

## Making Sense of Housing Selection

**Choose your own adventure** Here at SJU, incoming students are able to self-select their roommates and housing location rather than being administratively assigned. The first step is to sign the housing agreement and create a profile. You will then be able to search the profiles of other students to find a compatible match. Housing selection times will be assigned as a random lottery on June 15. You may also select an empty space and receive a random roommate. \*

### Application Menu

Applying for 2017/2018 - Academic Year Incoming Freshman

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### Housing Selection Portal 101

Take some time to familiarize yourself with the steps in the housing selection process. Don't forget to hit this button on each screen in order to make the next step available.

Save & Continue

**What is a Medical Need?** See information in the box below.

**Housing Agreements Due May 30.** If you haven't completed a housing agreement, none of the other steps will be available.

**What is an RLC?** They are way cool. Take a look over here. →

**How does my profile work?** Your profile and Screen Name help you find compatible roommates, and allows other students find you. Don't forget to click 'Include in Search' even if you know who you want to live with. Otherwise, they will not be able to request you.

**Can I select my roommate?** Yes indeed. View/search profiles and send messages using the online portal to get to know other students. **DISCLAIMER:** Accepting a roommate request allows linked parties to select for the group on selection day. Only confirm a roommate(s) that you definitely want to live with.

**Why is this gray?** First, make sure you hit 'Save & Continue' on previous steps. Some steps in the housing selection portal are gray when they are not yet or are no longer available. Check your timeline to make sure.

## Residential Learning Communities

The Office of Residence Life has partnered with multiple academic and administrative departments to design various Learning Communities housed throughout our residence halls. Learning Communities are comprised of groups of students who choose to live on the same floor or in the same residential area and focus learning opportunities on a specific interest or academic area or major.

### RLC Participation Benefits Include:

- Living with other students who share similar majors or interests
- The opportunity to develop close relationships with other students in the community
- Focused programming opportunities related to the Learning Community theme
- The opportunity to interact closely with faculty and staff members
- Participation in exclusive site visits and field trips
- Resident Assistants chosen specifically for membership in the Learning Community

### Incoming First-Year Students RLC Options:

- Business RLC (McShain Hall)
- Emerging Leaders RLC (McShain Hall)
- Science RLC (LaFarge Hall)

Learning Communities can assist students in transitioning to SJU and can help students feel connected to the many resources offered at the University. Research shows that students who participate in Learning Communities are more likely to live in an enjoyable community, achieve a higher level of academic success from mutual discussion and study, and have better relationships with faculty and staff members due to unique and creative programming opportunities.

### RLC Application Timeline:

Available online now through July 3  
 Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.  
 Email notification will be sent to your SJU email account.

Students accepted into an RLC will participate in RLC Housing Selection on **July 11 - 13**

### More questions?

Contact Elizabeth Ali, [eali@sju.edu](mailto:eali@sju.edu) or 610-660-1941

Housing Costs	Sem/Year
LaFarge, Sourin, McShain	\$4,551/\$9,102
Villiger Hall	\$4,712/\$9,424
Communication Fee	\$60/\$120
Resident Activity Fee	\$35/\$70

## First-Year Residence Hall Amenities

**Furnished Rooms:** Provided furniture includes a bed, desk, chair and dresser (Standard mattresses 36"x75").

**Internet:** Both wireless and ethernet connections are available in all rooms.

**Cable TV:** Basic cable is provided in every room.

**Laundry Facilities:** All buildings are equipped with free washers and dryers.

**Exercise Equipment:** LaFarge, Sourin & Villiger possess in-house gym facilities and are available to residents of the building in addition to Quirk and Tara residents. McShain is in close proximity to the central O'Pake Gym.

**Security:** Front desks are staffed by security 24-hours a day. Student IDs are required to swipe into each building and suite/wing. Room entry requires a key. Campus Houses are smaller communities and do not have front desks, but are accessed through student swipe access only. Public Safety routinely monitors these areas.

**Professional & Student Staff:** Every first-year building is staffed by a full-time professional along with student leaders (RAs) who live on each floor. It is our mission to support students as they transition, develop and grow.

**Activities & Programs:** Our staff plans regular educational and social events/programs/trips to compliment and enhance the academic experience.

## Housing Accommodation Based on Medical Need

If you indicated a medical need on your Housing Agreement, we will be contacting you via email regarding your next steps in the Housing Selection Process.

### All requests must be confirmed by July 5th

The Office of Residence Life reserves the right to place a student in any available accommodation necessary, including non-traditional first-year buildings in order to meet a medical need.

\* If looking for a roommate stresses you out, don't worry. Random roommates are compatible just as often as those that select to live together.

## Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Are all students required to live in University housing?** Freshmen and sophomore students are required to live in University housing. Living on campus is a valuable part of a student's social and educational experience. There are some exceptions for extraordinary financial or medical needs. Contact our office for more information.
- 2. How do I sign up for a meal plan?** All incoming freshmen in Residence Halls/Centers are required to have the unlimited access or the unlimited access plus plan. Students are automatically enrolled in the unlimited access plan.
- 3. Is housing selected for one semester or the entire year?** It is selected for the entire 2017-2018 academic year.
- 4. How are housing selection times assigned?** Selection times are randomly generated by a computer and are NOT impacted by when the housing agreement was signed.
- 5. What happens if I do not complete a housing agreement and/or select housing?** A selection will be made for you by the Office of Residence Life following the completion of the self-selection process.
- 6. Can I choose my own roommate or will one be assigned to me?** The selection process will allow each student to select and/or accept the request of a preferred roommate in advance of the final selection process. You may also select into a space as an individual. The space will be filled by a random student later in the selection process.
- 7. What is the best way to introduce myself to a potential roommate(s)?** The housing portal allows students to view profiles and privately contact any potential roommates they may be interested in. Students are encouraged to connect with one another through e-mail first, followed by phone conversations and if possible in-person meetings.
- 8. Our stance on Facebook:** The Office of Residence Life cannot predict or control the information students provide through Facebook or other social media. It is our practice not to offer housing assignment changes based on this kind of information. Consider reviewing your own social media content to make sure it presents an accurate reflection of yourself as well.
- 9. I plan to be on vacation during housing selection...can I change my selection time?** No. Selection times are not adjustable. However, you are able to make a selection at any time between your given time and the end of the process on July 21st. Additionally, a confirmed roommate may make a selection on your behalf.

## Suite Style or Traditional Style

Here at SJU, we offer two styles of first-year housing. Each offer different opportunities and experiences based on personality and preference. Students have formed amazing communities in both housing styles.

### Suite Style

#### Smaller Communities

LaFarge 6-12 & Sourin 15-17 persuite

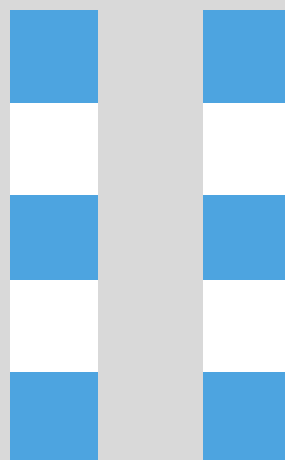
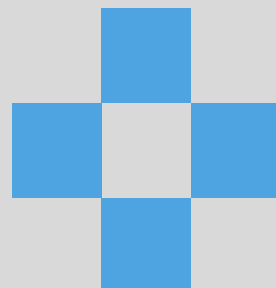
Primarily Double Rooms with a few Triple Rooms in Sourin

#### Private CommonSpace

Suites have a common area furnished with a couch, study table & chairs

#### Bathroom within Suite

Students in each suite share a smaller common bathroom



### Traditional Style

#### Larger Communities

McShain 38-42 & Villiger 40 perwing

All doublerooms

#### Shared Wing Lounge

Wings share a large lounge furnished with couches, study tables & chairs

#### Bathroom Shared byWing

Students on each wing share a large central bathroom

During housing selection, students are able to select a specific room either as an individual or a roommate group of 2 for a double and 3 for a triple. However, individual students CANNOT select entire suites at their selection time.

# Welcome to Hawk Hill!

Congratulations on your acceptance. You are joining an amazing community with deep tradition here at Saint Joseph's University.

## What is News from the Nest?

As a residential student here at SJU, you will receive this newsletter from our office several times a semester to keep you up-to-date with important dates, events and information.

Transitioning to college is an exciting and challenging time. This publication is simply one of the many ways we try to make your experience as rich and smooth as possible. However, this is only a starting point. Visit our website to get more detailed information, like us on Facebook and stop by our office to say hello once you are moved in.

Keep your eye on your mailbox in August for our special **Move-In Edition** of News from the Nest.



## The Office of Residence Life

The Office of Residence Life at Saint Joseph's University strives to provide secure, academically focused housing which fosters a community of civility and respect and supports a positive living-learning environment consistent with Ignatian ideals.

Our staff consists of 11 caring and committed professionals along with 82 Resident Assistants (RAs). We know that learning takes place both inside and outside of the classroom, so we've made it our mission to create a dynamic, safe and supportive living environment where you can develop and expand your understanding of yourself and others.

We look forward to getting to know you this August. Please do not hesitate to call, e-mail or stop by our offices. The more initiative you take in making this college experience your own, the more you will be shaped and changed by it. We can't wait to meet you!

## RESIDENCE LIFE CONTACT INFORMATION

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