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Hello Rams,

Thank you for considering on-campus housing for the upcoming academic year. We have developed this upper-class housing resource booklet to help inform students and families about all of our on-campus options. Returning students should be planning for what comes next: what classes to take, which professors best fit their learning styles, and how to make the most out of the future. On-campus living creates an environment to help students succeed. Not only is on-campus housing steps away from academic resources, but living among classmates makes it easier to connect with friends, host study groups or simply share resources.

We understand the college experience is much more than just grades. It is a time for self-discovery and self-expression. Each student is unique with different needs and preferences. That’s why VCU offers a variety of on-campus housing options for upper-class residents regardless of personal housing preferences.

On-campus housing offers more than just a place to sleep: it is an integral part of the VCU experience. By offering communities designed to complement and encourage a wide variety of lifestyles, Residential Life and Housing can assist students in positioning themselves for future success. I would like to highlight the four Living Learning Programs within Residential Life & Housing: VCU ASPIRE, VCU Globe, VCU Innovate, and VCU LEAD. These four LLPs are specialized residential environments designed to integrate on-campus living with a focused academic curricular and co-curricular experience. For more information about these programs, see pages 14-17. If we can be of any assistance during the on-campus housing selection process, please do not hesitate in contacting us.

Go Rams,

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COMMENENT
- 12-month contract

STUDENT POPULATION
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Graduate

UNIT STYLE
- 2-person apartments with single bedrooms
- 4-person apartments with single bedrooms

BATH
- 2-person units have one bathroom
- 4-person units have two bathrooms

BED STYLE
- Extra long full (54” x 80”)

INCLUDED UTILITIES AND AMENITIES
- WiFi (high-speed)
- Electricity
- Water
- Waste disposal
- Heating
- Air conditioning
- Streaming TV
- 24-hour information desk
- Community lounges/study rooms
- Full kitchen, laundry, bathroom in unit
- Can stay over break
BROAD & BELVIDERE

**COMMITMENT**
- 9-month contract
- 12-month contract

**STUDENT POPULATION**
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Graduate

**UNIT STYLE**
- 1-4-person apartments with single bedrooms

**BATH**
- 1, 2 and 3-person units have one bathroom
- 4-person units have two bathrooms

**BED STYLE**
- 1 and 3-person apartments have extra long full beds (54" x 80")
- 2 and 4-person apartments have full beds (54" x 75")

**INCLUDED UTILITIES AND AMENITIES**
- WiFi (high-speed)
- Electricity
- Water
- Waste disposal
- Heating
- Air conditioning
- Streaming TV
- 24-hour information desk
- Community lounges/study rooms
- Full kitchen, laundry, bathroom in unit
- Can stay over break
COMMITMENT
• 9-month contract

STUDENT POPULATION
• Sophomore

UNIT STYLE
• 2-person apartments with single bedrooms
• 4-person apartments with single bedrooms

BATH
• 2-person units have one bathroom
• 4-person units have two bathrooms

BED STYLE
• Extra long twin (36” x 80”)

COMMUNITIES
Home of the Sophomore Year Experience. For more information see page 13.

INCLUDED UTILITIES AND AMENITIES
• WiFi (high-speed)
• Electricity
• Water
• Waste disposal
• Heating
• Air conditioning
• Streaming TV
• 24-hour information desk
• Community lounges/study rooms
• Full kitchen, laundry, bathroom in unit
• Can stay over break
COMMITMENT
• 12-month contract

STUDENT POPULATION
• Sophomore
• Junior
• Senior
• Graduate
• VCU Innovate students
• VCU LEAD students

UNIT STYLE
• 4-person apartments with single bedrooms

BATH
• 4-person units have two bathrooms

BED STYLE
• Extra long twin (36” x 80”)

COMMUNITIES
Home of VCU Innovate and VCU LEAD. For more information see pages 16 –17.

