When is move in?

Wednesday, Aug. 7 and Thursday, Aug. 8, 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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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, Lowndes 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 7-11, sponsored by the Residence Hall Association. All first-year buildings will hold a mandatory floor meeting at 6:30 p.m. on August 8. 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 RHA Welcome Week 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, a FLC Kick-Off event on Saturday, August 10. 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 more information regarding specific events, please visit: http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/freshman-learning/

*(For upperclassmen, see page 2.)*
Friday, August 9, 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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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 and Hopper Hall** residents will use the Hopper turnaround.
- **Langdale Hall** residents will use café lot and the Langdale timed lot.

### 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/](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 26, room changes within the same hall will be processed. Out-of-hall room changes begin September 3.

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
- Next Generation Insurance Group www.gradguard.com/renters
- Sallie Mae Insurance Services www.salliemaeinsurance.com

### 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](http://www.valdosta.edu/housing) for more details.

### Centennial, Georgia, Hopper, and Reade – Accessing Your Room

Students living in Centennial, Georgia, Hopper, and Reade Halls will need their 1Card to access their room. If you did not pick up your 1Card during Orientation or if your 1Card is damaged, it is suggested that you visit the 1Card office before you arrive at your hall to move in. Students will also need to know their Persona pin to access their room. You may find your pin by logging into Banner. Utilize the link “View Persona Pin”, which can be found in the Student Services & Financial Aid Menu.

### Required Academic Orientation for All Freshmen

All freshmen are required to attend an academic orientation on Friday, August 9, at 9 am. Locations will vary depending on the student’s major. All students will receive additional information and directions to these sessions.
**Residence Hall Holiday Closings**

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

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

**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.

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:** Monday – Thursday 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](http://www.valdosta.edu)
- Click on: Current Students
- Click on: Banner (Registration)
- 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**
$1832 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**
$1,832 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**
$1,832 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.

Resident students can also choose from the following three plans, in addition to another meal plan, to enhance their retail purchasing power and tax-saving options on campus (i.e. you could choose the Unlimited + $125 Blazer Bucks plan PLUS the $200 Xtra Blazer Bucks plan):

**$300 Xtra Blazer Bucks + $22.25 Free Blazer Bucks**  **$300**
With the free Blazer Bucks and sales tax savings, this plan provides $322.25 in purchasing power to eat on campus. This plan is good for the entire academic year through the Spring Semester. (Excludes summer term)

**$200 Xtra Blazer Bucks + $10 Free Blazer Bucks**  **$200**
With the free Blazer Bucks and sales tax savings, this plan provides $210 in purchasing power to eat on campus. This plan is good for the entire academic year through the Spring Semester. (Excludes summer term)

**$100 Xtra Blazer Bucks**  **$100**
This plan is good for the entire academic year through the Spring Semester. (Excludes summer term)

**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 16, at Noon.

- 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 7.

**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!
The Difference Between Blazer Bucks and Xtra Blazer Bucks

Blazer Bucks and Xtra Blazer Bucks are tax-exempt dining dollars that can be used at any dining facility on campus, including our two convenience stores, resident and retail dining locations. Blazer Bucks and Xtra Blazer Bucks are a dollar-for-dollar declining cash balance. The Blazer Bucks that come with your meal plan do not roll over to the next semester. However, Xtra Blazer Buck Plans are good for the entire academic year, and you save 7% sales tax with each purchase on campus. Purchase a plan and get FREE Bonus Bucks added to your account! Blazer Bucks and Xtra Blazer Bucks are two separate accounts on your 1Card.

Please Note: The Blazer Bucks that are attached to your meal plan and Xtra Blazer Bucks are two separate accounts. When you go to pay for your meal, please specify to the cashier if you want to pay via Blazer Bucks OR Xtra Blazer Bucks.
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 won three awards at the annual Georgia Residence Hall Organization conference in January 2013. They won Best Banner Submission, Most Philanthropic, and Most Spirited Delegation for their spirit and participation at the conference. Valencia Warren, current National Communication Coordinator, is serving on the Georgia Residence Hall Organization’s board of directors as the Associate Director of Promotions. Former National Communications Coordinator, Jacob Jones, Former RHA President Chad Freeman, and Former National Communications Coordinator Nontalie Morrow have served on the board for South Atlantic Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (SAACURH).
Important RHA Dates

Wednesday, August 7: Game Night
Thursday, August 8: Movie on the Lawn
Friday, August 9: Survival Bingo
Saturday, August 10: Campus Cookout
Sunday, August 11: Sundaes on Sunday
Tuesday, August 13 - Thursday, August 15: Hall Council Interest Meetings
Tuesday, August 20: First RHA Meeting @ 6:30 in Georgia Hall
Tuesday, August 20: Hall Council Election Applications due
Tuesday, August 20 - Tuesday, August 27: Hall Council Campaigning
Friday, August 23: RHA Dance Party
Wednesday, August 28: Hall Council Elections
Saturday, August 31: RHA U(iversity) for all elected Hall Council Members

If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail the RHA Advisor, Mark McNalley, at mpmcnalley@valdosta.edu

Attention Freshmen Students
If you plan to move in on Wednesday, August 7 or Thursday, August 8 — Freshmen Move-In Days — RHA would like to welcome you to VSU! Stop by our RHA Welcome Week events just for freshmen! Check the RHA calendar included in your welcome pack during move-in for more details
What to Bring

Students may want to bring several items for their rooms. Each student will be responsible for providing his/her own bedding needs and towels. Students have access to laundry facilities in the residence halls. The following items are additional suggestions generated by students who have lived on campus:

- 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.
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, and style.

Show us who YOU are!

Judging is scheduled to take place toward the middle of September. We are looking for a male and female winner from each hall and two grand prize campus winners! 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. Also, no promotional material or insignia of other collegiate institutions. We need VSU Blazer pride only!
• 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
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 2013

Homecoming 2013 is September 30 - October 5. There will be campus activities going on all week leading up to the Homecoming football game on October 5. Contact Student Life for more information, www.valdosta.edu/stulife

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: Some event highlights include “The Happening,” cookouts, movies on the lawn, free game room hours, tie-dye, and much, much more. http://www.valdosta.edu/student/student-life/our-services/special-events/
Move In Day Motions!
Please bring with you for move in.

= Parking Lots

Georgia Hall residents will need to unload curbside on Georgia Ave.

Reade Hall Entrance to campus here

Langdale Hall Entrance to campus here

Hopper Hall Entrance to campus here

Patterson, Brown, and Lowndes Hall Entrance to campus here

Oak St. Parking Lot

Student Health Center

Oak St. Deck

Student Union

Tennis Courts

Conference Lot

Jeanette Lot

Georgia Lot

College Lot

Georgia Hall

FCA

Slaters St.

Jennett Hall

Psychology

Athletic Field House

West Mary St.

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Student Recreation Sports Complex

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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. 20, 2013 & Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013

For more information call The Office of Student Life 229.333.5674 or visit


The final day to register for this event is Friday, September 14, 2013 @ 3:00PM