are often the hub of student life, and residence life staff organize various events to foster a sense of community and engagement among students all year long. These events range from game nights and movie screenings to educational workshops and cultural celebrations. Participating in these events can provide students with an opportunity to socialize, learn new things and make connections with their peers. It can also help them to relieve stress, have fun and feel more connected to the UGA community.

At UGA, events in the residence halls align with our residential curriculum. We believe living on campus provides an opportunity for students to learn and practice skills that promote student success and create thriving communities. We call this a curricular approach to the learning students experience in the residence halls Dawg Path. Aligned with UGA's mission and rooted in theories about student learning and development, Dawg Path is focused on community building, interpersonal skills, social awareness and responsibility, and well-being.



Campus technology resources

The University of Georgia has all the technology tools to help you succeed. Whether it is helping you navigate your way around campus, or providing opportunities to enrich your academic experience, UGA has resources available to you



Getting connected in the residence halls: getconnected.uga.edu

Enterprise Information Technology Services, or EITS, is the central IT department at the university. EITS manages key technologies across campus, such as UGAMail, Athena, wireless networks, the official UGA Mobile App, and eLearning Commons (eLC).

If you need help with campus technology, visit the EITS Help Desk website (eitshelpdesk.uga.edu) for how-to guides on all EITS services.

You can also contact the EITS Help Desk at 706-542-3106 or helpdesk@uga.edu or use our on-line chat service at hd.support.uga.edu if you need assistance.

GET CONNECTED

To get the most out of the technology tools EITS offers, you will first need a secure Internet connection. The University of Georgia's preferred wireless network is PAWS-Secure, which is available throughout campus. You should not bring a wireless router to campus.

PAWS-Secure is available to anyone with a valid UGA MyID, such as students, faculty and staff. To access PAWS-Secure, provide your valid UGA MyID and password when prompted.

In University Housing, you will need an Ethernet cable to connect Smart TVs and gaming systems to our wired network; we also recommend it as a more secure connection for your computer while doing classwork.

To learn more about connecting to Wi-Fi networks or the wired (Ethernet) network in the residence halls, visit getconnected.uga.edu.

TOOLS FOR LEARNING

As part of your first-year orientation, you will use Athena to register for classes. Athena is UGA's online student information system. Along with registering for classes in Athena, you will also pay tuition and fees and view your academic and financial aid records. To log into Athena, visit athena.uga.edu.

Depending on your classes, you may also be automatically enrolled in eLearning Commons (eLC), the University's online learning management system. Your instructors may choose to use eLC for course assignments, quizzes, assessments,

and class communication. For more information, visit elc.uga.edu.

All eligible students, faculty and staff have free access to Microsoft 365 products through their UGA-Mail accounts. For more information, visit office365.uga.edu.

TECH TOOLS AROUND CAMPUS

You can access computer lab software remotely anytime, anywhere through vLab, the university's virtual lab environment. Simply point your web browser vlab.uga.edu.

The official UGA Mobile App is your one-stop-shop for everything you will need at UGA. The UGA Mobile App offers a campus bus tracker, a campus map, dining hall menus, and access to Athena among other services and tools. The App is free in the App Store and Google Play. For more information visit mobileapps.uga.edu.

KEEP YOUR IDENTITY SECURE

Keep your information secure by creating a strong MyID password that is a mix of upper-case letters, lower case letters, numbers and

+ EASY PRINTING

Print your documents from the cloud or a USB flash drive at one of the print kiosks located across campus, including in the residence halls. You can pay with a credit or a debit card, or with ApplePay, Venmo, or PayPal. For more information, visit printkiosk.uga.edu.

special characters (such as, @! #). If you set up your MyID Profile, you can also change your password on your own at myid.uga.edu.

ArchPass is UGA's two-step login solution, powered by Duo. ArchPass is used by many UGA systems, such as eLC and Athena, during the log-in process to provide an extra layer of security for your UGA accounts. Enroll a device through the Self-Service Enrollment portal at archpass.uga.edu.



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University Housing's residential building services workers receive extensive training about effective cleaning practices.

