When is move in?

Wednesday, Aug. 8 and Thursday, Aug. 9, 2012 are Valdosta State University’s freshmen move in days! We have divided the days into time slots based on your hall and floor assignments. They are:

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*The first number of your room assignment indicates your floor assignment.

Where are the unloading zones?

- **Georgia Hall residents** will use Georgia Avenue and unload curbside.
- **Langdale Hall residents** will use café lot and the Langdale timed lot.
- **Patterson Hall and Brown Hall residents** will use the main entrance to campus off of Patterson Street.
- **Reade Hall residents** will use the area between the Bailey Science Center and Powell Hall.

What do I do once my vehicle has been unloaded?

To make move in day as efficient as possible for everyone, you should move your vehicle immediately to the Oak Street Parking Deck once all your belongings have been unloaded. Shuttle buses will continuously run from the Oak Street Parking Deck to Main Campus for your convenience. Keep in mind that overnight parking is not permitted in Oak Street Parking Deck; the Sustella Deck is available to residents for that service.

Will anyone be there to help us move in?

Yes! We have numerous students, organizations, faculty, and staff members excited to help you and your student make a smooth transition into Valdosta State University’s residence halls! Don’t be surprised if the volunteers take everything and you barely break a sweat.

Will my student have anything to do after move in?

Yes! The Office of Housing and Residence Life has activities planned for your student on the evenings of August 8-12, sponsored by the Residence Hall Association. All first year buildings will hold a mandatory floor meeting at 6:30 p.m. on August 9th. Students will also meet their hall mates at that time. The meeting will be followed by a movie on the lawn at 8 p.m. Students can expect to enjoy Ignite activities every day leading up to the first day of classes.

Students participating in a Freshman Learning Community (FLC) will also participate in Flash Point, an FLC Kick-Off event on August 10th or 11th. Dates and times will vary based on each FLC group. More information about Flash Point will be distributed through the Freshman Learning Community Program after Orientation.

(For upperclassmen, see page 2.)
Upperclassman Move In

Friday, Aug. 10, 2012, is Valdosta State University’s upperclassmen move in day! We have divided the day into time slots based on your hall and floor assignments. They are:

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*The first number of your room assignment indicates your floor assignment.

Where are the unloading zones?

- Centennial Hall residents will use Centennial circle, street side parking off of Sustella Avenue, and Sustella Street Parking Deck.
- Converse Hall residents will use Converse Hall.
- Hopper Hall residents will use designated areas off of Oak Street.
- Lowndes Hall residents will use the Fine Arts parking lot, located on W. Brookwood Drive.

See You in August!

Fall Assignment & Roommate Information

To view your housing assignment and roommate information, please follow these steps:
- Go to: http://www.valdosta.edu/eas/sis/
- Click on: Login. Enter your User ID name and PIN
- Click on: Student & Financial Aid
- Click on: View Housing Application/Assignment
- Select Term: Fall 2012

If your application has been accepted and you do not have an assignment, please check back later for your room assignment information. Accessing this information should make it easier for students to speak with their roommates before school starts to decide who is bringing the TV, refrigerator, and other room essentials.

Room Swap/Change Request and Consolidation Policy Explained

If for some reason you are unhappy with your room assignment, then you can request a room change. No applications for changes will be processed until two weeks after the semester starts. On August 27, room changes within the same hall will be processed. Out-of-hall room changes begin September 4.

If you do not have a roommate after the room change process, then you may be required to consolidate with another resident in the same situation. Lists of students in your building who also need roommates will be available. The opportunity to offer private rooms may also be available after room change. See your handbook for the specific processes.

Returning students should be aware that, due to cancellations, if your room/apartment was not completely filled, then you may have been moved elsewhere in your assigned building.

Basic Information about Renter’s Insurance for Residents

Every year college students lose millions of dollars worth of property. Valdosta State University does not insure any personal items. Therefore, it is important to learn how to protect your personal property in the residence halls. Students are often covered under their parents’ homeowner’s insurance policy, so be sure check your policy.

Renter’s Insurance is available to any resident who is not protected by his or her parents’ insurance. Policies provide coverage for many items commonly found in residence halls, including clothing, computers, school supplies, and electronic devices.

