

2010-2011 Housing Outlook Letter to Students and Family Members

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Dear Students and Family Members,

We are writing to you with important information about on-campus housing availability for Fall 2010. Residential Life is committed to providing on-campus housing to the greatest number of students possible. Continued demand for on-campus housing necessitates giving all residents advance notice to policies and decisions that will have a direct impact on them if they desire housing in residence halls. Today, the vast majority of the residents in residence halls are first-year and second-year students. Therefore, current freshmen (rising sophomores) who pay their \$150 non-refundable housing administrative fee by January 15, 2010 and complete the online application process are guaranteed housing for the 2010-2011 academic year. In addition, new incoming freshmen who submit their completed application and housing administrative fee by May 1, 2010 are guaranteed housing. This is a trend we expect will continue.

We will house the following students for the 2010 – 2011 academic year:

- Freshmen – students with 0 to 32 earned credit hours at the end of Spring 2010 or Summer II 2010
- Sophomores – students with 33 to 63 earned credit hours at the end of Spring 2010 or Summer II 2010
- Learning Communities such as Honors Program, Teaching Fellows, Chancellor Scholars, or ISSTEM
- Juniors and Seniors who are student-athletes
- Grad/Law students – limited to 30 spaces

Residential Life will make every effort to assist students with acquiring on-campus housing or alternative off-campus housing options for the 2010-2011 academic year. Residential Life will host Information sessions and an Off-Campus Housing Fair in the Alfonso Elder Student Union. Dates and times will be announced soon.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2	Monday	Fall 2010 \$150 Non-refundable housing administrative fee begins.
November 25-28	Wednesday-Saturday	Residence Halls remain open for Thanksgiving Holiday observance.
December 12	Saturday	Residence Halls close for all graduating students at 5:00 p.m.
December 15	Tuesday	Residence Halls close for all non-graduating students at 10:a.m.
January 3	Sunday	Residence Hall check-in at 1:00 p.m. for all students.
January 15	Friday	Last day to pay Fall 2010 Non-refundable housing administrative fee.
February 3	Wednesday	Fall 2010 on-line housing process begins for those students who paid the housing administrative fee by January 15.
March 5	Friday	Last day for students who paid their housing administrative fee by January 15 to complete their on-line housing assignment.
March 6	Saturday	Residence Halls, except Eagle Landing, Martha St and Ruffin, close at 12:00 noon for Spring Break.
March 14	Sunday	Residence Halls re-open at 12:00 noon.
March 17- 19	Wednesday - Friday	Fall 2010 on-line housing process begins for those students who paid their housing administrative fee after January 15 or missed their processing day.
April 1	Thursday	Last Day to cancel Fall 2010 housing without being charged 50% of the Agreement. Cancellation fee of \$100 will apply.
May 15	Saturday	Residence Halls close for graduating and non-graduating students at 5:00 p.m.

Outlook for Next Fall

We are aware that current sophomores and juniors in residence halls (rising juniors and seniors for Fall 2010) are heavily affected by our 2010-2011 housing plan. Our housing allocation system is based on research and a strongly-held belief among student affairs professionals across the country that students who have an on-campus housing experience early in their college careers are more likely to have successful transitions to college life and academic success.

We regret these circumstances, and look forward to the day that sufficient housing on and near our campus is available to meet the needs and interests of all North Carolina Central University students. If you have any immediate questions, please contact us at **919-530-6227**.

Thank you,

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