INCLUDED UTILITIES AND AMENITIES
• WiFi (high-speed)
• Electricity
• Water
• Waste disposal
• Heating
• Air conditioning
• Streaming TV
• 24-hour information desk
• Community lounges/study rooms
• Full kitchen, laundry, bathroom in unit
• Can stay over break
WEST GRACE NORTH

COMMITMENT
• 12-month contract

STUDENT POPULATION
• VCU Globe students

UNIT STYLE
• 2-person apartments with single bedrooms
• 4-person apartments with single bedrooms
• 4-person apartments with double bedrooms

BATH
• 2-person units have one bathroom
• 4-person units have two bathrooms

BED STYLE
• Extra long twin (36” x 80”)

COMMUNITIES
Home of VCU Globe. For more information see page 15.

INCLUDED UTILITIES AND AMENITIES
• WiFi (high-speed)
• Electricity
• Water
• Waste disposal
• Heating
• Air conditioning
• Streaming TV
• 24-hour information desk
• Community lounges/study rooms
• Full kitchen, laundry, bathroom in unit
• Can stay over break
**WEST GRACE SOUTH**

**COMMITMENT**
- 12-month contract

**STUDENT POPULATION**
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Graduate
- VCU ASpiRE students

**UNIT STYLE**
- 4-person apartments with double bedrooms
- 4-person apartments with single bedrooms

**BATH**
- 4-person units have two bathrooms

**BED STYLE**
- Extra long twin (36” x 80”)

**COMMUNITIES**
Home of VCU ASpiRE. For more information see page 14.

**INCLUDED UTILITIES AND AMENITIES**
- WiFi (high-speed)
- Electricity
- Water
- Waste disposal
- Heating
- Air conditioning
- Streaming TV
- 24-hour information desk
- Community lounges/study rooms
- Full kitchen, laundry, bathroom in unit
- Can stay over break
CURIOUS ABOUT YOUR HOUSING OPTIONS?

TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR BY VISITING HOUSING.VCU.EDU/#VIRTUALTOUR
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Feb. 8 at noon**
- HOUSING APPLICATION OPENS

**Feb. 13 at noon**
- SAME-ROOM SIGN-UP OPENS

**Feb. 15 at noon**
- SAME-ROOM SIGN-UP CLOSES

**Feb. 19 at noon**
- ROOMMATE PULL-IN BEGINS

**Feb. 27 at noon**
- ASPIRE AND GLOBE INCOMING STUDENT SIGN-UP OPENS

**Feb. 28 at noon**
- ASPIRE AND GLOBE INCOMING STUDENT SIGN-UP CLOSES

**Feb. 28 at noon**
- INNOVATE AND LEAD RETURNING STUDENT SIGN-UP OPENS

**Feb. 28 at noon**
- INNOVATE AND LEAD RETURNING STUDENT SIGN-UP CLOSES

**March 1 at noon**
- INNOVATE AND LEAD INCOMING STUDENT SIGN-UP OPENS

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**1/18-2/8 HOUSING APPLICATION OPEN**
Signing up by noon on Feb. 8 enables students to participate in the room selection process.

**2/13-2/15 SAME-ROOM SIGN-UP**
Only preselected students living in Ackell, Broad & Belvidere, Grace & Broad, West Grace South and returning participants in VCU ASPiRE, VCU Globe, VCU LEAD and VCU Innovate are eligible for same-room sign-up. An email will be sent in January, letting students know if they are eligible for same-room sign-up.

**2/19-2/20 ROOMMATE PULL-IN**
Anyone who has chosen a room through same-room sign-up can pull students into their apartment or room, up to the number that would fill all vacant beds. Only students who have completed a housing application by the priority deadline (2/8/19) can be pulled in. We strongly encourage all students to make every effort to fill their entire unit through the roommate pull-in process.

Students who do not fill an entire unit may be moved to consolidate space.

**2/22-2/24 SAME BUILDING SIGN-UP**
Preselected students in Ackell, Broad & Belvidere, Grace & Broad and West Grace South who have not selected a space by 2/20/19 are eligible to participate in the same-building sign-up.

**2/26-2/27 RETURNING VCU ASPiRE AND VCU GLOBE SIGN-UP**
The returning VCU ASPiRE and VCU Globe Sign-up is for current VCU ASPiRE and VCU Globe students who are returning next year to the program. Eligible students will receive an email with sign-up instructions. For more information, please see the program coordinator.

