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MOVE IN

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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

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 mind; 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 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 within the residence hall where your student lives.

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

Sincerely and Go Dawgs!

Linda Kasper
Executive Director for University Housing
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.
University Housing’s tour guides will be on hand throughout the summer 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, be sure to attend the University Housing/Financial Aid/Student Accounts information session at 10:30 a.m. on day 1 of first-year orientation.

Summer residence hall tours available

**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 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

**BUILDING 1516**
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 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.
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

**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.
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

**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. lib.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.
Decorated by Enterprise Information Technology Services (EITS)
Enterprise Information Technology Services (EITS) is the central IT department at the University of Georgia. EITS provides a variety of tools and services to the UGA community to enhance teaching, learning, research and public service. eits.uga.edu

**Oglethorpe House**
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 UGA Student Alumni Association
The Student Alumni Association, a student-led organization on campus, enhances the collegiate experience of UGA students by providing programs and events focused on promoting university traditions, fostering a culture of student philanthropy, and providing opportunities for students to connect with UGA alumni. alumni.uga.edu/saa

**PAYNE 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 Georgia Center Hotel
UGA’s Center for Continuing Education & Hotel is the university’s full-service conference center & hotel, serving guests visiting both the university and Athens as well as those attending on-site conferences. Our restaurants are favored by faculty and locals alike, and the strawberry ice cream pie has its own fan base! Education doesn’t stop at graduation — check out our continuing education courses in wide variety of fields and industries. www.georgiacenter.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.
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

**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.
Decorated by the UGA Athletic Association

**RUTHERFORD 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 University Housing Sustainability
University Housing strives to increase environmental awareness among students and staff through educational programs and campaigns, water and energy conservation efforts, recycling and other conservation efforts, and maintaining a healthy living environment.
RESIDENCE HALLS AT A GLANCE

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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 kitchenettes.

SUPER SUITE
Entry into a common area room that shares access to at least one full bathroom. Bedooms 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
Contract includes summer 2019 with an additional rent payment due for summer.

* Rooms feature in-room sinks
† Rooms are equipped with a microfridge—mini refrigerator and microwave unit
• Students requiring housing during mid-year breaks, including Thanksgiving break, winter break and spring break, should request a space in Brown, Payne, Reed, or East Campus Village (Busbee, McWhorter, Rooker and Vandiver halls)
• 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.

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.

**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 renovation needs. For instance, over the past fiscal year, we renovated Russell Hall, replaced the brick exterior of Oglethorpe House, replaced heating and cooling units in Morris and McWhorter and updated the fire alarm systems in four other buildings. Other projects within the residence halls, University Village apartments and the Health Science Campus facilities included 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.
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**COMMITTED TO STUDENT SUPPORT**

**Improving access to housing**

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**DONATE**

Only funds from private donations can be used to fund the Jim Day Housing Scholarship. We’re working hard to ensure we can help students pay for housing for years to come and your donation can make a huge difference! Visit bit.ly/2dCtbZA to contribute.
Higher involvement means higher GPAs

▲ National studies show students who are involved on campus earn higher GPAs and have higher graduation rates. University Housing offers a few ways for residents to be involved in their community and on campus, including Residential Hall Association (RHA), Residential Hall Studios (RHS) 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.

As the second largest student organization on campus, RHA helps coordinate housing’s student-led hall councils and actively serves the interest of the residents by assisting with the development of residence hall policies, procedures and programs.

RHS is a student-run studio that produces content for channel 12.1 on University Cablevision. The student leaders involved with RHS are responsible for every aspect of the production process, including writing, producing, filming, pitching and editing for the channel. This hands-on experience gives students skills in television production and project management.

NRHH is a leadership-based honorary society whose members consist of the top 10 percent of University Housing residents. “Getting involved in student organizations that are based in the residence halls allows students to develop their leadership skills and make an impact on the community they live in by providing programs and service activities,” Graduate Resident for Student Leadership Brittany Smith says. “Students are able to listen to the concerns of other residents in their halls and work to make changes for current and future students.”

