S.H.A.R.E. the NEWS

Housing Newsletter: February 2012

And now introducing our newest Residence Hall....

VISTA LA VERNE!

“If you lived here you’d be home right now.”

Resident Housing Application Process!

Key Dates:

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<td>February 28</td>
<td>Continuing students can begin to apply for housing (application available via “MyLaVerne”)</td>
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<td>March 9</td>
<td>Priority deadline for continuing students to apply for housing for fall (i.e. you get to pick spaces before those that apply after deadline)</td>
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<td>March 20-21</td>
<td>Continuing students living on campus that applied by priority date can select rooms</td>
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<td>Continuing students not living on campus that applied by priority date can select rooms</td>
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<td>March 26 (and beyond)</td>
<td>All continuing students that did not apply by priority date select rooms based on order of completed application</td>
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<td>June 15</td>
<td>Deadline for continuing students to make financial arrangements and register for Fall. Students that have not made arrangements will be placed on the pending list (i.e. may lose your space).</td>
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Process for Students Wanting to Live on Campus

This issue is all about the application process! Find out about:
- Spaces available for continuing students
- Themed and Living Learning Communities
- The application/activity fee
- “Financial arrangements”
- The Priority deadline line
- And more...

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Online Roommate-ing!

Now you can find your perfect match! Read about how you can find the perfect roommate online!
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Spotlight on Jesteen!

D-Bottom has a new RA! We interviewed her so you can get to know her!
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Do you know someone who has made your community a better place to live?
The SHARE website has a place for you to acknowledge someone who deserves some recognition! Visit http://sites.laverne.edu/housing/student-incident-report/ and let us know what they do!

Way To Go!
A complete application consists of:

- An electronic housing application via MyLaverne.
- An Application/Activity Fee Payment ($150)
- Student must be in good standing with the Student Accounts Office (i.e. no holds or back balances)
- Student must be in good judicial standing with the University of La Verne and Housing

Where Do You Fit?
The Residence Halls are geared towards creating communities that make each resident feel welcome and at home. We have a number of different communities to make sure there is a place for you!

Continuing Student Communities:
- Vista La Verne (New Hall) 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Floor
- Oaks D and E Buildings
- Stu-Han Wing 2 – if needed

Graduate Students and Non-Traditional Undergrad (25 yrs and older) both new and continuing
- Selected suites in Vista La Verne (New Res Hall)

Women’s Experience
- Oaks D-Bottom (Continuing Students)
- Oaks A-Bottom (New Students)

Group Suites (3 Suites)
- 8 People total (4 in doubles, 4 in singles)
- A group of 8 people can select these rooms before anyone else (i.e. get priority)
- Group has to have all 8 people with complete applications and must know who is going in singles and doubles.

Application Fee/Activity Fee and Security Deposit
If you read last month’s issue, then you know that next year housing will no longer require a housing security deposit. If you currently live on campus you will have your security deposit of $250 returned to you at the end of the year!

The application/activity fee for ALL CONTINUING students (regardless of whether you live on campus or not) will be $150.

If you currently live on-campus, you can choose to have your application/activity fee deducted from your security deposit refund. If so, you will only receive a $100 refund.

So, What’s Considered a Complete Application?
A complete application consists of:

- Student remains in good financial and judicial standing
- Student makes financial arrangements with student accounts for next year and registers for classes by June 15th

Students who fail to do this will have their application placed on pending status and may lose their space.

Financial Standing and Making Financial Arrangements:
Making Financial Arrangements refers contacting the Student Accounts office to ensure that you have made plans/arrangements to pay for tuition, room and board costs for the upcoming year. Financial Arrangements can mean:

- Confirming with Student Accounts that your financial aid award will cover the costs
- Working with Student Accounts and Financial Aid to find out how much your aid will cover and how the remaining balance will be paid (i.e. payment plans, pay in full, etc.)
- Working with Student Accounts to establish a monthly payment plan with the University
- Working with Student Accounts to pay in full
First Come, First Serve…(Kind Of)
If you COMPLETE your application by the priority deadline you will have first shot at selecting a room for next year.

Priority for selecting rooms will be given to current residents, followed by off-campus continuing students. Within each of these groups, priority will be given based on class standing (Grad Students/Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, Freshmen). Within class groups, order of selection will be based on time/date of when application was completed.

Selecting Your Room Online:
For the first time ever, you will be able to select roommates and rooms on-line as part of your application process. You will be able to answer questions about your social, sleeping, and academic behaviors. You will also be able to create a mini-profile in which you will be able to share a bit more about yourself.

Unlike before where the housing staff would review the information and try to make the best possible matches, you will find your matches. You will be able to do a “compatibility search” to find people who are similar to you based on the questions asked. You will be able to look at their profile and send messages so that you can get to know each other before deciding if you are a roommate match. If you find someone you like and you both mutually agree, you can select the each other.

If you already know who you want to room with, you can skip this step and go straight to selecting rooms.

Rooms will be selected on-line as well. You will be able to see what rooms are still available, look at the floor maps and pick the room you want to live in!

Have you met the new RA for D-Bottom?
Here is what she had to say when we interviewed here:

Q: What is your name and what would you like residents to call you?
   A: Justeen Montelongo. Residents can call me Justeen.

Q: What year are you?
   A: I am a Junior

Q: What’s your major?
   A: I’m a Liberal Studies Major

Q: Other than being an RA, what else are you involved in on campus?
   A: I am in Iota Delta Sorority

Q: What are some of your interests or hobbies?
   A: Some of my hobbies include baking, swimming, and scrap booking. My favorite place is the beach.

Q: What do you look forward to in working with your community?
   A: I am looking forward to getting to know my residents as well as other residents on campus. They are like one big family and I am so excited to be part of that.

Q: What can you offer or implement in your community?
   A: New and interesting ideas! I like to think out of the box and do things that you wouldn’t normally see. I have lots of new ideas that I hope to include in my programs this semester.