Training for the Dirty Work

Housing's new facilities training lab focuses on consistent, competent custodial work

Residential building services workers—our title for the custodians in the residence halls—play a critical role in making the dorms feel like home. To support this work, University Housing recently added a new facilities training lab designed to onboard and train these staff members to ensure consistency and standardization in cleaning across all residence halls.

Neyael Rubio-Delgado is manager of the facility and the training program, which operates in a previously unused storage area in the basement of Soule Hall. The space includes various types of flooring found in residence halls across campus— for practice cleaning carpets, mopping, stripping and waxing—as well as a mock residence hall room and bathroom, where staff practice lofting and delofting beds and cleaning furniture and fixtures.

Rubio-Delgado developed a curriculum for the first week of training for all residential building service workers to ensure that they are onboarded and trained before they start their work. With the team being consistently trained and supported, the intention is to

increase staff retention, improve the quality of cleaning and reduce staff performance issues.

“It builds consistency and employee confidence,” Neyael says. “When you have a training program and give them the tools to be successful, I think that creates confidence in the job.”

In addition to the new training space, the lab also has a dedicated room for vendors to repair equipment such as custodial carts, vacuums and wet vacs. This allows housing to have a sufficient supply of backup equipment; the vendors can come on-site to repair equipment rather than it being sent out for repairs.

“I tell the staff we provide students with a clean environment that they can thrive in,” Rubio-Delgado says. “I think that we make a big difference and an impact on students every day even just being there and saying, ‘good morning or I hope you have a great day.’”

With this new facility and training program, University Housing is poised to continue providing the highest quality of support for its residents.

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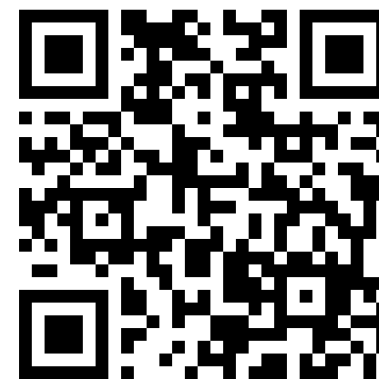
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Q&A SESSION

WITH HOUSING STAFF AND STUDENTS

Guide to moving in

Each year, the University of Georgia community welcomes more than 9,000 students into its residence halls and apartments. Volunteers work to streamline the move-in process and to address health and safety, traffic congestion, parking lot availability and elevator service.

Move in for fall 2023 is 8 a.m. Friday, August 11 until 9 a.m. Wednesday, August 16. At press time, the following details about the move-in process are accurate, but University Housing will provide updates via UGA email and on the move-in portion of the housing website at housing.uga.edu/move-in.

ARRIVAL TIMES

In an effort to minimize traffic and check in congestion, arrival times will be available for students to choose. Arrival times are required for anyone moving in August 11-13, and the arrival time scheduling site will open in late June or early July. More specific information about the site and how to schedule an arrival time will be shared via students' UGA email in advance of the site opening.

UNLOADING ZONES

August 11-13, unloading zones will be established in several parking lots near residence halls to assist residents and their families with move in. Drivers will be issued one-hour parking passes to unload their vehicles and then be redirected to long-term parking lots after unloading. Vehicles remaining longer than the one-hour time period

will be towed at the owner's expense. Maps with unloading zones and long-term parking locations for each area of campus will be communicated in mid-July.

AUGUST 11: Arrival times required 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Sorority recruitment participants will have priority for arrival times on August 11. This may result in limited time slot availability for other students on August 11 in some buildings.

AUGUST 12-13: Arrival times required 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

AUGUST 14-16: Move in continues round-the-clock with no scheduled arrival time required. Unloading zones will not be enforced, and residents should park in their assigned lot by 7 a.m. August 16.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED TO MOVE IN

Consider bringing a small cart or dolly. Although carts are available in most buildings, there is a limited number of carts available for students to use. You might also consider bringing a small tool kit and a pen for filling out forms at check in.

MOVE IN BY THE NUMBERS

9,000+

students living on campus

230

staff and student move-in volunteers helping in a three-day period

10,000

average gallons of Styrofoam and plastic film recycled during move in. That's enough to fill a UGA bus top to bottom and front to back!