**2/27-2/28 INCOMING VCU ASPiRE AND VCU GLOBE SIGN-UP**
To participate in the incoming VCU ASPiRE and VCU Globe Sign-up you must have been accepted into the program. Once accepted, students will receive an email with instructions on the sign-up process. For more information, please see the program coordinator.
2/28-3/1 RETURNING VCU LEAD AND VCU INNOVATE SIGN-UP
The returning VCU LEAD and VCU Innovate Sign-up is for current VCU LEAD & VCU Innovate students who are returning next year to the program. Eligible students will receive an email with sign-up instructions. For more information, please see the program coordinator.

3/1-3/2 INCOMING VCU LEAD AND VCU INNOVATE SIGN-UP
To participate in the incoming VCU LEAD and VCU Innovate Sign-up you must have been accepted into the program. Once accepted, students will receive an email with instructions on the sign-up process. For more information, please see the program coordinator.

3/5-3/9 SPRING BREAK

3/11 HOUSING LOTTERY NOTIFICATION
Lottery numbers will be emailed to all students who have completed a 2019-20 housing application, but who have not yet selected a room.

3/12 - 3/14 HOUSING LOTTERY (SEE PAGE 12)
Students choose their housing locations and roommate(s) at their designated time from available on-campus rooms.
• 3/12 – 3/13 Sophomore students
• 3/14 Junior and Senior students
HOW ROOM LOTTERY WORKS

Students that completed an application by the deadline and did not select a room by March 3 will have the opportunity to participate in the housing lottery.

LOTTERY IS DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS: RISING SOPHOMORES AND RISING JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Both groups will receive a lottery number via email on March 11. That number will tell you in what order you will be able to select your room. Rising sophomores will have times on March 12–13. Rising juniors and seniors will have times on March 14.

Numbers correspond to a specific time period when you can log into the VCU housing portal to select your room from our available inventory. If you are part of a roommate group, your group will select based on the best lottery number of those in that group. Anyone in the group can log-in at the corresponding time and choose for the group.

When you log into the system, steps will be provided to pick your room. If you are part of a roommate group, upon selecting a room, you will assign each member of your roommate group a space in the unit.
Housed in Cary & Belvidere, the Sophomore Year Experience (SYE) program will offer special programming, individual outreach and provide unique resources and experiences that are tailored to the needs of second year students. SYE aims to assist students as they navigate their second year at the university and begin actualizing their future after graduation. Sophomores living in Cary & Belvidere will receive specialized opportunities to further enhance their academic success, deepen their connection to VCU, develop life skills through the #Adulting series and grow in their demonstration of civility. Join us in Cary & Belvidere as we work together to provide unique opportunities for Sophomores to engage with faculty, peers, VCU and the surrounding community throughout the year.
WHY JOIN?

Living-Learning Programs are designed for returning students to incorporate unique, multi-year on-campus living with a focused academic experience. The mix of curricular and co-curricular activities enables students to apply classroom learning in real world experiences. Any returning student rising sophomore and above may apply regardless of major.

VCU ASPiRE

VCU ASPiRE is a living-learning program where students learn outside the classroom through impactful service. VCU ASPiRE members connect with local community organizations like Peter Paul Development Center, Hands Up Ministries and Richmond Public Schools to positively change communities in mutually-beneficial partnerships. Many students feel their experience with VCU ASPiRE was both inspiring and practical. It allowed them to find their own strengths and career aspirations while being able to balance their school load.

This is accomplished through the opt-in service model. This model allows students to easily meet the required service hours without having to worry about logistics. Service opportunities range from impact areas of community-building, health/wellness, environmental sustainability, accessible/affordable housing and education/workforce development.

Students who successfully complete the program’s academic (9 credits) and co-curricular (100 hours) requirements receive a professional co-curricular transcript to share with employers and graduate schools that details all of the service activities.

Visit aspire.vcu.edu/apply to apply.
It’s no secret that employers and graduate programs from all areas want candidates who know how to work successfully with people from all over the world. The most successful candidates are those who know how to engage with the world as it is; an increasingly complex place that is swiftly becoming more interconnected. That is where VCU Globe comes into play. VCU Globe is a global education living-learning community that opens the windows to the complexity of globalization and fosters intercultural learning through sustained and structured interactions between program participants, international students and community members in Richmond. Located in West Grace North, this unique program gives students opportunities to interact with people from around the world, participate in special celebrations, work together in teams and be instrumental in bringing international diversity to VCU and Richmond as a whole. VCU Globe is also designated as a Peace Corps Prep Program, meaning students who complete all program requirements plus either a foreign language through the 200-level or additional hours of service also receive a certificate of completion from the Peace Corps. Even with all this fun in mind, the real aim of VCU Globe is to give students majoring in any discipline the chance to be part of something special that will be invaluable on their resumes.