VSU has information about (but does not sponsor) three companies that provide insurance for students’ personal property. National Student Services, Inc. offers a Student Personal Property Plan and coverage for both on- and off-campus housing. CSI Insurance Agency, Inc. offers the Student Personal Property Protector Plus program, which covers your property worldwide for 12 months. Next Generation Insurance Group offers a student plan that covers personal liability coverage and student property protection.

Insurance policies have limitations and restrictions, so be sure to read each policy carefully. Web addresses to each agency are provided below.

Helpful Websites for Finding Renter’s Insurance:

National Student Services, Inc. www.nssinc.com
CSI Ins. Agency, Inc. www.collegestudentinsurance.com
Next Generation Insurance Group www.gradguard.coms/renters

Cable TV Service in the Residence Halls

Remember, you have already paid for basic cable service in your residence hall room. The Housing and Residence Life Office operates a Movie Channel which provides students with information about campus events and airs recent movie releases. Please visit www.valdosta.edu/housing/MovieChannel.aspx for more details.

Parent E-mail Listserv

Parents, stay connected to important housing information! Joining the Residence Life Parent Listserv is as easy as 1-2-3

1. Visit the housing website after room assignments go out.
2. Click on the Parent Listserv link to complete the registration form.
3. Provide us with your name, e-mail address and student’s room assignment.

Hall Changes

Langdale Hall B wing (rooms numbered 20-38, 58) is scheduled to close this spring for renovations. Students living in these rooms will be notified with more details prior to move in. Please note that you will be reassigned a new room and/or roommate for the spring semester.
Residence Hall Holiday Closings

All residence halls will close/re-open for holidays as follows:

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<td>Spring Break</td>
<td>March 16 @ 5PM    March 24 @ 10AM</td>
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Residence Halls do not close for Fall Break. However, Dining Services will not be open.

Plan ahead and make arrangements for transportation and a place to stay during these breaks.

*Please see your RHD if you need to stay late due to a Tuesday night class.

Note: Centennial & Converse Halls Do Not Close

Centennial and Converse do not close for break periods, but they do close for the two weeks between the contract ending in July and the new contract beginning in August.

Mail & Packages

Each resident is assigned a mailbox. Refer to the information listed below to access your VSU box number and combination. Centennial residents will get their mail in Centennial Hall, and all other residents will get their mail in Hopper Hall.

Note: Items requiring a signature or items that are too large to fit in your mailbox will be distributed at the Student Mail Center in Hopper Hall. You will receive a VSU e-mail notification and can claim the item at The Student Mail Center with a VSU Student ID. Hours: Mon. – Thurs. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

VSU Box Address

Students should make sure that their mail is addressed as follows:

Student’s Name
VSU (Box Number)
Valdosta State University
1500 N Patterson St
Valdosta GA 31698

VSU Box Number & Combination Access

- Go online to www.valdosta.edu
- Click on: Registration and Advising
- Click on: Login
  (Enter your user ID = student identification number and PIN = 6 digit birthday, use MMDDYY)
- Click on: Student and Financial Aid
- Click on: Campus Mail Box
- Choose term
- Box assignment and combination can be viewed on this screen.

Note: Combinations will not be available until the beginning of the semester.
Eat.Learn.Live. is an experience defined by you. Our commitment is to make your time dining with friends as special as possible with customized special events, programs and menus offered throughout campus. Supported by our culinary team, we offer flavorful food options to sustain your body and mind. Your needs are unique, so let us know how we can enhance your dining experience by visiting www.dineoncampus.com/valdosta.

Create your own experience with My Meals Meal Plan. Enjoy fresh food and relax with friends. Or, if you’re on the go, grab a quick bite to eat on your way to class. All resident students will have a plan as part of their housing contract. However, at the beginning of the semester, you may change your plan during the registration period.

Freshmen residents may choose from any of the three plans below.

**Unlimited Access + $125 Blazer Bucks**
$1,755 per semester
This plan offers the most flexibility and is the best value in town! Enjoy unlimited meals or snacks in our all-you-care-to-eat Hopper or Palms Dining plus $125 in Blazer Bucks to be used at any on-campus dining location.

