Please disregard if your student is graduating or does not desire on campus housing for fall 2017.

Dear Elon Families:

The university housing selection process for fall 2017 begins in January. An overview of the process is included in this letter so you may have informed discussions with your student as they make housing plans for next year. More detailed information and updates may be found at www.elon.edu/residencelife. There will also be two online chat sessions for parents: February 13 and 15 at 8pm EDT, when our staff will answer questions you may have related to fall 2017 housing. We will send you an email with instructions for these chats in early February.

- **Housing selection is done in sequential phases:** (1) applying for a living-learning community (2) current apartment residents applying to return to their spaces (3) rising juniors and seniors applying for housing (4) rising sophomores applying for housing.

- **A $125 housing reservation fee must be paid by February 20** in order for students to participate in housing selection. All students will need to pay this fee, even those returning to their same apartment. This fee can be paid online in Ebill or at the Bursar’s Office (Alamance 113). When paying online in Ebill, please choose ‘Edeposits’ on the top menu, then ‘fall 2017’ for the term, then “housing deposit” as the payment type. More instructions on paying the housing deposit can be found [here](#).

- **Housing Agreement:** Students must complete a housing agreement through Self Service (their online housing portal) in order to participate in housing selection.

- **Priority for Rising Juniors and Seniors:** Students will be assigned priority order to sign up for housing based on the number of semesters they have lived in on-campus housing and their GPA. **Note:** For housing purposes, we use semesters on campus to determine class year, not credit hours.

- **Priority for Rising Sophomores:** Students will be assigned a random priority number and time to sign up for housing. The student in the group with the earliest time will be able to choose housing for their entire group.

- **Prepare multiple options:** All students, except those returning to their current apartment, are encouraged to make a list of several different housing options, with multiple apartments/residence halls, neighborhoods, and groups, in case their first choice is not available.

- **Online, live process:** Students will log into Self Service to see all available buildings and sign up for housing. Upon completion of the sign-up process, students will know their housing assignment for the 2017-2018 academic year. **Note:** Applying for Living-Learning communities is not a live process.

- **Neighborhoods:** Elon has developed neighborhoods with distinct themes designed to meet the needs of students across their four years. While the university does not group students in neighborhoods strictly by class, students will be housed generally as follows:
  - First-Years  
    - Colonnades, Danieley, Global, and Historic Neighborhoods
  - Sophomores  
    - Colonnades, Danieley, Global, Loy, and Oaks Neighborhoods
  - Juniors  
    - Oaks (including Park Place) and Station at Mill Point Neighborhoods
  - Seniors  
    - Oaks (including Park Place) and Station at Mill Point Neighborhoods

- **Expanded Housing:** The university will also have spaces available in expanded housing (e.g. The Crest apartments and College Station) for fall 2017 that students will apply for during housing selection.

- **Students currently studying abroad:** Students studying abroad spring 2017 maintain priority for housing sign-up if they lived on campus fall 2016. They should go through the online process with all other students.
Living Learning Communities and Fraternity/Sorority Housing
Any student may apply to live in one of Elon’s twenty-two living-learning or theme communities. Current students in LLCs must reapply to return. Students accepted to a living learning community will receive a housing assignment that is final. Assignments in fraternity or sorority houses in the Loy Neighborhood are determined by the individual chapters, in coordination with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Housing Selection for Rising Juniors and Seniors
Rising juniors and seniors will choose housing before rising sophomores. Juniors and seniors can return to their current apartment spaces or try to secure another housing assignment until we have reached the capacity for juniors and seniors. Note: While we are able to accommodate the majority of rising juniors and seniors wishing to remain in on-campus or in expanded housing options, the number of rising juniors and seniors we are able to house is limited. On-campus housing is NOT guaranteed for students after their sophomore year.

Housing Selection for Rising Sophomores
Rising sophomores will select their housing assignment after the sign-up process for rising juniors and rising seniors. All sophomores who complete the sign-up process are assured a space on campus, though returning to their same residence hall room is not guaranteed.

- Incoming new students and rising sophomores are required to reside on campus and should not sign a lease elsewhere or plan to live off campus unless they have applied and received an official release from Residence Life (see housing website for appeal deadlines/process).
- Most sophomores will live in residence halls, with the highest concentration in Danieley Center, although some will be able to choose available apartment spaces in Oaks, Danieley Apartments, or expanded housing options, or will live in fraternity/sorority houses in the Loy Neighborhood.

Students Studying Abroad Fall 2017
Students studying abroad fall 2017 may: (1) pre-arrange with a student vacating their space spring 2018 to fill their space using the Lease Turn Over Process or, (2) apply in October 2017 for spaces on campus for spring 2018. Campus housing is not guaranteed for juniors and seniors returning from abroad in the spring. Students studying abroad fall 2017 should not sign up for housing during spring housing selection.

Other Important Information

- **Medical Housing Accommodations:** If your student will need special housing based on a medical condition, please submit all necessary documents to Disability Services by February 10, 2017. We cannot guarantee medical accommodations after this date.
- **Residence hall and apartment rent** is paid with the tuition bill each semester and includes internet service, cable, furniture, and utility costs. Room, board, and apartment rates for 2017-2018 will be posted on the Residence Life website by mid-January.
- **Cancellation penalties:** Please refer to the Residence Life website to be aware of significant financial penalties for students who cancel their on campus assignments after June 1.
- **Apartment lease dates:** The leases for students returning to their same apartment begin on June 1, 2017 and run through May 31, 2018. The leases for students moving into a new apartment begin on June 15, 2017 and run through May 31, 2018. This does not apply to College Station or Crest, which have lease start dates of July 15 and August 1, respectively. Students who sign up for an apartment space in housing selection cannot cancel the lease.

Please contact Residence Life at residencelife@elon.edu or (336) 278-7300 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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