Dear VSU Parent:

It’s a new year, and once again a new semester has begun at VSU. We are experiencing many changes in the Department of Housing and Residence Life, perhaps similar to the growing pains your student has experienced. Your student has likely changed quite a bit during this past semester, especially if he or she is a freshman. Maybe your son is sporting a goatee or your daughter has an extra piercing or two in her ear. Maybe you are noticing that the multiple daily phone calls have been reduced to once a day. Your student is likely becoming more at ease with making his or her own decisions. These changes often take time to get used to, but hopefully they will prove beneficial in the long run.

CHOICES FOR 2015-2016

HOUSING FOR UPPER-CLASS STUDENTS

Upperclassmen will be able to choose from Centennial Hall, Converse Hall, Hopper Hall, and selected spaces in Georgia Hall. Centennial Hall offers apartment-style units that house two or four students with 12-month contracts. Converse Hall houses students in either an efficiency apartment (one person) or a one-bedroom apartment (two people) with a 12-month contract. Hopper Hall and Georgia Hall are suite-style with private and semi-private rooms with a shared bathroom. Hopper and Georgia are on a traditional academic year contract with no summer rent requirement.

Students who currently live in Centennial Hall and Converse Hall will be able to reclaim their space if certain criteria are met. Please see the reclaim section for more details. This process will be held February 9th - 11th before room selection. If students reclaim the same space, they will not participate in room selection. Room selection will occur February 16th to March 20th. Returning students will be given preference in the following order during room selection: current juniors and above (rising seniors or graduate students), then sophomores (rising juniors), and finally current freshmen (rising sophomores). The exact time to select a room is further broken down by cumulative GPA.

Yes, your student is undergoing changes and so is VSU Housing. I am confident that these growing pains will make for a brighter future for all of us.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas W. Hardy
Director, Housing and Residence Life
Living Accommodations
2015-2016 Academic School Year

More space with private options for returning students

Upperclassmen are able to choose from Centennial, Converse, Hopper, and selected spaces in Georgia for the 2015-2016 academic year.

CENTENNIAL HALL
12 Month Contract
August - July
is an apartment facility that features individual bedrooms, a kitchen shared by no more than four residents, one to two bathrooms, and a dining/living room area. Conveniently located next to the Student Recreation Center and the Sustella parking deck, this hall gives upperclassmen much-needed privacy and convenience. The well-trained, supportive staff develops programming and provides emergency assistance as needed.

CONVERSE HALL
12 Month Contract
August - July
is an apartment facility that features efficiencies that house one student and one-bedroom units that house two students. Ideally located in the center of campus, Converse Hall is a small facility and offers upperclassmen privacy and convenience.

GEORGIA HALL & HOPPER HALL
9 Month Contract
August - May
are suite-style halls that provide two private bedrooms with a shared bathroom or two semi-private rooms (two beds in each bedroom) with a shared bathroom. Conveniently located on main campus, residents of both Georgia Hall and Hopper Hall have quick and easy access to Hopper Dining, Palms Dining and Retail, and the Student Union.

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• Living Room  
• Fully-Equipped Kitchen | • 1 Efficiency Room  OR  
• 1 Bedroom (Shared By Two People)  
• Separate Living Room | • 2 Private Bedrooms  
(With Shared Bathroom)  OR  
• 2 Semi-Private Bedrooms  
(2 Beds In Each Bedroom)  
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• 2 Semi-Private Bedrooms  
(2 Beds In Each Bedroom)  
• Shared Bathroom |
| Rent Reduction from 2014-15 (Subject to board approval) | 3.45% to 7.96% Decrease | 4.76% to 10.64% Decrease | .35% to .79% Decrease | .35% to .79% Decrease |

All buildings are co-ed. See our website at www.valdosta.edu/housing for more details on each residence hall.
RECLAIM PROCESS
February 9 - 11, 2015

Students who currently live in Centennial Hall or Converse Hall will be able to reclaim their same space only if both students in a two-bedroom or half of the current students in a four-person apartment want to reclaim it. Students who live in an efficiency (1-person unit) will be able to reclaim as well. This process will be held one week before the room selection interest process. If students reclaim their same space, they will not be eligible to participate in room selection. Students who are not able to reclaim or do not wish to reclaim their same space may participate in room selection and try for a new housing space for Fall 2015.