5

days of move in to limit traffic, parking and the number of people in common areas and lobbies

5

months housing staff spend planning for traffic and check ins during move in

1

hour residents can park in an unloading zone August 11-13.

unlimited

amount of time to park in long-term parking as you continue to move your belongings.

109+

videos on the housing YouTube channel at youtube.com/housinguga

5

opportunities to participate in a webinar over the summer to get your questions answered. For more information, point your smart phone's camera here or visit housing.uga.edu/first-year-hub:



CHECKING INTO A RESIDENCE HALL ROOM

Each student must have their UGACard or government-issued ID to check in. Students should also know their student ID number. Only the student can receive a room key; family members and roommates cannot check into a room and receive a key on behalf of a student. Students should set up a PIN in advance to use in conjunction with their UGACard in order to have access to their building (except for UV East).

MAIL

Mail is delivered by the United States Postal Service to the central mailboxes assigned in each area or hall. In University Village and the Health Sciences Campus (HSC) mail is delivered by the U.S. Postal Service. Addresses are listed on the webpage for each building at housing.uga.edu/explore-options. Please arrange to have packages arrive after checking in.

RESIDENCE HALL CONTRACTS

Students execute housing contracts online. The contract is a legally binding agreement between the student (parent or guardian if under 18 years of age), the university and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. To view an example of a contract, visit housing.uga.edu/contract. For student-specific contracts, students may log in to The Dawg House or contact the University Housing at 706-542-1421 or housing@uga.edu.

MOVE-IN TIMELINE



What to bring

- LINENS: Sheets, pillows, comforter, towels. Check housing.uga.edu for mattress sizes
- BATHROOM SUPPLIES: Bring a shower basket if you will have community showers
- LAUNDRY SUPPLIES
- CLOTHES HANGERS
- STORAGE CONTAINERS
- CLEANING SUPPLIES
- HDMI CABLE (for streaming to common area TVs)
- ETHERNET CABLE (for wired Internet)
- EARPLUGS AND HEADPHONES
- LAPTOP, IPAD OR COMPUTER
- SURGE PROTECTOR
- BROOM AND/OR VACUUM CLEANER
- AREA RUG: For rooms that do not have carpet
- SMALL FAN
- DESK LAMP OR PORTABLE LAMP
- TRASH CAN LINERS
- UMBRELLA and/or RAIN JACKET
- THROW BLANKET
- UGACARD
- POSTER MOUNTS (Boggs, Brown, Church, Creswell, Hill, Lipscomb, Mary Lyndon, Mell, Morris, Myers, O-House, Payne, Reed, Soule, UV East)
- THUMB TACKS (Black-Diallo-Miller, Brumby, Building 1516, Busbee, McWhorter, Rooker, Russell, Rutherford, Vandiver)



COMMUNITY GUIDE

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Some items—such as pets (except fish), candles, essential oil diffusers, toasters, plug-in air fresheners and space heaters—are prohibited. For a complete list of policies and guidelines, visit the Community Guide at housing.uga.edu



MICROCHILL RENTAL

MicroChill units (a minifridge and microwave combination) are available for rent through University Housing at www.collegeproducts.com/store/dawgs

NOTE: All rooms in Brown, Payne and Reed halls come with a similar unit—residents of these halls may rent if they would like a second unit. Apartments in East Campus Village have full-size microwaves and refrigerators in common kitchens. Apartments in UV East have full-size refrigerators and an oven/stove in the shared kitchen.



Five room must-haves

Second-year student and Reed Hall resident Arushi Charu recommends five things that helped her make the most of living on campus



MATTRESS TOPPER

Super convenient and comfortable addition to my bed and making it feel like my bed at home. It goes on top of the mattress provided and setting it up is very simple!



TEA OR COFFEE

I love tea, so I brought my favorite teas from home and have them all in a drawer. I can make it whenever I want or whenever I'm not feeling well.



ELECTRIC WATER KETTLE

A must for me since I make tea quite often! Having hot water to make food in my room was helpful as well (mac n cheese, ramen, etc.) I used mine almost every day and will definitely continue to!



HOBBY SUPPLIES

I personally love drawing and coloring, so I brought my favorite paint pens from home! Whenever I can find free time, having my art supplies with me are super convenient!