**14 Meals/Week + $225 Blazer Bucks**
$1,755 per semester
Enjoy 14 meals per week at our all-you-care-to-eat Hopper or Palms Dining plus $225 in Blazer Bucks to be used at any on-campus dining location.

**10 Meals/Week + $370 Blazer Bucks**
$1,755 per semester
Enjoy 10 meals per week at our all-you-care-to-eat Hopper or Palms Dining plus $370 in Blazer Bucks to be used at any on-campus dining location.

Resident students ranked as sophomores or above may choose from any of the three plans above or the plan below.

**$875 Blazer Bucks**
$875 per semester
Enjoy $875 Blazer Bucks to be used at any campus dining location.

Students living in Centennial Hall and Converse Hall can select any of the above plans as well as the $475 Blazer Bucks plan.

**$475 Blazer Bucks**
$475 per semester
Enjoy $475 Blazer Bucks to be used at any campus dining location.

**Blazer Bucks**
Blazer Bucks are similar to a debit account and are good for one semester. Use your Blazer Bucks at any dining location on-campus and save the sales tax with every purchase!

**Change Your Plan**
In order to change your meal plan, please visit your Banner account: https://banweb.valdosta.edu/pls/prod/twbkwbis.P_WWWLogin. Please note that you may only change your meal plan once per semester.

**Important Tips**
The deadline to make changes to your meal plan is Friday, August 17, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.

- Meal plans can only be used by the student whose name appears on the contract.
- Meal plans are activated on the student’s VSU 1Card, which must be presented at the time of purchase.
- Meal Plans for the Fall Semester are activated Wednesday, August 8, 2012.

For More Information, contact V-State Dining, located in Palms Dining Center on N. Oak Street, across the street from the Baptist Student Center.

If you have any questions or comments, we at V-State Dining are available during office hours online, via IM on the Dine on Campus website, or “like” and post on our Facebook page, or tweet to us on Twitter!

**PHONE** 229.333.7146

**WEBSITE**
www.dineoncampus.com/valdosta
www.facebook.com/VStateDining
www.twitter.com/VStateDining

**Office Hours**
Mon-Thurs 8:30AM–5:00PM
Friday 8:30AM–2:30PM
What to Bring

- Flashlight & batteries — in case of power outage (candles are prohibited)
- Alarm clock and/or clock radio
- Personal hygiene items
- Shower caddy & shower shoes
- Pens, pencils, paper, notebooks for academic work
- Posters and room decorations
- Stereo and/or radio
- iPod/MP3 player
- Small Television — basic cable is installed in each room.
- Telephone — local phone service is not provided in each room, so only bring if you are contracting with AT&T. Cordless phones must be 900 MHz or 5.8 GHz
- Small microwave — great for popcorn and reheating pizza
- Compact refrigerator — max. 4.4 cubic feet
- Plastic cups, plates, and eating utensils
- Dish pan, cloth, towel, and dishwashing liquid
- Personal cleaning supplies — cleaners, sponges, broom or vacuum. (Students are responsible for cleaning their rooms, including kitchens and bathrooms in the suites/apartments).
- Desk lamp
- Laundry bag, detergent
- Sewing kit
- Hangers
- Wastebasket
- Can opener
- Surge Protector (UL 1449 rated)
- Rug — 9x12 is a good size for most rooms
- Window curtains — Blinds are provided. Curtains must be hung with tension rods. Windows vary slightly in size depending on the building. We advise you to purchase your curtains after you arrive.

What to Leave Home

The following items are prohibited in residence halls:

- Firearms, knives, air guns, martial arts weapons, or weapons of any kind
- Candles, incense or any item that produces or has an open flame
- Cooking devices, including, but not limited to, broilers, toaster ovens, electric skillets, hot plates, hot pots, and George Foreman grill
- Room heating devices with exposed heating coils
- 2.4 GHz Cordless phones
- Wireless routers
- Flammable and/or combustible items
- Fireworks, smoke bombs, sparklers, etc.
- Contact Paper
- Duct Tape
- Extension cords
- Chemicals
- Light dimmers, ceiling fans, or any other device that interferes with the electricity of the room
- Weight lifting apparatus, such as barbells
- Animals or pets except fish and service animals per federal law. The university reserves the right to limit the size of aquariums
- Waterbeds and water furniture
- Refrigerators, except as previously defined