All other students in Centennial Hall and Converse Hall who are not assigned to the same unit for 2015-2016 must move out of their current room assignment at the end of the contract period, which is July 31, 2015, for cleaning and maintenance purposes. All returning students are permitted to move into their new assignment on August 14, 2015, move-in day for upperclassmen. Students assigned to the same apartment for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 will not be asked to move out July 31. They may stay during the two-week interim period between contracts at no charge as a courtesy.

Note: If a student has a hold on his or her account, they will not be able to participate in the reclaim process until the hold is removed.

The reclaim process will be held online February 9-11. We will also be available in the Housing and Residence Life Office during business hours to assist students and answer questions.
Once a space has been selected and the process is completed, the selection is final. Students will not be able to log back in and make changes to their selection. It’s very important that students decide ahead of time the type of space(s) they prefer so they are prepared when going through the process.

All current students should attend a hall meeting to get further details on this process. Centennial and Converse will have meetings at the beginning of February, and all the other hall meetings will be held the week of February 9. Please see VSU’s Housing and Residence Life website for specific dates and times for each hall – www.valdosta.edu/housing.

Please remind your student that any holds on his or her account (student conduct violations, parking tickets, library overdue book fines, etc.) must be paid first to participate in room reclaim or room selection.

WAITLIST
PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY...

Because of limited space for returning students, please be aware that not all returning students are guaranteed to receive a space on campus during the room selection process. If your student does not receive a space, he or she will have the opportunity to be placed on the waitlist. The waitlist is for the first available space, not a particular residence hall. Students placed on the waitlist will be able to find out their status beginning Friday, March 27. However, Housing will work through the summer to fill all spaces for students on the waitlist who still desire a placement for the 2015-2016 academic year. No buyouts and no cancellations permitted.

Not sure of your plans - DO NOT go through room selection unless you know you want a space. Once a contract is signed, you are locked in for housing for the 2015-2016 academic year. No buyouts and no cancellations permitted.

SUMMER SCHOOL HOUSING SIGN-UP

Students currently living on campus in a 9-month residence hall will have a special application period for Summer 2015. The summer application process will be held starting March 30. Students simply need to come by our office to submit an application and contract. Please visit our website for more information.

MEAL PLANS

Meal Plan questions or concerns are to be taken care of at the 1Card Office, located at 1204 N. Patterson St., next to the Bursary. Their phone number is 229.333.5988, and their e-mail address is mealplans@valdosta.edu.

Stay Connected!
Be Sure to Like the VSU Housing and Residence Life Facebook Page and follow us on Twitter & Instagram.

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Community Phone Numbers
Housing and Residence Life Office 333.5920
Brown FD 333.5918 HD 249.4985
Centennial FD 333.5269 HD 245.3792
Converse FD 333.5912 HD 333.5405
Georgia FD 333.5917 HD 333.5924
Hopper FD 333.5916 HD 333.5151
Langdale FD 333.5915 HD 249.4982
Lowndes FD 333.5914 HD 249.4984
Patterson FD 333.5913 HD 245.3736
Reade FD 333.5912 HD 333.5405
FD = Front Desk HD = Hall Director Office
On September 26, 2014, Housing and Residence Life held a Hall vs. Hall competition that we call “Hallabaloo.” Students from each residence hall competed against each other in various field day style games. The event encouraged teamwork and strengthened the relationships of our on-campus students. This year’s Hallabaloo theme was Pirate Attack, and the winning hall was Brown Hall. Congratulations Brown Hall!
The Room Decorating Contest, sponsored by Housing and Residence Life, had some tough competition this year! You could tell that participants pulled out all the stops in decorating their rooms, which were judged based on uniqueness, organization, and cleanliness. The judges had to make some difficult decisions.

THERE WERE WINNERS IN ALMOST EVERY HALL THIS YEAR!

CENTENNIAL HALL
Rachel Wikerson & Chardonne Mack

PATTerson HALL
Kimberly Marbutt, Katelin West, Mallory Goodenow & Callie Jackson

Reade HALL
Christopher Slaton, Caleb Smith, Kendra Booth & Cristy Davenport

Hopper HALL
Shannon Selph

Landgale HALL
Maya Mapp, Brianna Tanner, Courtney Hall & Haley Tidwell

Georgia HALL
Jayson Ross, Kennedy Shaw, Toi Gardner, Victoria Ledford & Taylor Mims

Be on the lookout for signups in the fall for the 2015-2016 Room Decorating Contest!
An Interview With The Residence Hall Association Executive Members

AQUILIUS TURNER R.H.A. TREASURER
What made you choose to get involved with RHA?
After meeting the hall council and the executive board, a fire was ignited with me and has been fiercely burning ever since that day.

