WHERE DOES YOUR RENT GO?
SECURITY IN THE HALLS
WHAT TO BRING
TECHNOLOGY ON CAMPUS
RESIDENCE HALL TOURS

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO
MOVE IN

PLUS
WHERE DOES YOUR RENT GO?
SECURITY IN THE HALLS
WHAT TO BRING
TECHNOLOGY ON CAMPUS
RESIDENCE HALL TOURS
IN THIS ISSUE

HAPPENING IN THE HALLS

Letter from the executive director...........................................................4
Directory.....................................................................................................4
Who’s who in housing..............................................................................5
Summer residence hall tours...................................................................6
Residence halls at a glance.......................................................................7
Where does your rent go?.......................................................................8
Improving access to housing...................................................................9
Wifi network feedback leads to improvements....................................9
Security is a top priority.........................................................................10
An environment of learning...................................................................11
Housing by the numbers.........................................................................11

MOVE IN

Moving in, August 6–13...........................................................................12
Move-in FAQ.............................................................................................13
What to bring, what to leave...................................................................14
Move in by the numbers..........................................................................15
Buyer beware...........................................................................................16
Sustainability in housing........................................................................16

CAMPUS RESOURCES

Campus technology resources.................................................................18
Dawg Camp 101........................................................................................19
The Academic Resource Center..............................................................20
UGA Libraries...........................................................................................20
University Health Center..........................................................................21

FEATURES

22 It’s more than a job, it’s a path to the future
Housing student employees leverage marketable skills

26 “I am ______ and I am
#OneUGA”
Social media steps in to address diversity and inclusion on campus

27 Staff Spotlight:
Cameron Jacob
Maintenance man–of–all–trades
Cameron Jacob shares why his job in housing is so rewarding
Students enjoy the wide-open space of Myers Quad, where pickup games of flag football, soccer and disc golf are a daily occurrence.
A Letter from the Executive Director

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

Students will encounter challenges while moving from home with family to a residence hall. Students will face a more independent lifestyle and experience new freedoms/responsibilities. Questions remain: Will I get along with my roommate? How academically prepared am I for college? Will I make the right decisions for me about the real life 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 require 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. I encourage your student to contact staff whenever questions or concerns arise. Undergraduate, graduate and full-time professional staff members are available to assist in the residence halls.

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

Gerard J. Kowalski, Ph.D.
Who’s who in housing

**AREA/SENIOR COORDINATOR (AC)**
Full-time, professional staff members who manage two residential communities, each with approximately 1,000 students. They coordinate educational programs and activities spanning the halls and the university community and are the primary administrator for day-to-day community operations.

**C.L.A.S.S. ADVOCATE (CA)**
The Continuing the Legacy of African-American Student Success (C.L.A.S.S.) advocate program serves to support and enrich the university experience of all minority students and to facilitate communication between staff and students. CAs have many of the same responsibilities as RAs but also serve specifically to engage populations of residents who could potentially feel marginalized on campus.

**COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**
Full-time staff members who supervise the student office staff, oversee the office operations and provide administrative support for the full-time staff.

**DESK ASSISTANT (DA)**
Desk assistants are student workers who staff the 24-hour desks in all of the residential communities. They are responsible for numerous tasks that include, but are not limited to, checking the ID cards of residents, checking out temporary keys and answering phone calls.

**GRADUATE RESIDENT (GR)**
Full-time graduate students who provide basic academic, personal and disciplinary advising for individuals and groups of students, as well as assist in student development programming, facilities management, multicultural awareness efforts and other special projects. Some GRs supervise RAs, while others support academic and leadership efforts for University Housing.

**RESIDENCE HALL DIRECTOR (RHD)**
Full-time, live-in professional staff members who supervise the community desks and desk assistants, advise hall and community councils, supervise RAs and CAs, coordinate educational programs and activities, and support the area coordinator or senior coordinator in the day-to-day administration of the residence halls and apartments.

**RESIDENT ASSISTANT (RA)**
Student staff members who live with residents and are selected for their skills, interests and campus activities, which enable them to help other students get the most from their UGA experience. RAs are trained to assist and/or refer students with academic and personal concerns and to help maintain an academically supportive environment in the halls.
**Summer residence hall tours available**

Throughout the summer University Housing’s tour guides will be on hand to show common areas and a student showroom decorated by a university department, school or organization. Students will not be shown their specific assigned room in order to protect the security and privacy of camp and conference participants staying in the halls throughout the summer.

However, students and families may see videos of student-decorated spaces on our YouTube channel: UGA Housing (youtube.com/housinguga). You’ll also find some great how-to videos including how to adjust the height of a bed and how to set up the residence hall PIN that students will need in order to access their hall.

In addition, stop by the housing resource table in Creswell Hall to speak to a housing representative and pick up a tape measure and info sheets for all the halls.

---

**BRUMBY HALL**  
Day 2 of First-Year Orientation 12-5 p.m.  
Saturdays in June and July (except July 1) 12-5 p.m.  
Decorated by the College of Family and Consumer Sciences  
The College of Family and Consumer Sciences at UGA develops strong leaders for careers in areas such as medicine and healthcare, law and policy, business and finance, counseling and therapy, education, fashion, residential interior design, journalism, nutrition and youth development. www.fcs.uga.edu

**BUILDING 1516**  
Day 2 of First-Year Orientation 12-5 p.m.  
Saturdays in June and July (except July 1) 12-5 p.m.  
Transfer Orientation days 12-5 p.m.  
Decorated by the Georgia Museum of Art  
The Georgia Museum of Art is the official state museum of art, located in the Performing and Visual Arts Complex at UGA. It recently completed an extensive expansion and remodeling of its building that has allowed it to display its permanent collection continually. georgiamuseum.org

**CRESWELL HALL**  
Day 2 of First-Year Orientation 12-5 p.m.  
Saturdays in June and July (except July 1) 12-5 p.m.  
Transfer Orientation days 12-5 p.m.  
Decorated by the UGA Office of Sustainability  
The Office of Sustainability is committed to helping the University of Georgia become more sustainable, and provide opportunities for faculty, staff, and students to enhance their quality of life by advancing sustainability initiatives at UGA. sustainability.uga.edu

**HILL HALL**  
Day 2 of First-Year Orientation 12-5 p.m.  
Saturdays in June and July (except July 1) 12-5 p.m.  
Decorated by International Student Life  
The department of International Student Life (ISL) enhances the student-learning environment through programs and services that internationalize the campus experience. isl.uga.edu

**MARY LYNDON HALL**  
Day 2 of First-Year Orientation 12-5 p.m.  
Saturdays in June and July (except July 1) 12-5 p.m.  
Transfer Orientation days 12-5 p.m.