Through organizations like RHA, RHS and NRHH, University Housing is able to provide meaningful experiences for its residents that encourage development in leadership, networking and other practical skills.
Since September of 2017, University Housing has employed three first-year students to capture their experiences through a vlog (video blog) on housing’s YouTube channel. The student vloggers 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 started working their way through UGA’s G-Book, which lists the things students should make an effort to accomplish before graduation—such as ringing the Chapel Bell, enjoying an ice cream cone at the UGA Creamery and attending a game “between the hedges.”

Vlogger Sam took a GoPro camera to RamseyPalooza (the annual nighttime sports and games free-for-all at the Ramsey Student Center) where he captured students paddleboarding in the Olympic sized pool, playing team Xbox on huge screens in the racquetball courts, and the hilarity of bubble soccer (which you need to see to believe).

Housing is currently on the lookout for a few more energetic residents to join the vlogging team. Incoming residents can apply by visiting housing.uga.edu and clicking on the vlogger feature story. Keep up with housing vloggers by subscribing to University Housing’s YouTube channel at youtube.com/housinguga.
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.

**LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITIES**

**Creswell Hall and Building 1516**
The Entrepreneurship Living Learning Community in Creswell Hall, also known as the Launch Pad, is open to students of any major who are interested in launching their own business, non-profit or startup. The Research Living Learning Community in Building 1516, also known as R House, is open to students of any major who are interested in faculty-mentored research. [ugaentr.com](http://ugaentr.com) and [curo.uga.edu/rhouse.html](http://curo.uga.edu/rhouse.html)

**LANGUAGE COMMUNITIES (FRENCH AND SPANISH)**

**Mary Lyndon Hall**
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. [langcomm.uga.edu](http://langcomm.uga.edu)

**FRESHMAN COLLEGE SUMMER EXPERIENCE (FCSE)**

**Oglethorpe House**
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. [freshmancollege.uga.edu](http://freshmancollege.uga.edu)

**HONORS MAGNET PROGRAM**

**Myers Hall**
This residential program creates a community living environment for approximately 250 first-year UGA Honors participants to share ideas and views from different disciplines. [honors.uga.edu](http://honors.uga.edu)

**FRANKLIN RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE (FRC)**

**Rutherford Hall**
FRC 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 faculty member 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. [frc.uga.edu](http://frc.uga.edu)

**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
- **157** videos (and counting!) on our YouTube channel dedicated to on-campus living at UGA: [youtube.com/housinguga](http://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
- **1,255** educational, social, recreational and diversity programs offered by student staff in the residence halls in 2017-2018
- **422** student employees in University Housing as of May 2018
Each year, the University of Georgia community welcomes more than 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 TIME SLOTS**

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 5 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. or Monday, August 6 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. must schedule an arrival time slot. Residents checking in after these times do not need to schedule an arrival time slot and have until 9 a.m. on August 13 to check in. The arrival time slot scheduling site will open in late June. More specific information about the site and how to schedule an arrival time slot 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 5 and Monday, August 6, 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 carts are available in many 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 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 check into a room and 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 highly 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.

housing.uga.edu
Check in July for detailed parking information, including lot numbers, street closings, interactive maps and designated long-term parking lots

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.

TIP
Housing will be live on Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat (@UGAHousing) August 5 and 6. Please follow #WelcomeUGA for real-time updates on traffic, parking, lines and other information.
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 the back of this magazine 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

☐ TRASH CAN LINERS

☐ UMBRELLA

☐ THROW BLANKET

☐ UGA ID CARD

☐ POSTER MOUNTS OR THUMBTRACEKS
  Thumbtacks may be used in Building 1516, Rutherford Hall and the East Campus Village Community

☐ 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

LEAVE IT

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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.
Buyer beware

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. As you review this information, keep a few things in mind.

First, Georgia’s open records laws require the University of Georgia, as well as University Housing, 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 does not endorse, solicit on behalf of, or maintain a partnership with any outside vendors or manufacturer.** The department does not certify that any 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. Further, should a product or service be defective or fail to meet University Housing guidelines, recourse through the university is not an option. 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 you must be present.

Orders placed during hectic move-in days are often riddled with mistakes, ranging from the wrong product being delivered, a lack of parts or delayed installation. Be sure to shop around and, most importantly, **DO NOT PAY IN CASH!** A canceled check or credit card statement may be your only proof of payment. Above all, be a wise consumer.

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.
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### 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 kitchenettes.