POSTERS

I love artwork so I brought some of my favorite pieces and hung them up near my room. Depending on your building, use poster mounts or thumbtacks on the walls (see page 22).

+ UGA HOUSING ON PINTEREST
for more great room decorating ideas



Buyer beware

Do your research on rental companies

As the start of fall semester draws closer, you can expect to receive a number of commercial solicitations from futon companies, refrigerator rental companies and other businesses that provide various products and services targeted to our student population.

Georgia's open records laws require the University of Georgia to provide mailing addresses to any outside party that submits a request for the information. Although information on items such as student grades and health records are protected from such a request, unless you have restricted the information, student addresses are not protected.

You may receive mailings regarding products that look to be official from the university, but University Housing only has one vendor partner—College Products.

They rent MicroChill microwave/mini fridge combination units; use the QR code on page 17 to get started.

Housing does not certify that any other products or appliances meet our specifications or abide by our policies. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that products and services used in the residence halls are permitted and adhere to housing guidelines and policies—

check the online Community Guide for specifics. If you choose to do business with one of these vendors, we urge you to contact your chosen company well in advance of opening day to ensure timely delivery and installation, for which students must be present.

Most importantly, don't pay in cash. A canceled check or credit card statement may be your only proof of payment.

MOVE-IN TIP

On move-in days, you may see local entrepreneurs offering to help move belongings for a tip. You may utilize outside help, but know that official housing volunteers will wear shirts with the housing logo, and do not assist with moving student belongings.



+ 17-POSITION ADJUSTABLE BEDS

Most traditional residence hall rooms feature 17-position adjustable beds. Rooms with differently configured beds are noted on individual residence hall pages at housing.uga.edu.

Headboards and footboards are 64" tall by 38" wide with 17 levels of adjustment for height. When raised to the highest position, there is 60" of vertical clearance underneath.

Extra-long twin beds have 80" of horizontal space underneath, and regular twin beds (Creswell Hall only) have 75" of horizontal space underneath.

Once they occupy the room following move in, residents may submit a work request through the housing website for housing staff to raise or lower 17-position adjustable beds.

Move-in recycling

We'll take your plastic film, Styrofoam and cardboard

During move in, designated cardboard and Styrofoam recycling areas help us reduce the waste going into landfills and—just as importantly—help us save money! Athens-Clarke County charges us for emptying dumpsters, so recycling is a win-win.

Students can help by taking cardboard, Styrofoam and other recyclables (glass, aluminum and plastic packaging) to central recycling locations during move in, where our volunteers will be there to help break down boxes and keep the clutter to a minimum.

While living on campus, residents are responsible for their own trash and recycling. We try to make recycling easy—wherever there is a dumpster or a trash can, there should also be a recycling bin. There's no need to separate recyclables; the county uses a single-stream system. Many halls even have compost bins, where residents can deposit food waste that UGA turns into compost.



Frequently asked questions

WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE MOVE IN GO MORE SMOOTHLY?

Although there will be large rolling carts available for students to use for free, quantities are limited, so bring a small cart or dolly if you have one. Also consider bringing a small tool kit if you have items to put together—including a rubber mallet for raising or lowering the adjustable beds. You may place all of your trash and recycling in designated exterior locations around each building.

CAN I SEND MAIL OR PACKAGES AHEAD OF MOVING IN?

Mailrooms and desks do not open until August 11, so please plan for packages to arrive after that date. Otherwise, they may be returned to sender or left outside.

WHAT IF I WANT A DIFFERENT ROOM OR ROOMMATE?

Any resident with a completed housing contract may request a room change at any time. Requests are granted in the order in which they are received and as spaces become available. The more flexible students are about where they would like to move, the more quickly a move is likely to happen.

WHAT IS THERE TO DO BETWEEN MOVE IN AND CLASSES STARTING?

Resident assistants, student organizations and departments will have plenty of fun activities planned—night and day—to help students meet people and adjust to campus. Visit welcome.uga.edu for a calendar of activities.

WHEN ARE ROOM CHANGES OFFERED?