**MORRIS HALL**  
Day 2 of First-Year Orientation 12-5 p.m.  
Saturdays in June and July (except July 1) 12-5 p.m.  
Decorated by UGA Libraries  
UGA Libraries provide electronic access to thousands of full text scholarly articles, a general collection of over 4 million titles as well as countless square feet of study space, instructional classrooms, a Digital Humanities Lab, GIS Lab and MakerSpace. libs.uga.edu

**MYERS HALL**  
Day 2 of First-Year Orientation 12-5 p.m.  
Saturdays in June and July (except July 1) 12-5 p.m.  
Transfer Orientation days 12-5 p.m.  
Decorated by Terry College of Business  
As the first business school in the South, the Terry College of Business is steeped in a tradition of providing cutting-edge business education to its students through a challenging curriculum, exceptional faculty, and close-knit alumni network. terry.uga.edu

**REED HALL**  
Day 2 of First-Year Orientation 12-5 p.m.  
Saturdays in June and July (except July 1) 12-5 p.m.  
Transfer Orientation days 12-5 p.m.  
Decorated by the State Botanical Garden of Georgia  
The garden is a 313-acre preserve set aside by UGA in 1968 for the study and enjoyment of plants and nature. Located three miles south of campus, it is a living laboratory serving educational, research, recreational and public service roles for the university and the citizens of Georgia. botgarden.uga.edu

**ROOKER HALL (EAST CAMPUS VILLAGE)**  
Day 2 of First-Year Orientation 12-5 p.m.  
Saturdays in June and July (except July 1) 12-5 p.m.  
Transfer Orientation days 12-5 p.m.

**ROGERS ROAD APARTMENT**  
Day 2 of First-Year Orientation 12-5 p.m.  
Saturdays in June and July (except July 1) 12-5 p.m.  
Transfer Orientation days 12-5 p.m.

**RUTHERFORD HALL**  
Day 2 of First-Year Orientation 12-5 p.m.  
Saturdays in June and July (except July 1) 12-5 p.m.  
Transfer Orientation days 12-5 p.m.  
Decorated by UGA Study Abroad  
With three international centers in Oxford, UK (UGA at Oxford); Cortona, Italy (UGA Cortona); and in the Monteverde Cloud Forest, Costa Rica (UGA Costa Rica), students of almost any major can take UGA classes and live in university housing, all while immersing themselves in another culture. GoAbroad.uga.edu

**UNIVERSITY VILLAGE APARTMENT**  
Day 2 of First-Year Orientation 12-5 p.m.  
Saturdays in June and July (except July 1) 12-5 p.m.  
Transfer Orientation days 12-5 p.m.  
Decorated by the Warnell School of Forestry  
The Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources prepares leaders in the conservation and sustainable management of forests and other renewable natural resources using the latest ideas and technology for real world applications. www.warnell.uga.edu
## RESIDENCE HALLS AT A GLANCE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>COMMUNITY</th>
<th>BUILDING</th>
<th>1ST YEAR ONLY</th>
<th>CAPACITY</th>
<th>VISIT CODE</th>
<th>ROOM TYPE</th>
<th>BED SIZE</th>
<th>IN-ROOM TEMP CONTROL</th>
<th>12-MONTH CONTRACT</th>
<th>CARPET</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BRUMBY</td>
<td>BRUMBY</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>950</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Double with community bath</td>
<td>XL twin</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CRESWELL</td>
<td>CRESWELL</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>960</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Double with community bath</td>
<td>Twin</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>HILL</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BOGGS*</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>160</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
<td>Double with community bath</td>
<td>XL twin</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHURCH*</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>160</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
<td>Double with community bath</td>
<td>XL twin</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HILL*</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>165</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
<td>Double with community bath</td>
<td>XL twin</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LIPSCOMB*</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>160</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
<td>Double with community bath</td>
<td>XL twin</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MELL*</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>160</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
<td>Double with community bath</td>
<td>XL twin</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OGLETHORPE</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HOUSE*</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Double in suite with bath</td>
<td>XL twin</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td></td>
<td>varies</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>MARY LYDON</td>
<td>×</td>
<td>120</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Double with community bath</td>
<td>XL twin</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MYERS</td>
<td></td>
<td>×</td>
<td>400</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Mixed</td>
<td>XL twin</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>RUTHERFORD*</td>
<td>×</td>
<td>260</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Double with bath</td>
<td>XL twin</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SOULE*</td>
<td></td>
<td>×</td>
<td>90</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Suites and supersuites</td>
<td>Twin</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>REED</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BUILDING 1516*</td>
<td>×</td>
<td>560</td>
<td>2</td>
<td></td>
<td>Double with bath</td>
<td>XL twin</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MORRIS*</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>140</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
<td>Double with community bath</td>
<td>XL twin</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PAYNE</td>
<td>×</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>2</td>
<td></td>
<td>Double with community bath</td>
<td>XL twin</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REED</td>
<td>×</td>
<td>300</td>
<td>2</td>
<td></td>
<td>Mixed</td>
<td>XL twin</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>EAST CAMPUS VILLAGE</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BUSBEE,</td>
<td></td>
<td>×</td>
<td>varies</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Apartment/single room</td>
<td>Double</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>Option</td>
<td>✓</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MCHWORTER,</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROOKER, VANDIVER</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>EAST CAMPUS VILLAGE EXPANDED</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BUSBEE,</td>
<td></td>
<td>×</td>
<td>varies</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Apartment/shared room</td>
<td>XL twin</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>Option</td>
<td>✓</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MCHWORTER,</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROOKER, VANDIVER</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>UNIVERSITY VILLAGE</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROGERS ROAD</td>
<td>×</td>
<td>varies</td>
<td>2</td>
<td></td>
<td>Apartment</td>
<td>XL twin</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>Option</td>
<td>✓</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UNIVERSITY VILLAGE EXPANDED</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>×</td>
<td>varies</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Apartment</td>
<td>XL twin</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>Option</td>
<td>✓</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### GLOSSARY

**APARTMENTS**
Residents have private or semi-private bedrooms 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.

**DOUBLE WITH SHARED BATH**
Two residents share a bathroom with one or two other residents of the same gender in a neighboring room. Residents do not have access to their neighbors’ room.