NOTE: The preceding list is not all-inclusive. Any item that is a threat to public safety may be removed from a student’s room. University staff will continually monitor all areas through staff visits and unannounced inspections. The presence of prohibited items will be documented. Students will be required to remove those items from the premises and may be subject to disciplinary action as well as monetary fines.
Residence Hall Association

What’s the best thing about living in the residence halls at VSU?
The opportunity to become a leader! As a campus resident, you are automatically a member of the Residence Hall Association (RHA) at Valdosta State University and eligible to participate in weekly RHA meetings where you can voice your opinion, share your ideas and develop your leadership skills!

What is Residence Hall Association (RHA)?
RHA is a student-led organization dedicated to making the on-campus living experience for residents memorable and fun. RHA’s vision is to provide residents with leadership opportunities, educational experiences and entertainment. RHA also serves as an advocate for students living in the residence halls and proposes changes to improve the living experience for on-campus residents. As an organization, RHA is comprised of nine hall councils (one per hall), a general assembly and an executive board that presides over the hall councils and General Assembly.

What is Hall Council?
Hall council consists of an executive branch (president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary), committee chairs (programming, intramural chair and floor representatives), and a voting body (all of the residents in the hall). The purpose of hall council is to encourage residents to get involved in the halls and ultimately on campus. Each hall council has a budget to help fund events that benefit residents of their hall. Student representatives from each hall council also attend weekly RHA meetings to serve as voice for the residents of their building, and relay important campus information back to their buildings. Students also have opportunities to attend state, regional and national conferences, during which residents can interact with hall council members from other colleges and universities.

Accomplishments and Goals
VSU’s RHA has won several distinguished awards during the past few years on the state, regional and national level. Most recently, RHA hosted a regional conference for leaders in residence life throughout the southeast. Former National Communications Chair, Jacob Jones, will be serving as the 2012-2013 Regional Communication Coordinator of Administration for the Southeast Atlantic Affiliation of College and University Residence Halls (SAACURH).
Important RHA Dates

Wed., Aug. 8: Game Night
Thurs., Aug. 9: Movie on the Lawn
Fri., Aug. 10: Survival Bingo
Sat., Aug. 11: Block Party
Sun., Aug. 12: Sundaes on Sunday
Tues., Aug. 21: First RHA Meeting @ 6:30p.m. in Georgia Hall
Mon., Aug. 27: Hall Council Election Applications due
Tues., Aug. 28; Tues., Sept. 4: Hall Council Campaigning
Tues., Sept. 4: Hall Council Speeches
Wed., Sept. 5: Hall Council Elections
Sat., Sept. 8: RHA U(niversity) for all elected Hall Council Members

If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail the RHA Advisor, Sarah VanKuiken, at slvankuiken@valdosta.edu

Attention Freshmen Students

If you plan to move in on Wednesday, Aug. 8 or Thursday, Aug. 9 — Freshmen Move In Days — RHA would like to welcome you to VSU! Stop by our Ignite events just for freshmen! Check the RHA calendar included in your welcome pack during move in for more details.
Do you have what it takes to Survive the First Weeks of college?

Supplement your skills with Survive the First Six
August 9 - September 18, 2012

Look for a new event every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m.

Attend four survival events and get a FREE T-shirt. Prizes and give-a-ways at every session!

Can you survive?

Visit our website at valdosta.edu/housing for more information

Be a fan of the VSU Housing & Residence Life Facebook page.
The Office of Housing and Residence Life is sponsoring VSU’s annual Room Decorating Contest!!!! Find your inner interior decorator and use your skills to transform your room! You will be judged on factors such as: originality, organization, & style.

Show us who YOU are!

Judging is scheduled to take place toward the end of September. We are looking for a male and female winner from each hall and two grand prize campus winners! This year’s special category: Self Expression — deck out your room in things that are unique to who you are as an individual and as a Blazer! Do you have what it takes to win?

Please be aware that winners are expected to do the following:
• Show your room to prospective students for the entire academic year, especially on Visitation Days.
• Allow pictures taken of your room to be included in promotional pictures for Housing publications (i.e. website, brochures, etc.)
• Have NO illegal possessions (i.e. drug paraphernalia, substances, etc.) in your room.
• Have no prior housing/university infractions or disciplinary sanction.