Students with completed housing contracts can make room change requests in The Dawg House portal at any time. We accommodate these requests as much as possible throughout the summer, so students should continue to check their UGA email for room change offers.

DO I HAVE TO LEAVE MY ROOM DURING BREAKS?

Most undergraduate halls are closed for breaks, meaning residents must leave during these breaks. Exceptions include

Brown Hall, Reed Hall and Payne Hall, which remain open. East Campus Village apartments, University Village apartments, UV East and HSC townhomes remain open, as well.

HOW CAN I GET AROUND CAMPUS IF I DON'T HAVE A CAR?

UGA has an extensive transit system. In fact, it carries the highest volume of any university-operated transit system in the United States. Free access to the UGA bus system and the Athens-Clarke County bus system is provided through the student transportation fee.

ARE THE HALLS AIR-CONDITIONED?

All halls have air conditioning, heat and in-room temperature control.

WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE A MAINTENANCE PROBLEM IN MY ROOM?

Call 706-542-3999 to report a problem or submit an online work request at housing.uga.edu. For emergencies, students should contact their 24-hour community desk to report the problem. The community services assistant will contact the appropriate housing staff to address the problem.

DO I NEED INSURANCE FOR MY BELONGINGS WHILE LIVING ON CAMPUS?

University Housing recommends that students obtain some type of renter's insurance whether that be a special policy or as a part of a parent or guardian's homeowner policy.

WHAT IS THE DECORATION POLICY?

The condition of the room must be the same at checkout as it is at check in. Residents should review the online Community Guide for the decorations policies specific to the traditional rooms and apartments. Students may bring other furniture but the existing furniture MUST remain in the room.

CAN I BRING FUTONS, RUGS, CARPETS, MINI FRIDGES AND MICROWAVES?

Yes. Since room sizes vary widely even within halls, we suggest waiting until you either have your final room assignment or have moved in to purchase rugs

and carpet. University Housing offers MicroChill rentals; see page 17 for more information, and check for appliance guidelines in the Community Guide.

HOW ARE GENDERS MIXED IN THE HALLS?

In co-ed halls with community bathrooms, students are generally separated by gender on different floors or wings, with bathrooms designated by gender. In suite-style rooms with bathrooms, each suite houses same-gender students. Many halls have a unisex bathroom available not designated for a specific gender.

DO THE HALLS HAVE KITCHENS?

All halls have communal kitchens. Students must clean up after themselves and use their own kitchen utensils, cookware and dishes. Apartment-style rooms have kitchenettes, including a microwave and a full-size refrigerator, apartments in UV East also include an oven and stove.

DO THE HALLS HAVE LAUNDRY FACILITIES?

All halls have laundry facilities onsite. Laundry is included in the housing fee—there is no additional cost for laundry—but bring your own HE detergent.

WHEN IS THE HOUSING FEE DUE?

All transactions will be made through Student Accounts in the UGA Bursar's Office and are due according to their guidelines. Do not remit any payments to University Housing. Visit bursar.uga.edu for specific deadlines.

HOW DOES CLEANING WORK IN THE HALLS?

Students are generally responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of their assigned space, including private and shared bathrooms. The University provides cleaning services for all community bathrooms in residence halls and for private and shared bathrooms in the following residence halls: Brown Hall, Brumby Hall, Building 1516, Creswell Hall, Mary Lyndon Hall, Myers Hall, Oglethorpe House, Reed Hall, Russell Hall, Rutherford Hall, Soule and UV East. For more information on your hall's cleaning schedule, please contact your residence hall director.