**EAST CAMPUS VILLAGE EXPANDED**
Residents share a room in a 2, 3 or 4-bedroom apartment with other residents of the same gender with semi-private bathrooms. All apartments feature living rooms and kitchensettes.

**SUPERSUITE**
Enter into a common area room that shares access to at least one full bathroom. Bedrooms may be singles or doubles. A residents’ key only opens their bedroom.

**VISITATION CODE**
Two types are featured: Option 1: Visitation permitted Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. and beginning 10 a.m. Friday through Saturday, ending at 2 a.m. Monday (Sunday night). Option 2: Visitation permitted 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**12-MONTH CONTRACT**
Residents have the option of extending their nine-month contract to include summer 2018 with an additional rent payment due for summer.

---

* Rooms feature in-room sinks
* Students requiring housing during mid-year breaks, including Thanksgiving break, winter break and spring break, should check housing.uga.edu for updated information about which halls feature this option
* Capacity is rounded to the nearest 10
Where does your rent go?

**PERSONNEL SERVICES**
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 student employee pools on campus.

**UTILITIES**
With the rising costs of natural resources, energy costs have also increased. The luxury of having all utilities included in rent utilizes a significant portion of the rent dollar. For instance, last year alone, University Housing paid approximately $3.4 million for utilities.

**COMMUNICATIONS**
The high-speed internet and expanded cable services, as well as keeping up-to-speed with modern technology advancements such as video streaming devices can be a significant portion of the rent dollar for University Housing residents.

**OPERATING EXPENSES**
Services such as insurance, administrative overhead, supplies and regular repairs and maintenance.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**
Each year, any revenue amount that exceeds operating expenses is contributed to University Housing’s fund balance. In order to keep the buildings as up-to-date as possible, all halls are assessed for maintenance needs. For instance, over the summer and upcoming fiscal year, we will renovate Russell Hall, replace the brick exterior of Oglethorpe House, replace heating and cooling units in Morris and McWhorter and update the fire alarm systems in four other buildings. Other projects within the residence halls, University Village apartments and the Health Science Campus facilities include refinishing shower stalls and installing utility meters.

**DEBT SERVICES**
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) and Rutherford Hall (built in 2013) account for the majority of debt obligations. All of these projects were financed by the UGA Real Estate Foundation.

The outstanding services and programs that make living in University Housing an enjoyable and productive experience require a great deal of resources. Dedicated staff members—both student and professional—utilities, debt service payments and capital improvement projects name just a few of the many expenses incurred to provide comfortable, affordable and secure on-campus housing options in residential communities where the academic success and personal growth of residents are encouraged and supported. If you have ever wondered where your rent dollars go, we would like to help illustrate how useful each and every penny can be.
For the third year in a row, University Housing offered two $500 scholarships to returning residents for the fall semester.

University Housing chose residents Javan Jacques (above) and Oliveea Bertin as scholarship winners from a pool of 58 eligible applicants in February. Dr. James “Jim” Day served as executive director of University Housing from 1990 to 2006. Dr. Day conceived and initially funded the University Housing Scholarship Fund to assist students with financial need offset the cost of on-campus housing. In recognition of his service to the University of Georgia and in honor of his personal commitment to helping secure financial assistance for students, the scholarship was perpetually named for him upon his retirement.

The housing scholarships represent a commitment to improving access to the university by alleviating some of the financial burden students face while attending UGA.

WiFi network feedback leads to improvements

University Housing and UGA’s Enterprise Information Technology Services (EITS) have been in a partnership to upgrade wireless service throughout the residence halls since a 2016 survey to residents about wireless service. Since last year, 12 residence halls have been fully upgraded with more than 1,900 new wireless access points installed in those buildings—including many residents’ rooms. This means faster, more reliable wireless connectivity for residents accessing the university’s wireless network, PAWS-Secure. More residence halls will continue to be upgraded throughout the year to continue improving wireless service for students.
COMMITTED TO A SECURE 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.

ACCESS
Upon moving into a residence hall, each student is given a holographic sticker to affix to the front of his/her UGACard to provide a quick and easy way for housing staff to identify residents of each residential community. In addition to providing a form of identification, the UGACard is necessary to enter the residential areas of residence halls in conjunction with a PIN that controls the doors to residential areas. Security at some entry points is enhanced through the use of surveillance camera systems. Each resident is issued a key to his/her individual room door and, in the event of lost keys, doors to resident rooms are re-keyed.

SECURITY 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. every night. Responding to emergency situations, identifying or security concerns and checking access to residence hall entrances and exits are just a few of the nightly duties of security personnel.

ON-CALL STAFF
After normal business hours and on weekends, student and professional staff members are on call to support student needs. Each of housing’s nine 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
The residence halls feature two different visitation options that are specific to each hall:
Option 1: Visitation permitted Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. and beginning 10 a.m. Friday through Saturday, ending at 2 a.m. Monday (Sunday night).
Option 2: Visitation permitted 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Roommate’s rights have priority over visitor’s rights. Specific guest regulations are to be determined and mutually agreed upon by the roommates within each room or suite or unit. These regulations can further restrict the current visitation policy, but not broaden. If consensus cannot be met independently, the staff will assist in creating a written agreement with the roommates.