Good Luck & May The Best Room Win!

*Note: All housing guidelines for decorating must be followed
1. What made you choose student housing as a profession?
When I was an undergraduate student at a small, residential, liberal arts college in Indiana, I was involved in just about everything: Student Senate, Freshmen Mentor, Basketball Team manager, Desk worker, Student Admission staff, and Resident Assistant. Through all those positions, I became a “mentee” of an incredible student affairs professional, Dr. Norris Friesen. It was largely his example of selfless service, dedication to students, and energetic engagement with finding and creating learning opportunities in and out of the classroom that led me down this path. Residential life is unlike any other field in my eyes. Some days you can get lost in the details of conduct cases or programs, but I always feel like when focusing on students and improving the student experience, that I have been fortunate to land in a field that has so much opportunity to invest in other people the way that Dr. Friesen invested in me.

2. What are you most excited about in your new job?
Perhaps it is idealistic, but I believe I can become a person that impacts many students in a positive way in this position. I am excited about the challenges that working with student conduct and supervising professional and graduate staff brings. In my position, I will have to become creative to have opportunities to get to know students better, but I hope to explore the possibility of leading Alternative Spring Break trips or informal times to meet with students just to talk about current events or whatever is going on for them.

3. Why did you choose Valdosta State?
I believe that Valdosta State University is in a very exciting place for growth and development, and the staff that is here is stellar. I hope to come in and contribute from the start, as well as learn and develop as a professional. Being at much larger and smaller institutions, I am very comfortable with the size of this campus. I think it provides unique opportunities for engaging students and being more visible to them as well. The sense of campus community is important to me. This place has a nice “feel” of that to me.

4. What do you like to do for fun?
I am an avid sports fan, particularly college basketball and pro football, but a casual (and fantasy fan) of Baseball and pro basketball as well. I reluctantly admit to being more of a fan of bad TV than I should. Survivor, Walking Dead, Breaking Bad, and Modern Family are some of my favorites. I also enjoy movies, reading, a variety of music (Bright Eyes and Death Cab for Cutie are my faves), keeping up with politics and traveling when time allows. Boston is one my favorite cities.

5. What’s one interesting fact about you?
In my first trip outside the Midwest, and first time on a commercial flight, was a 2 - week educational trip to Jamaica. During the first day, I slipped outside the McDonald’s in Montego Bay and broke my arm between my shoulder and elbow. I got a cast on it at the local hospital and stayed the remainder of the time. Most interesting, I never took any type of pain killer the entire time. It required surgery once I returned to the States.

Local Phone Service
Local phone service is not provided in the residence hall student rooms.
If students would like to order local access, they will need to call the AT&T Residential Sales line at 1-888-757-6500 or access the AT&T website (ATT.com, select Residential/ local access) and place an order with their address, including residence hall and room number.
At this site they will find the current rates, installation, termination and any promotions that may be available at the time of their order.

Fall Explosion
Fall Explosion is a series of planned events that take place from move in day through the end of August. Fall Explosion is a collaborative effort among several VSU departments to aid new students in acclimating to college life and to engage those students in purposeful extracurricular activities. Some event highlights include: “The Happening,” cookouts, movies on the lawn, free game room hours, tie-dye, and much, much more. www.valdosta.edu/stulife/FallExplosion.shtml
Each month the Office of Housing and Residence Life sends out postcards to recognize the birthdays of our residents. When you receive your card, stop by our office to exchange your card for a treat.

Homecoming 2012 is October 17-20. There will be campus activities going on all week leading up to the Homecoming football game on October 20. Contact Student Life for more information, www.valdosta.edu/stulife
Parents & Family Members:

Would you like to keep up with what is happening with your college student and at Valdosta State University? Join the Valdosta State University Parents & Families Association. Dues are $25 per year.

Go to www.valdosta.edu/prc and click on the Parents & Families Association link for further information.

Friday, Sept. 21, 2012 & Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012

For more information call The Office of Student Life 229.333.5674 or visit www.valdosta.edu/stulife/ParentsWeekend.shtml

The final day to register for this event is Friday, September 14, 2012 @ 3:00PM