**SUITE/SUPERSUITE**
Entry 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
† Rooms are equipped with a microfridge—mini refrigerator and microwave unit
• 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
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 IT resources available to you.

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 you need help with technical services, visit the EITS Help Desk website (eitshelpdesk.uga.edu) for how-to guides on all EITS services. You can also chat with a Help Desk representative via the website during normal business hours.

You can also contact the EITS Help Desk at helpdesk@uga.edu or call 706-542-3106 if you need assistance.

GET CONNECTED
To use most 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 do not need to 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 you bring a TV, you may take advantage of University Cablevision, which offers more than 100 free channels for students living on campus. You can find a complete list of channels at eits.uga.edu/network_and_phones/cable_tv/channel_listing/

TOOLS FOR LEARNING
You will register for your classes during first-year orientation in Athena—UGA’s online student records management system. 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 all Microsoft Office 365 products through their UGAMail accounts. For more information, visit office365.uga.edu.

If you need to create and distribute a survey for a class project or student organization, you 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. You can find a list at www.eits.uga.edu/cts/computer_labs/

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

Printing is available in all of the computer labs, or you can print your documents from the cloud or a USB flash drive at one of the print kiosks located across campus. Kiosks store documents for 96 hours and offer black and white and color printing. You can pay with a credit or a debit card. For more information, visit www.printkiosk.uga.edu

The official UGA mobile app offers a campus bus tracker,
a campus map, dining hall menus, and access to Athena among other services and tools. The free app is available 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 password that is a mix of capital and lowercase letters, numbers and special characters. You can find more information about how to change your MyID password 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. Systems that use ArchPass have two steps to the log-in process:

1) Enter your MyID and password  
2) Verify your ID with a device enrolled in ArchPass. You can verify your ID with a push notification, SMS text message, passcode or phone call to your ArchPass-enrolled phone or tablet.

New students at UGA will not be able to enroll onto ArchPass until August 3, but you can still access eLC and Athena prior to that date without ArchPass.

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 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. While 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, Creswell Hall and the Russell Academic Center in Russell 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, Russell 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.

**UGA LIBRARIES**

- 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.
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Each plan includes two guest passes per semester.

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Cash Price includes sales tax:
Breakfast $9.10    Lunch $11.35    Dinner $15.60    Sunday Brunch $11.35

2018 - 2019 Academic Year Contract Meal Plan Options  dining.uga.edu
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.
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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.

For more information, please visit: goo.gl/tCeWjr

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Make a friend from a different part of the world!

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!

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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.

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.

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LEADING BY EXAMPLE

On May 4, 2018 Hunter Smith, who recently received his bachelor’s degree in political science, delivered the student commencement speech and reminded the new graduates that education also comes from untraditional means. “We are a community of stories,” he said to the 4,576 undergraduates who became the 215th graduating class from UGA. “It is the lessons taught outside the classroom that most help us learn to live, grow and lead.”

Smith, a native of Jesup, Georgia, also served as the Myers Community Council President as a first-year student then served as a resident assistant in Lipscomb Hall for three years. He plans to attend law school at the University of Georgia and to pursue a master’s degree in public affairs in higher education administration, with the hope of one day running for public office.

“My time at the University of Georgia has been a string of amazing opportunities I could never have imagined I would ever experience in my lifetime. That is the greatest lesson I have learned in my time here: that every person you meet, every class you take, every club you join and every moment you spend on this beautiful campus is an opportunity—seize it.”
UNIVERSITY HOUSING INFORMATION SESSIONS

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How the new UGA student government executive board got their start as housing student staff members

In April, University of Georgia students elected the Believe ticket to the executive branch of the Student Government Association for the 2018–2019 academic year. The ticket consists of three housing student employees: President-elect Ammishaddai Grand-Jean, Vice President-elect Charlene Marsh and Treasurer-elect Destin Mizelle.

Ammishaddai, a resident assistant (RA) in Myers Hall, is a third-year student from Jonesboro majoring in political science and economics. Charlene, an incoming fall 2018 Hill Community RA, is a third-year international affairs and sociology major from Norcross, and Destin, a C.L.A.S.S. advocate (CA) in Brumby Hall, is a third-year psychology major from Riverdale.

Housing resident assistants are 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. The housing 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.