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 persons 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.
An environment of learning

University Housing promotes residents’ academic success by supporting special programs both inside and outside of the classroom.

LEARNING COMMUNITIES
Creswell Hall and Building 1516
learningcommunities.uga.edu
Twenty students in each community register for three classes together for fall semester and one service–learning course for spring semester. A major in a related field is not required to participate. The 2016–2017 community themes satisfy the first–year odyssey requirement.

LANGUAGE COMMUNITIES (FRENCH AND SPANISH)
Mary Lyndon Hall
langcomm.uga.edu
A small number of students per language are selected through an application and interview process and commit to only speak the chosen language while in common spaces within their residence hall creating an immersed language experience. Residents earn credit and get priority registration for foreign language courses.

FRESHMAN COLLEGE SUMMER EXPERIENCE (FCSE)
Oglethorpe House and Building 1516
freshmancollege.uga.edu
Students take part in this month–long summer experience to earn six hours of academic credit prior to the traditional fall term start. Freshman college participants take UNIV 1103 (Strategies and Life Skills Needed for Success) meant to prepare them to be successful college students.

HONORS MAGNET PROGRAM
Myers Hall
honors.uga.edu
This residential program creates a community living environment for approximately 250 first–year UGA Honors participants to share ideas and views from different disciplines.

FRANKLIN RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE (FRC)
Rutherford Hall
frc.uga.edu
The Franklin Residential College consists of first–year and upper division students enrolled in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences. These students participate in various student–run activities including cultural events and trips. A dean from the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences lives in Rutherford Hall and hosts programs such as teas, discussion groups and a weekly cookie night.

Housing by the Numbers

7,378,167 gallons of water used in Creswell Hall per year. That’s enough to fill more than 10 Olympic-size swimming pools.

2,828 miles of toilet paper high-rise residents use per year. That’s enough to stretch from Athens, Ga to Vancouver, Canada.

84 videos on our YouTube channel dedicated to on-campus living at UGA: youtube.com/housinguga

2.8 million square feet of space cleaned and maintained by housing staff.

71% of on-campus residents are first-year students.

1,397 educational, social, recreational and diversity programs offered by student staff in the residence halls in 2016-2017.

422 student employees in University Housing as of May 2017.
Each year, the University of Georgia community welcomes nearly 8,000 students into the many residence halls in a very condensed time period. On the first two days of move, hundreds of volunteers work to streamline the move-in process and to address resident and family feedback concerning traffic congestion, parking lot availability and elevator service.

**ARRIVAL TIMESLOTS**

In order to reduce vehicular traffic and move in lines, student arrival times for move in will be staggered. All residents who plan on moving in on Sunday, August 6 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. or Monday, August 7 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. must schedule an arrival timeslot. Residents checking in after these times do not need to schedule an arrival timeslot and have until 9 a.m. on August 14 to check in. The arrival timeslot scheduling site will open in late June. More specific information about the site and how to schedule an arrival timeslot will be shared in advance of the site opening.

Move in is a busy time, please be patient and expect that elevators, parking lots and hallways will be crowded throughout move-in week. Please place all of your trash and recycling in designated locations around each building. The check-in process varies from year to year and it is difficult to predict when the ‘best’ days and times are for students to check in to avoid lines. Check-in lines are typically not as long in the late afternoon or early evenings but again, this may vary from hall to hall. Housing staff make every effort to minimize delays in the check-in process.

**UNLOADING ZONES**

On Sunday, August 6 and Monday, August 7, 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 distributed as they are finalized.

**WHAT YOU’LL NEED TO MOVE IN**

Students are encouraged to consider bringing a small cart or dolly. Although in many buildings carts are available, 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 several forms at check in).
CHECKING INTO A RESIDENCE HALL ROOM
Each student must have his/her UGACard to check in. Students should know their student ID number and emergency contact information (preferably, this should be someone in the United States). Only the student can receive a room key; parents cannot complete the check-in process or receive a key for a student. Students should also expect to receive their mailbox combination/key and a copy of the Room Inventory Card (this is a form noting the current condition of the room that students should keep for their records). Once check-in begins, students can check in and obtain a key 24 hours a day.

DECORATION
The condition of the room must be the same at checkout as it is at check in. Residents should review the online Community Guide (available at housing.uga.edu) for the decoration policies.

INSURANCE
University Housing recommends that students obtain some type of renter’s insurance whether that be a special policy or as a part of a family member’s homeowner policy.

MAIL
Mail is delivered by the United States Postal Service to the central mailboxes assigned in each community or hall. In University Village Housing and the Health Sciences Campus (HSC) mail is delivered by the U.S. Postal Service. Addresses are listed in the online resident guides on the webpage for each community.

RESIDENCE HALL CONTRACTS
Students age 18 or older execute housing contracts online. The contract is a legally binding agreement between the student, the university and the Board of Regents. To view an example of a contract, visit housing.uga.edu/site/resources. For student-specific contracts, your student may log in to The Dawg House or contact the Housing Assignments Office at 706-542-1421 or housing@uga.edu.

MOVE IN FAQ
Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE MOVING IN TO MY ROOM GO MORE SMOOTHLY?
Students are encouraged to consider bringing a small cart or dolly. There are a limited number of carts available for students to use. You might also consider bringing a small tool kit if you have items to put together and a pen for filling out several forms at check in. Move in is a busy time in and around the residence halls, please be patient and expect that elevators, parking lots and hallways will be crowded throughout move in week. Please place all of your trash and recycling in designated locations around each building.

IF I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT MY ROOM AND MOVE IN, WHO CAN I CALL?
New residents may contact the community office directly with specific questions.

IF I DON’T MOVE IN ON THE FIRST TWO DAYS, WILL I MISS ANYTHING IMPORTANT?
Residents who wait to move in will not be left out of any official meetings or activities.

IS THE FIRST DAY OF MOVE IN REALLY AS BUSY AS EVERYONE SAYS?
Yes. Residents can expect the process to take several hours. Factors include traffic along major roads, parking and waiting in line for check in and elevators.

