

2009-2010 Housing Outlook

Letter to Students and Family Members

January 19, 2009

Dear Students and Family Members,

We are writing to you with important information about on-campus housing availability for Fall 2009. 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 deposits by January 23, 2009 and complete the online process are guaranteed housing for the 2009-2010 academic year. This is a trend we expect will continue.

On Wednesday, January 14, 2009 we announced the termination of our lease with Campus Crossings Apartments for the 2009-2010 academic year. In 2005, North Carolina Central University entered into a contractual relationship with Campus Apartments, Inc. as a temporary resolution to a housing shortage problem due to on-campus renovations and to meet the needs of increasing enrollment. The university leased the entire facility.

Costs associated with continuing the contract exceeds the amount of revenue collected thereby creating a shortfall. As an auxiliary unit, Residential Life cannot maintain the impact of the shortfall, which necessitates the cancellation of the contractual relationship with Campus Apartments, Inc., effective May 23, 2009. To assist in this transition, Residential Life will make every effort to assist students with acquiring on-campus housing or alternative off-campus housing options for the 2009-2010 academic year. Residential Life will host Information sessions and an Off-Campus Housing Fair in the Alfonso Elder Student Union.

Upcoming Information Sessions

All sessions will be held in the Alfonso Elder Student Union.

February 2009

February 17	Financial Aid and Living off Campus 10:40 am
February 18	Financial Aid and Living off Campus 7:00 pm
February 25	Keeping It Real, Safety and Living off campus 7:00 pm
February 26	Keeping It Real, Safety and Living off campus 10:40 am

March 2009

March 3 Off-Campus Housing Fair and one-on-one sessions
I hope you will attend one of the upcoming information sessions, so that we can hear your questions and concerns and learn how we can be of assistance to you.

Fall Room Sign-Up

Current residential students who pay their non refundable \$150.00 housing deposit by the January 23, 2009 deadline will be able to participate in the Fall Room Sign-Up Process which begins February 9, 2009

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 23	Request for Housing Accommodation form due to Residential Life (Special needs)
Jan 23	Non-refundable deposit due to Bursar's office (Deposit increases to \$200 after Jan 23)
Jan 28	Students can begin confirming their Application Status, Profile Data, and Total Projected Hours
Feb 13	Eligible current Grad/Law/Non-traditional can process their assignment beginning at

- 9:00 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m.
- Feb 18 Eligible Honors, Scholars and Teaching Fellows can process their assignment beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m.
- Feb 25 Eligible current Freshmen (rising Sophomores) can begin (at 9:00 a.m.) processing their online housing assignment.
- Feb 27 Last day for current Freshmen (rising Sophomores) to process (until 11:00 p.m.) their online assignment.
- Mar 04 Eligible current Sophomores (rising Juniors) and current Juniors (rising Seniors) can begin (at 9:00 a.m.) processing their online assignment.
- Mar 05 Last day for current Sophomores (rising Juniors) and current Juniors (rising Seniors) to process (until 11:00 p.m.) their online assignment.
- Apr 01 Deadline to cancel housing without being charged 50% (a full semester's rent) of the Housing Agreement.
- May 09 Residence Halls close for Non-Graduating Seniors at 5:00p.m.
- May 16 Residence Hall close for Graduating Seniors at 5:00 p.m.

Residence halls will be designated as follows:

- √ New incoming freshmen will be housed in Baynes, Richmond, New Res II, and Annie Day (Aspiring Eagles)
- √ Ruffin (Chancellor Scholars, Teaching Fellows, Honors) and McLean
- √ Current Freshmen, who will be Sophomores in the Fall, will be housed in Eagleson, Ruffin, McLean and Rush
- √ Current Sophomores, who will be Juniors in the Fall, and current Juniors who will be Seniors in the Fall, will be housed in Eagle Landing and George St
- √ Graduate/Law /Non-traditional will be housed in Eagle Landing and Martha Street.

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.

Outlook for Next Fall

We believe current sophomores and juniors in residence halls (rising juniors and seniors for Fall 2009) are most affected by our 2009-2010 housing plan. 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.

NCCU students may still opt to reside at Campus Crossings under individual lease agreements; however, the university simply will not subsidize this entity as a student housing option. Their office number is 313-7300. Campus Crossings proposed rent and fee schedule is as follows:

Two Bedrooms/ two bath - \$650 (per person, per month)
 Three Bedrooms/ two bath- \$595(per person, per month)
 Application fee- \$25
 Administration fee- \$50(covers credit and criminal background check)
 Security Deposit- \$150
 Utilities included (\$40 Cap per occupant for electricity, if allowance exceeded, the cost will be divided among the occupants)

One convenient way for you to stay in touch with developments on this issue is to visit this website for any continued updates. If you have any immediate questions, please contact us at **919-530-6227**.

Thank you,

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 Director