The Believe ticket’s campaign platform centered around three key issues: improving efficiency to make SGA simpler and more connected to students; cultivating transparency and discussion on issues like diversity, sexual assault and mental health; and fostering a spirit of cooperation to encourage connections among student organizations.

This year, 8,006 students voted in the election, representing the largest number of votes in SGA’s history and more than 21 percent of the total student body.

SGA works to enact positive change on behalf of the student body. Past initiatives have included a campus-wide tobacco ban, increased access to study spaces, managing the UGA mobile app and initiating the plus/minus grading system for UGA courses.

We spoke to the Grand-Jean and Mizelle about how their experiences working for housing have positively influenced them as leaders.
HOUSING: How has your experience in housing prepared you as a leader?

AMMISHADDAI GRAND-JEAN: Housing has taught me leadership, social skills, and a sense of community here at UGA. Freshman year I was fortunate to be president of the Brumby Community Council. I have most of my fondest and warmest memories. Together we created fun and engaging programs that created a strong-knit community.

DESTIN MIZELLE: Housing has placed me in the unique position to serve as a mentor and friend to numerous students in residence halls. Through programming and multiple administrative tasks, I’ve had the opportunity to gain many tangible skills that will be valuable in leadership positions.

HOUSING: What do you hope first-year students get out of their experience living on campus?

AGJ: I hope first year students learn to be welcoming, enhance their social skills, and remember they are a part of a larger Athens community. I want them to remember that they are special and amazing.

DM: I hope to aid first year students in finding their passions by pointing them in the direction of the multiple resources our campus has. Once they find their passions, I like to see them take on leadership positions and watch them grow within those positions.

HOUSING: What have you gotten out of being an RA and mentoring your peers?

AGJ: I have gotten to be a part of an amazing team and family. Being an RA gives you special skills that set you apart and make you marketable.

DM: Through the CA position, not only have I taught my residents things, but I have also learned a lot from them. I have lived with people from multiple backgrounds and statuses. With this experience, I have become acquainted with many different people. Being a CA has ultimately diversified me and my social circle as an individual.

HOUSING: Tell us about a time where you feel you positively impacted a fellow resident.

AGJ: My favorite memory is helping a particular resident find out what they want to accomplish on campus.

DM: As a CA, I have had the opportunity to build diversity and inclusion within the residence hall through relationships and intentional programming. On one such program, I partnered with the African Student Union, and we represented many African countries including Liberia, Nigeria and Morocco. Multiple residents from African countries thanked me for the program and told me that they felt like they had a voice within Brumby Hall. Even residents who were not of African descent really enjoyed the program and learned a lot from it.

Learn more about UGA SGA at sga.uga.edu.
For Hannah, all it took was coming to campus for her interview to quickly know that she wanted to call the University of Georgia her next home.

“I had interviewed at other schools, and they were great, but when I came to [UGA’s] campus for my interview, I just knew. I knew this is exactly where I needed to be….I even called my mentor on the way home and told them it had to be UGA,” she said with a smile. “It threw my friends for a loop, because not only do I love the outdoors, but I love the snow and snowboarding. At UW-La Crosse, I was the president of our ski and snowboarding club, so when I went to graduate school in Mississippi and now have a job in Georgia — it took people a second…they all figured I would end up somewhere cold and snowy.”

Hannah Mountford joined University Housing in July 2015 and she currently works as the residence hall director for Brumby Hall. Prior to joining the UGA family, she completed her Masters of Science in Counselor Education with an Emphasis on Student Affairs at Mississippi State University. When you meet Hannah, it comes as no surprise that her undergraduate degree from University of Wisconsin – La Crosse is in Interpersonal Relationships.

When asked about what her ideal work day looked like she said, “My favorite moments, or the ones I look forward to most, are when I get a chance to have a deep conversation with someone. I love spending time with students and getting a sense for what’s happening in their lives.” She was quick to note that her response might sound “cliché” but she finds the greatest connection and satisfaction in getting to know the people she works with on a deeper level.

When asked what she loved most about her work, she didn’t hesitate. “I love the level of care our staff have for the students here. At any school, you are going to find greatness in students, but you might not be as lucky to find as many dedicated and passionate staff invested in them as we have here at UGA. It’s inspiring to know I have colleagues that share a passion for helping students and make an effort to connect and partner.”
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