WHAT IF I WANT A DIFFERENT ROOM OR ROOMMATE?
Any resident with a housing contract may request a room change at any point during the summer or the academic year, no questions asked. 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?
Because of a late change to the academic calendar, classes begin a full week after the first day of move in. 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.

housing.uga.edu
Look for detailed parking information, including lot numbers, street closings, interactive maps and designated long-term parking lots in July.
What to bring, what to leave

Keep it simple and keep it neat. We’ve been doing this at UGA for a while (since 1806, if you’re counting) and here are our go-to lists of what to bring and what to leave.

### BRING IT CHECKLIST

- **LINENS**
  Bed sheets and pillow cases, pillows, comforter, mattress pad, towels, hand towels and washcloths. Check the chart on page 7 for mattress sizes
- **BATHROOM SUPPLIES**
  Bring a shower basket if you will have community showers
- **LAUNDRY SUPPLIES**
- **CLOTHES HANGERS**
- **STORAGE CONTAINERS**
  Organize your room and closet and store items such as snacks and shoes under the bed
- **SHOE ORGANIZER**
- **IRON AND IRONING BOARD**
- **COMPACT REFRIGERATOR**
  Must be ENERGY STAR® compliant
- **COMPACT MICROWAVE**
  Must be 1.0 cubic feet maximum capacity
- **EARPLUGS AND HEADPHONES**
  You might have a different interpretation of “quiet hours” than your roommate
- **LAPTOP OR COMPUTER**
- **ETHERNET CABLE**
  Wireless internet is available in all halls and rooms as well as high-speed Ethernet connections
- **TELEVISION AND COAXIAL CABLES**
  Each room is cable-television ready. But don’t wait until you’re in Athens to get your cables, because many stores will already be sold out
- **SURGE PROTECTOR**
- **BROOM AND/OR VACUUM CLEANER**
- **AREA RUG**
  For rooms that do not have carpet
- **ALARM CLOCK**
- **SMALL FAN**
- **DESK LAMP OR PORTABLE LAMP**
- **POSTER MOUNTS**
- **TRASH CAN LINERS**
- **UMBRELLA**
- **THROW BLANKET**
- **UGA ID CARD**
- **POSTER MOUNTS OR THUMBTPACKS**
  Thumbtacks may be used in Building 1516, Rutherford hall and the East Campus Village Community

### LEAVE IT

- Space heaters
- Appliances with exposed heating elements
- Electric stoves with heating coils
- Grills
- Halogen lamps
- Pets
  Except for fish in properly maintained aquariums of 20 gallons or less
- Candles
  or any open flame apparatus
- Lofts
  Adjustable beds that can be raised to save space are provided by University Housing so lofts are not needed
- Trash cans
  University Housing provides each resident with a flame retardant trash can
- Nails, screws, permanent adhesives
  Anything that could damage walls
- Personal routers
  They interfere with the university’s secure WiFi network and decrease wireless performance for the others
- Printer
  Super affordable, wifi-enabled printing kiosks are available all over campus, including in some residence halls
FROM TOP: 1) Students should plan to arrive to their assigned residence hall at their chosen check-in time or anytime afterwards. Residents arriving on August 8 or later may move in anytime, 24 hours a day without an appointment. 2) Seventeen-position adjustable beds may be raised or lowered to residents’ preferred height. Bring a rubber mallet or check one out from the front desk to adjust the beds; no other tools are needed. 3) Unloading zone parking is for one hour only. After one hour, please move vehicles to long-term parking areas.
Sustainability in housing

▲ 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 pays us for our recycled cardboard and charges us for emptying dumpsters so recycling is a win–win.

You and your student can help by taking cardboard, styrofoam and other recyclables (glass, aluminum and plastic) 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.

During move out, housing sponsors a landfill diversion program that sends more than 75,000 pounds of donated goods to local community organizations. Look for Dawgs Ditch the Dumpster and Donate following spring semester.

Another way University Housing encourages sustainability is through incorporating EcoReps into hall councils. EcoReps are part of a nationwide program that allows student representatives to leverage resources across campus in order to promote sustainable living and eco–friendly practices in the halls.

Additionally, participation in programs such as Green Cup (an energy–saving competition among halls) and America Recycles Day, means there are plenty of opportunities for student involvement.
GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES IN CULTURE

Culture is an entity that transcends all boundaries. This course provides an in-depth survey of what culture is and how this definition varies in different contexts. We will explore the concepts of socially-constructed identities from a Western perspective and provide ways in which students can become globally conscious citizens.

ECHD 4000
Special Topics in Counseling and Human Development Services

Culture is an entity that transcends all boundaries. This course provides an in-depth survey of what culture is and how this definition varies in different contexts. We will explore the concepts of socially-constructed identities from a Western perspective and provide ways in which students can become globally conscious citizens.

Email Ben Cecil at bgcecil@uga.edu for more information about enrolling for this course for Fall 2017.

JOIN THE FUN!
Make a friend from a different part of the world!

All students welcome!
The Language Partner Program is a volunteer program designed to build cross cultural relationships by pairing international students with a partner student from the U.S. to meet periodically and converse in English.

JOIN US!
Join us weekly on Fridays during classes from 11:30AM-1:00PM in the Memorial Hall Ballroom. Each Coffee Hour is hosted by a different international student organization and features cultural cuisine, activities, and opportunities to meet people from around the world!

The department of International Student Life (ISL) enhances the student-learning environment through programs and services that internationalize the campus experience. This work is accomplished through focused and intentional efforts in three core areas: Transition & Support, Programming & Outreach, and Leadership & Engagement.

International Student Life
Student Affairs
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

706-542-5867 | isl@uga.edu | isl.uga.edu
The University of Georgia has all the technology tools to help students succeed. Whether it is helping them navigate their way around campus, or providing opportunities to enrich the academic experience, UGA has IT resources available.

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

If students need help with technical services, they may visit the EITS Help Desk website (eitshelpdesk.uga.edu) for how-to guides on all EITS services. They can also chat with a Help Desk representative via the website during normal business hours, contact the EITS Help Desk at helpdesk@uga.edu or call 706-542-3106 for assistance.