Residence halls at a glance

COMMUNITY	BUILDING	1ST YEAR ONLY	CAPACITY	VISIT CODE	PREDOMINANT ROOM TYPE	BED SIZE	MICRO-WAVE/FRIDGE	11.5 MONTH CONTRACT	CARPET
BLACK-DIALLO-MILLER	BLACK-DIALLO-MILLER	✓	525	1	Double with community bath	XL twin	✗	✗	✗
HEALTH SCIENCES CAMPUS	BROWN	✗	190	2	Double in suite with bath	XL twin	✗	✗	✗
BRUMBY	BRUMBY	✓	940	1	Double with community bath	XL twin	✗	✗	✗
CRESWELL	CRESWELL	✓	960	1	Double with community bath	Twin	✗	✗	✗
HILL	BOGGS*	✓	160	1	Double with community bath	XL twin	✗	✗	✗
	CHURCH*	✓	160	1	Double with community bath	XL twin	✗	✗	✗
	HILL*	✓	165	1	Double with community bath	XL twin	✗	✗	✗
	LIPSCOMB*	✓	160	1	Double with community bath	XL twin	✗	✗	✗
	MELL*	✓	160	1	Double with community bath	XL twin	✗	✗	✗
MORRIS*	✓	145	1	Double with community bath	XL twin	✗	✗	✗	
OGLETHORPE HOUSE	OGLETHORPE HOUSE*	✗	495	2	Double in suite with bath	XL twin	✗	✗	varies
MYERS	MARY LYNDON	✗	120	2	Double with community bath	XL twin	✗	✗	✗
	MYERS	✗	410	2	Mixed	XL twin	✗	✗	✗
	RUTHERFORD*	✗	260	2	Double with bath	XL twin	✗	✗	✓
	SOULE	✗	90	2	Double or single in suite with bath	Twin	✗	✗	✓
REED	PAYNE	✗	200	2	Double with community bath	XL twin	✓	✗	✗
	REED	✗	295	2	Mixed	XL twin	✓	✗	✗
RUSSELL	RUSSELL	✓	1000	1	Double with community bath	XL twin	✗	✗	✗
EAST CAMPUS VILLAGE	BUILDING 1516*	✗	555	2	Double with bath	XL twin	✗	✗	✓
	BUSBEE, MCWHORTER, ROOKER, VANDIVER	✗	varies	2	Apartment/single room	Full	✓	required in all but Vandiver	✓
EAST CAMPUS VILLAGE EXPANDED	BUSBEE, MCWHORTER, ROOKER, VANDIVER	✓	varies	2	Apartment/double room or single room	XL twin or Full	✓	✗	✓
UNIVERSITY VILLAGE	UV EAST (J, K, L)	✗	195	2	Apartment/double room	XL twin	✓	✗	✓

GLOSSARY

11.5-MONTH CONTRACT

Contract includes summer 2024 with an additional fee payment due for summer.

APARTMENTS

Residents have private and private or semi-private bathrooms. All apartments feature living rooms and kitchens or kitchenettes.

DOUBLE WITH COMMUNITY BATH

Two roommates share a room with a bathroom located on the hall. Residents share the community bathroom with members of the same gender. Some floors may have a large, central bathroom while others may have smaller bathrooms that are located throughout the floor.

DOUBLE WITH BATH

Two residents share a room and an attached bathroom.

DOUBLE IN SUITE WITH BATH

Two residents share a bath with two other residents of the same gender in a neighboring room. Residents have access to both rooms through the bathroom.

EAST CAMPUS VILLAGE EXPANDED

Residents share a room in a 2, 3 or 4-bedroom apartment another resident of the same gender with semi-private bathrooms. All apartments feature living rooms and kitchenettes.

MICROWAVE/FRIDGE

Full-size refrigerators and microwaves are standard in Busbee, McWhorter, Rooker, Vandiver and UV East. Microfridges (a

microwave, refrigerator combination unit) are standard in rooms in Brown, Payne and Reed halls. MicroChills (similar units) are available for rent through University Housing. See page 17 for details.


VISITATION CODE

Visitation 1: Visitation permitted Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. and 24 hours a day beginning 10 a.m. Friday through Saturday, ending at 2 a.m. Monday (Sunday night). Visitation 2: Visitation permitted at all times.

* Rooms feature in-room sinks

• Students requiring housing during breaks, including Thanksgiving break, winter break and spring break, should select a space in Brown, Payne, Reed, Busbee, McWhorter, Rooker, UV East or Vandiver

• Capacity is rounded to the nearest 5

A young woman with long dark hair, wearing a purple t-shirt, is smiling and hugging her mother from behind. The mother, wearing a green t-shirt, is also smiling. They are surrounded by cardboard boxes and supplies, suggesting a busy move-in day. In the background, other people are visible, some sitting on boxes. A blue bag is on a box to the left, and a red bag is on a box to the right. A white metal railing is in the foreground, slightly out of focus.