Visit TheGlobe.vcu.edu to apply.
Finding a job after college is the main goal for most students. However, the da Vinci Center recognizes that for some students, creating the job or the product they’ve been dreaming of is the main objective. The mission of the da Vinci Center’s Innovate program is to provide students with the knowledge and the tools they need to become future entrepreneurs, innovators, and leaders in their communities. Housed in the Grace & Broad Residence Center, students live and learn together, fostering a culture of collaboration and team work. During the two-year program, students are equipped with a human-centered design foundation that is essential for entrepreneurship in our intricately connected world. Innovate students will have many opportunities to participate in trips, workshops, meet with regional and national investors; all while working on real client projects. These opportunities, along with an amazing faculty/staff make VCU Innovate a great stepping stone to an entrepreneurial future.

VCU LEAD

VCU LEAD is a leadership-focused living-learning program for undergraduate students of sophomore status or above. Its vision is to cultivate world-class innovative leaders who transform lives and impact communities. As Julie, a current VCU LEAD student describes, “VCU LEAD is where you find, distinguish and apply your leadership voice and helps connect your experiences to your overall life goals and aspirations!”

Open to students from any major or background, VCU LEAD participants integrate their learning through a dynamic 10-credit leadership curriculum combined with participating in leadership pathways that compliment their major and interests. Pathway experiences can include service, internships, study abroad, undergraduate research, entrepreneurship and peer leadership opportunities. In addition, VCU LEAD students get unique opportunities to network with local leaders and connect through lectures, plunges/trips, and social events. The program is designed for students to get involved and impact not only others and themselves, but also build relationships that can offer them even more.

Visit lead.vcu.edu to apply.
GENDER INCLUSIVE HOUSING

VCU students have the opportunity to choose Gender Inclusive Housing, a housing option where students can live together regardless of gender. To participate, all students who wish to live together must fill out the Gender Inclusive Housing Application which opens Jan. 18 and closes Feb.1. For more information on Gender Inclusive Housing and roommate groups, please visit housing.vcu.edu

RAMS IN RECOVERY, LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITY

Rams in Recovery Living-Learning Community is a partnership between Rams in Recovery, Residential Life and Housing and The Well. This community provides a sober environment for students choosing to abstain from alcohol, illegal drugs and other controlled substances. As a resident of Rams in Recovery, students will have access to professional staff, supportive space and focused wellness programming that supports student success academically and in their recovery.

For more information on how to apply to live in Rams in Recovery, please email recovery@vcu.edu
WHY SHOULD STUDENTS CONTINUE TO LIVE ON CAMPUS?
On-campus living provides great opportunities for upperclass students. Residents have the convenience of apartment style living with the same social and academic advantages of hall life. Each upperclass hall has 24-hour information desk, included utilities, around the clock maintenance, group lounges for study and a team of hall staff dedicated to providing a positive experience.

HOW DO STUDENTS APPLY TO LIVE ON CAMPUS?
Returning students must complete a 2019–20 Housing Application between 1/18/19–2/8/19. Our application can be found by visiting housing.vcu.edu, and clicking on Application. The deadline for returning students to apply for on-campus housing is noon on 2/8/19.

WHEN DO STUDENTS HAVE TO SIGN THEIR HOUSING CONTRACT?
When applying for housing, students will sign their contracts at the end of the application process, which means they will sign their contract prior to picking a room. Instead of signing a contract for a specific room, students will sign a general contract.

ARE STUDENTS REQUIRED TO HAVE A MEAL PLAN?
Students living in apartment style halls like Ackell, Broad & Belvidere, Cary & Belvidere, Grace & Broad, West Grace North and West Grace South are not required to have a meal plan.