What are you most excited about in your position as an RHA executive officer?
My goal is to create and maintain a financial history and to pass that knowledge on for future generations of RHA members to come.

Why did you choose Valdosta State University?
I chose Valdosta State, because it was far enough from home yet, close enough to make a weekend trip. I like visiting my family when I can.

What do you like to do for fun?
I love to play ping pong and tennis. It keeps me active. I absolutely love discovering new music and tv shows in my down time from drama to comedy and to anime.

What’s one interesting fact about you?
If you haven’t been able to tell already, I love volunteering. Whether I volunteer my time for a cause, give money, and/or give blood, I love volunteering and being active in student organizations.

JACKIE MARRERO R.H.A. PRESIDENT
What made you choose to get involved with RHA?
I wanted the opportunity to help fellow students love Valdosta as much as I do and to create a campus environment that more students want to be a part of.

What are you most excited about in your position as an RHA executive officer?
The most exciting part about being President of this organization is I have the opportunity to work directly with housing officials so I get to see all the upcoming changes regarding on campus living first hand.

Why did you choose Valdosta State University?
As an Athletic Training major, I chose Valdosta State University because we have one of the best Athletic Training programs and I wanted to learn from the best.

What do you like to do for fun?
I really enjoy being active, so going to the gym or participating in outdoor activities is really fun for me.

What’s one interesting fact about you?
I am the first Marrero in my family to go to college.

NEBRISHA ASKEW R.H.A. NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR
What made you choose to get involved with RHA?
I loved the idea of being able to promote change in order to better the living experience that I faced first hand.

What are you most excited about in your position as an RHA executive officer?
I’m most excited for what we as an executive board are capable of accomplishing this school year.

Why did you choose Valdosta State University?
I wanted to be out of state so bad that I refused to apply to any in-state universities. After many acceptances & offers, my mom suggested that I have one in-state school as a safety net. And well, the rest is history.

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ARIANNA COOPER R.H.A. EVENTS COORDINATOR
What made you choose to get involved with RHA?
I got involved with RHA because it was one of the first things advertised to me and when saw the opportunity to make people’s time on campus a memorable and enjoyable one I jumped at it.

What are you most excited about in your position as an RHA executive officer?
I am most excited about making a change. Being able to say that I made a difference and helped make people more excited about living on campus.

Why did you choose Valdosta State University?
I chose VSU because it was love at first sight. I loved the small town aspect and the fact that Valdosta is a college town. I hate the cold so I definitely fell in love with the warm weather and palm trees.

What do you like to do for fun?
I love arts and crafts. If I could sit around and paint all day I would. I also like to do things with my friends like bowling, go to amusement parks, and stuff like that.

What’s one interesting fact about you?
I do nails and I actually have over 80 different nail polishes.
A Newsletter for Residence Hall Students & their Families

**Important Dates**

**January**
- 26 .......... Room Changes *In-Hall Only* Begins
- 26 .......... Room Changes* Out of Hall* Begins
- 9 - 11 ...... Reclaim for Centennial & Converse
- 9 - 12 ......................... 9-Month Halls Host On-Campus Room Selection Meeting
- 16 - 20 .............. Room Selection Interest Process
- 9 - 20 ......................... Room Selection Process
- 20 .... 9-Month Halls Close for Spring Break, 5 PM
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- 29 ......................... 9-Month Halls Re-Open, 10 AM
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**February**
- 2 .......... Room Changes* Out of Hall* Begins
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- 9 - 11 ...... Reclaim for Centennial & Converse
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**March**
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**May**
- 9 ...... 9-Month Halls Close For Academic Year, 12 PM
- 13 ... Summer Move-In Day For Mayterm (Summer I)
- 6 .......... Move-Out Day For Summer I (Mayterm)
- 9 ............ Move-In Day for Summer II & III
- 31 .......... Move-Out Day for Summer III
- 6 .......... Move-In Day for Summer IV
- 31 .......... All Residence Halls Close

**June**
- 14 .......... Returning Student Move-In Day For 2015-2016 School Year