It's hot. It's crowded. Emotions are high, but some planning and the right attitude make all the difference.

A supporter's guide to college move in

Moving in also means moving out, which can be stressful for everyone! Here are some tips for making it through the experience together

For many first-year students, move-in day can be a daunting experience. The transition from home life to dorm life can be overwhelming, and students may feel homesick or unsure about how to navigate their new environment. As a parent, there are several things you can do to support your student during this time.

First and foremost, it's important to recognize that move-in day is a big transition. They may feel anxious or uncertain, and it's important to provide emotional support and reassurance. Encourage your student to talk about their feelings and concerns and offer words of encouragement and support.

Another way to support your student is to help them prepare for move-in day. This can include packing and organizing their belongings, arranging transportation and ensuring they have all the necessary supplies and essentials. Consider creating a checklist or packing guide to help them stay organized and focused.

On move-in day, it can be helpful to have a plan in place. Coordinate with your student's roommate and plan to arrive at the dorm at their scheduled arrival time. Be

prepared to help with the move-in process, but also give your student space to explore their new environment and get settled. Encourage them to meet new people, attend orientation events and get involved in campus activities such as #welcomeuga.

We've found it's helpful to set communication expectations before supporters return home. How often do you expect to communicate with your student and by what means? A call once a week? A text every day? Make sure you and your student are on the same page to avoid frustration down the road.

Finally, stay connected with your student throughout the move-in process and beyond. Check in regularly, but also give them space to navigate their new independence. Encourage them to reach out for support and resources if they need it, and offer guidance and advice as needed.

Move-in day can be a challenging time for first-year students and their families. However, by providing emotional support, helping them prepare and staying connected throughout the process, parents can help their students make a smooth transition to life at UGA.



More than 400 students help make University Housing a home!

Join the Housing Team

Where your supervisor prioritizes your schedule and supports your well-being

Working for University Housing as a student can be a fun, educational and enjoyable experience. With a variety of positions available, students have the opportunity to gain valuable skills and experience while making meaningful contributions to their campus community.

One of the key benefits of working for University Housing is the chance to work with a diverse group of students, staff and faculty. Through this collaboration, employees develop skills in communication, teamwork and leadership, which are essential for success in any career.

In addition to gaining valuable skills, working for University Housing can also be a great way to meet new friends and to learn about new ways to get involved on campus. Many positions involve interacting with other students and planning events and activities, which can create a lively and engaging work environment.

Another benefit of working for University Housing is the educational opportunities available to employees. Many positions offer training and experiential learning opportunities, which can help students build their resumes and transcripts, as well as prepare for future careers.

Students can apply now for fall positions and, once they know their class schedule, communicate with their supervisor to develop a strategy that works. Students may work a maximum of 20 hours per week on campus. Open positions and application links are available at housing.uga.edu/about-us/employment

STUDENT POSITIONS

COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSISTANT:

Operate the desks and distribute mail and packages

SOCIAL MEDIA AMBASSADOR:

Develop and post content for Instagram, TikTok, Twitter and Facebook

IT STUDENT ASSISTANT:

Help configure, manage, maintain and support housing IT systems and software

MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT:

Assist with maintenance and repair of machinery, electrical and/or electronic components in housing properties

WORK WHERE YOU LIVE

flexible schedules

SOCIAL MEDIA STREET TEAM

Gain experiential learning credit while generating content for University Housing social media channels. Up to 20 hours/week

COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSISTANT

Provide exemplary customer service to all residents, guests, visitors, faculty and staff who interact with desks and community office spaces. Up to 20 hours/week

Limited positions available:

IT STUDENT ASSISTANT MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT

APPLY FOR FALL

SHIFTS FIT YOUR CLASS SCHEDULE





Russell Hall
515 Baxter Street
Athens, GA 30602



+ STUDENT WELL-BEING

Visit housing.uga.edu/student-wellbeing for information about how University Housing and residents can work together to create and maintain healthy living environments.



STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY



PROJECTS + MAINTENANCE



WELL-BEING



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