WHAT IS THE COST OF ON-CAMPUS HOUSING?
The proposed rates will be posted to our website in late January-early February. All rates become final after approval of the Board of Visitors, which usually occurs in the spring. The cost of on-campus housing is equal to, or lower than, most surrounding locations that offer similar quality amenities.

IS A $250 DEPOSIT/PREPAYMENT REQUIRED?
No, prepayments or deposits are not required.

WILL STUDENTS BE ABLE TO CHOOSE THE ROOM THEY WANT?
Priority for selecting a room is based upon
- Whether student wishes to stay in their current room or building if available
- Whether student is accepted into a Living-Learning Program
- A student is a member of a roommate group and is pulled in by another student
- Student's lottery number

CAN STUDENTS CHOOSE THEIR ROOMMATE?
Students going through the same-room process will select roommates during the roommate pull-in process. Students are encouraged to create a roommate group in order to select multiple roommates at one time.

CAN A STUDENT CHANGE THEIR ROOM ASSIGNMENT AFTER THEY CHOOSE A SPACE?
No. Once a room is selected, students will not be able to log back in and change their assignment. Room changes will be allowed after the first three weeks of classes during the fall semester. Once a room is chosen, students are committed to living on campus for the duration of your particular contract.

CAN A STUDENT CHOOSE AN ON-CAMPUS SPACE AND THEN CANCEL IT?
Students should not think of on-campus housing as a backup. Once a space is chosen, students will be unable to cancel their assignment. If a student selects a space or are pulled into a space from a roommate group, the space is reserved and they are locked into a contract. Please refer to the housing contract for more details.

CAN A STUDENT LIVE ON CAMPUS FOR JUST THE FALL?
Very few specific situations exist where students may be released from their contracts. For more information, please visit housing.vcu.edu.

WHAT IF A STUDENT DOES NOT FILL OUT A HOUSING APPLICATION BY NOON ON 2/8/19?
Current students who fail to complete a housing application by noon on 2/8/19 will lose their priority status and will be unable to pick a room until after lottery.
HOW DO STUDENTS IN VCU ASPIRE, VCU GLOBE, VCU LEAD AND VCU INNOVATE SIGN-UP FOR A ROOM?

Students participating in any of these programs have a specifically defined room selection processes and dates that differ from the general process. Below are the sign-up dates for each Living-Learning Program:

- 2/26-2/27 Returning VCU ASPIRE and VCU Globe Sign-up
- 2/27-2/28 Incoming VCU ASPIRE and VCU Globe Sign-up
- 2/28-3/1 Returning VCU LEAD and VCU Innovate Sign-up
- 3/1-3/2 Incoming VCU LEAD and VCU Innovate Sign-up

For more information about Living-Learning Programs housing selection process, see the program coordinator of that program.

WHAT IF A STUDENT IS GRADUATING?

Students graduating in fall 2019 will need to vacate their rooms by 12/18/19. Students in 12-month halls graduating in spring do not need to vacate after graduation; their contract will continue until 7/15/20.

CAN I STAY ON CAMPUS OVER BREAK?

Students living in Ackell, Broad & Belvidere, Cary & Belvidere, Grace & Broad, West Grace North and West Grace South will be able to stay over Thanksgiving, winter and spring breaks.

ARE STUDENTS REQUIRED TO PULL-IN ROOMMATES OR FILL THEIR ENTIRE UNIT?

No, but we encourage students to pull-in a roommate/s in order to fill their chosen room or unit. Information on how to pull-in roommates will be provided in step-by-step instructions at each phase of the selection process. For example, if you choose to live in a four-bedroom apartment, you will be able to pull-in three roommates in order to completely fill the unit, if space is available.

Individuals not completely filling their room after each room selection period will be subject to consolidation by Residential Life and Housing.
APARTMENT SHOWCASE

JAN. 29
5:30-7 P.M.

Take a tour of Ackell, Broad & Belvidere, Cary & Belvidere, Grace & Broad, West Grace North and West Grace South.
LIVING ON CAMPUS
HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER.

Living on campus has never been easier. Be steps away from classes, student clubs, the library and other campus resources while having options. Students can choose from 9 or 12-month contracts, apartment style halls with single or double occupancy rooms.

The housing application is open from Jan. 18–Feb. 8.