GET CONNECTED
To use most of the technology tools EITS offers, students will first need a secure Internet connection. The University of Georgia’s preferred wireless network is PAWS-Secure, which is available throughout campus. Students 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. PAWS-Secure requires just a one-time registration for your device. To access PAWS-Secure, provide your valid UGA MyID and password when prompted.

To get connected to wireless service, the wired (Ethernet) network or cable TV in the residence halls, visit getconnected.uga.edu.

If residents bring a TV, they may take advantage of University Cablevision, which offers more than 100 free channels for students living on campus. Find a complete list of channels at eits.uga.edu/network_and_phones/cable_tv/channel_list-ing/.

TOOLS FOR LEARNING
Students will register for classes during first-year orientation in Athena—UGA’s online student records management system. Depending on their classes, they may also be automatically enrolled in eLearning Commons (eLC), the University’s online learning management system. Instructors may choose to use eLC for course assignments, quizzes, assessments and class communication. For more information, visit elc.uga.edu.

All students, faculty and staff have free access to all Microsoft Office 365 products through their UGAMail accounts. For more information, visit office365.uga.edu.

Students who need to create and distribute a survey for a class project or student organization may use Qualtrics to create a free, UGA-branded survey. For more information, visit qualtrics.uga.edu.

TECH TOOLS AROUND CAMPUS
EITS manages several computer labs across campus, including several in the residence halls. Find a list at www.eits.uga.edu/cts/computer_labs/.

Students can also access computer lab software remotely anytime, anywhere through vLab, the University’s virtual lab environment. Simply point a web browser to vlab.uga.edu and log in with a MyID and password.

Printing is available through any one of the print kiosks located across campus. Kiosks store documents for 96 hours
and offer black and white and color printing. Payment is through a credit or debit card. For more information, visit www.printkiosk.uga.edu.

The official UGA mobile app offers a campus bus tracker and a campus map, as well as dining hall menus, and access to Athena. The free app is available in the App Store and Google Play. For more information, visit mobileapps.uga.edu.

KEEPING IDENTITIES SECURE
Keep information secure by creating a strong password that is a mix of capital and lowercase letters, numbers and special characters. All students, faculty and staff are required to change their MyID passwords every six months. Find more information about how to change a MyID password at myid.uga.edu.

ArchPass Duo is UGA’s phone-based two-factor authentication service. ArchPass Duo is used by many UGA systems during the log-in process to provide an extra layer of security for UGA accounts. Systems that use ArchPass Duo have two steps to the log-in process:
1) Enter a MyID and password
2) Verify an ID with a device enrolled in ArchPass Duo. Enrollees can verify their ID with a push notification, SMS text message, passcode or phone call to their ArchPass Duo-enrolled phone or tablet. Enroll a device through the Self-Service Enrollment portal at archpass.uga.edu/enroll.

Stay on top of campus technology updates and learn more about the tools EITS offers by following us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/uga.eits or on Twitter, at @uga_eits. A complete guide to IT services is available at newtocampus.uga.edu.

DAWG CAMP 101

Dawg Camp is a once in a lifetime transition program for incoming, first-year students that is tailored to your interests to help you jump-start your college career at UGA and learn what it really means to be a Bulldog. Students will meet new friends, gain an inside look at UGA, and develop meaningful skills to thrive in their first year. There is a camp for everyone, offering participants great opportunities to find their place, build a community and get involved at UGA before they even step foot into their first class.

Each Dawg Camp program speaks to various interests, which results in different program focuses. Adventure, Fusion and Classic City focus on the outdoors, Athenian culture, and community service in the Athens-Clarke country area, respectively. These camps run throughout the summer for five to six days and accommodate 10–15 students per session. The last program of the summer, Discovery, caters to 250 students and focuses on building leadership skills, promoting campus and community involvement, fostering long-lasting friendships and learning the history and traditions of the university. Although each camp caters to different interests, they are all built to ensure students walk away prepared, confident and equipped to start their new adventure on the right foot.

Check out what Dawg Camp has to offer at dawgcamp.uga.edu and follow on social media @UGADawgCamp for program updates and news. Space is limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis.

dawgcamp.uga.edu

Since no two camps are alike, lodging, meals and activities vary for each and is reflected in the price. The price of each camp includes lodging, transportation during the program, meals, activities and a t-shirt.
Understanding the academic pressures that come with the transition from high school academia to college classes, the Division of Academic Enhancement (DAE) provides free, year-round academic assistance for all students.

The DAE’s Academic Resource Center (ARC), centrally located in Milledge Hall near Sanford Stadium, hosts a vast number of free resources for students, including tutoring, test review sessions, academic counseling, writing assistance and more. For student convenience, the ARC’s tutoring program includes drop-in labs for chemistry, math and physics, as well as appointment-based tutoring for more than 60 courses. In addition to this site, tutoring is available at the Miller Learning Center, Aderhold Hall, Boyd Science Library, Brumby Hall and Creswell Hall. For students who are having trouble writing papers, the ARC has a writing center staffed with writing specialists who are experts in their field. The ARC also provides a computer lab for student use.

In addition, DAE offers elective degree credit UNIV courses to assist students with their transition to college. These courses help students focus on improving writing, grammar, mathematical skills, problem solving, critical thinking, computer literacy and more.

University Housing, the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, and the DAE collaborate to provide academic success workshops for students. Their workshops primarily take place in Brumby and Creswell residence halls. Workshops have included topics such as alleviating test anxiety, time-management in college, and navigating the difference between college and high school. The goal is to provide students with instruction in skills and strategies to help them succeed in college.

UGA understands students may not always be proactive in their academic success. The Collaborative Academic and Retention Effort (CARE) program is designed to help first-year students who fall short of their academic potential. Participation in CARE involves creating a personalized improvement plan with an academic specialist who helps students review their barriers to success and assists them in their effort to gain an improved academic standing.

