A Guide to NCCU’s Newest Themed Living Program
(Last Updated March 23rd, 2017)
What is a theme community?

• A theme program is a social identity based residential community where residents live in a designated area in order to build community and learn more about the social identity connected to the theme program.

• Beyond Belief focuses on issues related to interfaith understanding and religious plurality. Students living in this community may be members of any faith (or non-faith) background, and have an interest in learning about the experiences of others from different faiths.
What is required of me in a theme community?

• Complete an application and be accepted into the theme community
• Attend the Theme Program Retreat the week residence halls open in the Fall and Spring.
• Commit to attending programmatic aspects of the community:
  • Bi-weekly (every other week) community meetings
  • Theme Program Service Project
  • Barrier Breaker Activities
  • Critical Dialogues Across Difference (CDAD)
  • Reflective exercises
• Abide by the NCCU Code of Conduct and Community Agreement
• Live in the designated community.
• Students may be required to move out of the theme program community if they do not participate in required events, violate the Community Agreement, or decide they do not want to live in the designated community space.
Where will I live?

• For the 2017-2018 Academic Year, the Kaleidoscope Theme Program will be located on the 2nd floor of Ruffin Hall
• This is a suite style building.

Who can apply? How many will be accepted?

• Anyone can apply! Preference will be given to those who thoughtfully complete their application essays, show a demonstrable interest in issues related to interfaith understanding, and are open to learning more.
• Only continuing NCCU students may apply. Incoming first year students and transfers are not eligible.
• This year, only 16 individuals will be selected for the theme program
What is the timeline?

• Applications Due: March 31st by 5:00pm
• Acceptance/Denial Notification Emails Sent: April 10th by 5:00pm
• Theme Program Retreat: Specific date TBD, but will be the week the residence halls open in August 2017
• Theme Program Spring Orientation: Specific date TBD, but will be during the end of April
Applications are now open! Deadline is March 31st by 5pm

Questions?
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