The University of Georgia library is comprised of eight physical locations on campus and more than a dozen more across the state, as well as electronic archives consisting of thousands of full text scholarly articles, a general collection of over 4 million titles, the third largest media archive in the United States, and thousands of historic manuscript collections. The libraries also offer online chats, interlibrary loans and subject specialists to help students find exactly what they need.
UGA’s health fee means everyone has access to a full range of care. Each student is assigned his or her very own primary care provider clinic—Red, Gold, Blue or Green. The University Health Center (UHC) wants students to be successful academically but also physically, mentally and socially. Here are just a few ways UHC supports students:

- Clinic visits for illness or injury
- Management of chronic illnesses
- Annual flu shots and other routine immunizations
- Coordination of health care with other doctors
- Referral to other specialists for specific health needs
- Wellness checkups and physicals
- Questions about general health, sexual health, health goals, stress and mental wellness

To access care, students may make an appointment online at www.uhs.uga.edu.

**SPECIALTY SERVICES**

- Allergy Travel Clinic: Routine allergy shots; international travel planning and vaccinations; routine and specialty immunizations including HPV and meningitis
- Dental Clinic: Full-service general dentistry in a comfortable and safe atmosphere
- Vision Clinic: Eye exams, eyeglasses, sunglasses and contact lenses (with online ordering)
- Physical Therapy and Massage: Individualized care and treatment for injuries and chronic conditions, including post-operative rehabilitation
- Pharmacy: Convenient full-service pharmacy
- Women’s Clinic: Women’s health care including wellness exams, contraception and problem-specific appointments
- Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS): Short-term individual and group counseling; medication monitoring and 24-hour distress line (706-542-2200)
- Health Promotion: Wellness prevention programs; Nutrition Kitchen cooking classes, Fontaine Center for alcohol education, support and recovery; Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention (RSVP) program and hotline (706-542-SAFE)

**BE WELL UGA**

BeWell UGA is a free platform of wellness and prevention classes geared towards helping students transition and make good decisions mentally and socially. Topics include: yoga, running, bystander intervention, dating, stress and anxiety, adjusting to college and nutrition. To take advantage of these services, students must present a UGA student ID. For a complete listing of programs visit www.uhs.uga.edu/healthtopics/be-well-uga.

For details, visit uhc.uga.edu.

**COMMITTED TO STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

University Health Center
Brumby Hall Resident Assistant Imane Bassal loves being able to help peers—a skill set she can boast of when applying for jobs after graduation.
IT’S MORE THAN A JOB.  
IT’S A PATH TO THE FUTURE.

With help from the Career Center, housing student employees leverage marketable skills

B rumby Hall Resident Assistant Imane Bassit (left) says her two years as an RA have taught her a lot about others and how to build a community out of a hall of strangers.

“It’s always amazing when a resident comes and tells you about their day, or they ask you what to wear on their first job/internship interview. Whether it be helping them with a calculus problem or just listening to them when they need someone to talk to, it is always humbling to know that they can count on me for that,” Bassit said.

Resident assistants in housing serve a crucial role serving on the front lines in residence halls where their peers experience a lot of change, challenges and struggles. Skills they acquire in mentoring, leadership and creating community are well sought after by employers in all fields.

For this reason, University Housing partnered with the UGA Career Center this semester to offer a unique program aimed at helping housing RA staff members leverage their particular skills.

After nearly 20 years of working with resident assistants, housing Associate Director for Residence Life Ralphel Smith knows the kind of impact RAs can have on peers and the extent to which staff members grow as individuals in their position.

“They bring communication skills, conflict resolution skills, teamwork and a broader sense of diversity than most students might have to any role in which they serve.”

Because of that, resident assistants have unique qualifications that employers love. Career Center Career Consultant Shayna Smith (no relation) says that’s why the recent program is a great fit for housing.

“We strive to provide the most comprehensive career development opportunities for all students. These programs were just that,” she said.

“I was able to adapt the resume and advanced interviewing presentation just for the resident advisors, which allowed for us to dig deep into the tangible skills all RAs possess in order to effectively communicate them on a resume and in an interview.”

Ralphel Smith notes student staff members benefit by learning how to market their skills as RAs, how to properly develop a resume, how to interview and how to present themselves appropriately in interview settings. The program also helps them to learn more about a great resource on campus for all students that they can pass on to their residents.

“RAs bring to the work force communication
skills, conflict resolution skills, teamwork and a broader sense of diversity than most students might have.”

Shayna Smith agrees. “Students with CA-RA experience bring so much to the workforce, she said. “Some skills that are unique include crisis management, teamwork, event/program planning, working with different populations, budget management and—most importantly—leadership.”

Also, RAs learn about the Career Center as a great resource for them in terms of their jobs and programming ideas for their residents.

The Career Center’s partnership with housing evolved based on conversations housing’s executive director had with student staff about how he did not believe current staff or past staff members knew how to market the experiences that they were getting on their resumes and in their pursuit of employment or admission to graduate school and professional schools.

Partnering with the UGA Career Center was a natural next step because that department offers students and alumni the opportunity to schedule an appointment with a career consultant to discuss career-related topics such as, job and internship searches, choosing a major, mock interviews, and resume and cover letter critiques. The UGA Career Center also hosts events and programs such as fall and spring job and internship fairs, the Multicultural Professional Development Conference, and the Arch Ready Professionalism Certificate, which allows students to develop a strong sense of professionalism and to prepare them for life after graduation.

Brown Hall RA Veronica McManus says she can better articulate her skills and communicate them to a potential employer. “As a computer science major, I know employers are looking for individuals that are problem solvers and effective communicators—those are necessary skills a resident assistant needs to do their job.”

“Before attending the program, I was unsure of how to put those skills on my resume, or how to relate to them during an interview. The UGA Career Center program gave me confidence in my ability to interview well with employers.”

Bassit also noted some of the same advantages to having attended the Career Center program. “It has allowed me to really take a closer look at my position and figure out how to transfer that on to a resume. A lot of resume programs don’t focus on how I can put my experience as an RA into words, but this specific program helped me with that.”

McManus agrees. “Last semester, I hosted a program called Life’s a Puzzle, she said. “At the program, residents decorated a foam puzzle piece with things they identified with, whether those things be gender, sexual orientation, activities they enjoy, etc. One of my residents that attended opened up about her sexuality with us. We learned about what it means to be asexual, and how she struggled with not conforming to what society considers normal when it comes to romance. Creating a comfortable and accepting space for her and others to share something so close to them was very impactful. I strive to create these environments for my residents, so they can flourish in their own unique ways and promote and appreciate the diversity we have.”

Ralphel Smith says experiences like this are another reason why the Career Center program is a good fit within housing’s mission to support the academic success and personal growth of residents.

“This program really focuses on how the staff member’s academic success will contribute to their future career and professional life, but also how their curricular involvement as a staff member and student leader will also enhance their future success.”
THE UGA MEAL PLAN

ALL-ACCESS PLANS

7 day unlimited
Unlimited access to all five dining commons, Monday - Sunday, for $3,956 per year.
$1,978 per semester

5 day unlimited
Unlimited access to all five dining commons, Monday - Friday, for $3,754 per year.
$1,877 per semester

PLUS PLANS

7 day + 110 Paw Points/semester
Unlimited access to all five dining commons, Monday-Sunday, PLUS 110 Paw Points per semester to spend in any UGA Dining Service operation on campus for $4,156 per year.
$2,078 per semester

5 day + 275 Paw Points/semester
Unlimited access to all five dining commons, Monday-Friday, PLUS 275 Paw Points per semester to spend in any UGA Dining Service operation on campus for $4,254 per year.
$2,127 per semester

COMMUTER BLOCK PLANS

Available to off-campus students, faculty and staff.

80 Blocks + 665 Paw Points/semester
80 meals in any of the five dining commons plus 665 Paw Points per semester to be used at any UGA Dining Service location for $2,802 per year.
$1,401 per semester

80 Blocks + 255 Paw Points/semester
80 meals in any of the five dining commons plus 255 Paw Points per semester to be used at any UGA Dining Service location for $1,982 per year.
$991 per semester

65 Blocks + 300 Paw Points/semester
65 meals in any of the five dining commons plus 300 Paw Points per semester to be used at any UGA Dining Service location for $1,796 per year.
$898 per semester

7-Day Plan includes weekend dining and Sunday brunch.
Cash Price includes sales tax:
Breakfast $9.00  Lunch $11.25  Dinner $15.50
Sunday Brunch $11.25
For the third year in a row, University Housing, in collaboration with Multicultural Services and Programs, hosted a series of virtual and live events in the summer months with the purpose of engaging the incoming first-year class in conversations about campus life, diversity and the challenges and excitement facing students as they enter the fall semester.

An in-person event consists of a panel of current UGA students discussing common concerns and challenges. In addition, video of the panel discussion streams via Facebook Live while a large screen on location allows participants to follow the #OneUGA conversation on Twitter as it happens. On-location participants are also be able to use a Snapchat filter set up specifically for #OneUGA.

To participate, students tweet @UGAHousing or @MSPatUGA using the hashtag #OneUGA or join in person in the Tate Student Center, where representatives from across campus are available to chat.

These online and in-person interactions are an opportunity for students to ask questions of campus partners and to hear about the resources available to them once they arrive on campus. The tagline for the campaign is “I am ______ and I am #OneUGA,” which reflects the diversity of the student body.

“Our goal is to create a monthly safe space that students can use as a resource and support in regards to personal and national situations,” said Carrie Camp-bell, senior public relations coordinator for University Housing. “By having a consistent presence and conversation about diversity issues, we hope to be proactive instead of reactive.”

The collaboration between University Housing and MSP began in summer of 2015 with a series of virtual chats in the summer months with the purpose of engaging the incoming first-year class in conversations about campus life, diversity and the challenges and excitement facing students as they enter the fall semester.

Summer 2016 Twitter chats had a peak audience of 1.3 million and were a trending topic on Twitter in Atlanta. Streamed Facebook Live videos of panelists’ discussions had a peak viewership of 4,700.

Each chat has been and will be archived on Storify and the videos remain on the UGA Housing page so students who cannot participate still have an opportunity to follow the conversation. Visit housing.uga.edu to access past chats or search #OneUGA on Twitter. June and July chat dates will be announced in June.
Cameron Jacob is good at fixing things that are broken, and on the Health Sciences Campus where residential facilities range from around 40 to 60 years in age, there’s often a lot that needs upkeep.

Jacob’s maintenance job in University Housing keeps him busy repairing broken heaters and busted pipes among other projects in the six ranch-style houses, 48 townhouses and residence hall on the campus.

“We could have a slow day, and then a day you’re working in sewage,” Jacob said. “You just never know.”

That variety keeps things interesting more than seven years after he first took the job.

“I haven’t reached a point when I don’t like getting up and going to work,” Jacob said. “I really enjoy helping people, and I feel like we provide a good service for students.”

Jacob always enjoyed camping as an Army kid growing up in outdoorsy places like Colorado and Washington, but after getting married and becoming a father, he realized he’d probably have to change his camping style if he wanted to make those trips family events.

“My wife had never had the bug to be outdoorsy—her idea of roughing it is a five-minute power outage,” he said jokingly.

Jacob convinced her to go on a camping trip to Lake Tugalo in Georgia to see if she liked it enough for them to potentially invest in an RV, but he forgot to check the weather forecast. The trip was going well until lightning and torrential rain stranded them inside the tent while all their gear got soaked. But his plan worked: Although his wife was miserable at the time, she told him on the ride home that she’d need something with a roof over her head if she was going to do this camping thing again.

Exploring Georgia’s extensive state park system is easy from his home base just outside Athens. And Jacob gets to be part of the UGA community, something he wanted since arriving in Athens more than 20 years ago.

“The overall feeling that I’m contributing to these students’ experiences and doing a little part in helping develop them into the future leaders of America,” he said, “it’s just gratifying.”

WE’RE MORE THAN JUST BUILDINGS.

We’re committed to residents’ academic success and personal growth.

Follow our residents’ stories with the parent and family e-newsletter

Sign up at bit.ly/HousingENews
or from the UGA Housing Facebook page