



get the

FIRST-YEAR

experience



with Carolina Housing!

A welcome from the

Chancellor

Congratulations on being admitted to Carolina! We are excited to welcome you to our community this fall. Carolina is a home for me and so many Tar Heels, and I hope you will come to feel the same way. Our campus is a special place with so much to offer and it is filled with outstanding people who are eager to support you on your journey here in Chapel Hill and beyond.

Your graduation day may seem far away, but I encourage you to make the most of this time and explore what Carolina has to offer to its fullest. While academics are an important part of your time here, I encourage you to prioritize growing personally and developing the bonds you will have for the rest of your life. Take the time to learn more about and contribute to the campus community, comprised of faculty, staff, and students with diverse perspectives. Carolina's world-class faculty will offer you guidance and opportunities for discovery as you seek to achieve your dreams. Our dedicated staff make our campus a safe place for you to live, study and find community. Your fellow students will inspire you, challenge you and become your lifelong friends. As a first-year student, this may seem intimidating, but don't be afraid to reach out to these people - they are dedicated to making Carolina an excellent and inclusive place for all.

My hope is that Carolina will be a life-changing place where you can grow in ways you never thought possible. You have a great deal to offer our campus and I know you have the power to change whatever community you're in for the better.

We can't wait to meet you and look forward to seeing the ways you'll grow in the years to come.

-Kevin M. Guskiewicz, Chancellor



A letter from our Executive Director

Welcome Home Tar Heel! At Carolina Housing, we firmly believe that through the creation of a strong community, you have a greater sense of belonging and clearer path to academic success. Living on campus and getting involved in your campus community can be one of the most rewarding experiences in college. And, it's a great way to be at the heart of the Carolina experience! Studies have shown that students who live on-campus are more likely to be more academically successful, take less time to earn a degree, and are overall more satisfied with their college experience. Did you know that Carolina Housing is home to over 8,500 on-campus residents?



Living on campus provides much more than just an accommodation - it's about creating a life experience that is exceptional and unforgettable. Here, you have the opportunity to become an active member in an inclusive community that will help shape who you are and who you will become. This is your opportunity to expand your horizons - meet new people, try something new, immerse yourself in life on campus, and take full advantage of all the activities and resources available.

Remember, it's always a #GDTBATH - especially at Carolina Housing!

-Allan Blattner, Executive Director, Carolina Housing.

Our Mission

Carolina Housing works to provide convenient housing that is safe, inclusive, and supportive. We strive for students to experience a welcoming home in our on-campus communities, build life-long friendships and develop skills for their current and future success as they journey through their Carolina experience.

Advantages of On-Campus Living

Convenience

- Easy, walkable access to amenities such as recreation fields, dining options, and campus partners
- Community-wide programming in and around your building

Safety

- Secure access to all buildings
- UNC Police patrol 24/7
- SafeWalk Partnership

Support Staff

- Full-time Community Directors
- Student Staff: Resident Advisors
- On-call teams available 24/7

Affordability

- All utilities included
- No application fee
- No deposit
- Flexible contract terms to meet your academic schedule (including single-semester options for students studying abroad)



The First Year *Experience*

Did you know that once you choose to become a Tar Heel, you become a member of Carolina Housing's First Year Experience? The FYE program creates opportunities designed to help foster the connections, growth, and learning of each resident. These strategies include roommate/suitemate agreements, floor and community programs, personal check-ins with your RA, and much more! While living on campus, you will make new friends, immerse yourself in the UNC culture, establish valuable academic connections, and identify unique leadership opportunities, and we want to support you through these experiences and your transition to Tar Heel life.

Programs, Programs, Programs!



We host over 2,000
events a year!



Always Here for You

Carolina Housing's motivated team of professionals are constantly finding new ways to help everyone feel at home in the halls. As a staff, we invest time, energy and resources into training, services, and programs designed to support, connect, and engage students. Here are just some of the folks who will be here for you!

Community Directors

CD's are full-time, live-in professional staff members. They serve as the lead educator for students in the community. CDs have direct contact with residents, including advising a community government, providing guidance to Learning Communities where applicable, and through routine daily interactions.

Resident Advisors

RA's are undergraduate or graduate students who - under the supervision and direction of their CD - serve as educators, counselors, administrators, role models, friends, and team members for the residents of a floor or wing in a residence hall.

Office Assistants

OA's serve as a resource for residents and are responsible for maintaining the community offices and assisting residents. OA's perform office functions such as answering questions in person and via phone, and checking out keys and enhancements.

Residential Computing Consultant

RCC's serve as in-building technology consultants for residents and staff in Carolina Housing.

Advancing Sustainability

Sustainable Carolina

Housed within the UNC Institute for the Environment, Sustainable Carolina is the University's sustainability initiative. The group bridges research and operations to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, conserve water, reduce waste, and more. The group also engages with the campus community to provide opportunities for faculty, staff, and students. At the beginning of each school year, Sustainable Carolina hosts the Sustainability Social, where students can talk with and get involved in a variety of environmentally focused student organizations.



Green Games

Green Games is a student-led environmental competition between the UNC housing communities with the goal of promoting sustainable behavior and environmental education.

Residents can earn points for their communities by participating in events organized by their community's student leaders, there are hundreds of events every year!



Don't Ditch It, Donate It!

Don't Ditch It Donate It is the annual end of the year sustainability program hosted by a team of campus partners, including Carolina Housing. The goal of the program is to donate and reuse items, rather than adding to the local landfills. Our total landfill diversion to date is 366.68 tons!

Residential Learning Programs



Carolina's Residential Learning Programs (RLPs) give you a unique living experience where you will engage in academic and extracurricular programming designed specifically for your RLP. You can enjoy all of the usual advantages of on-campus living, with the added benefit of living among a group of students who share your academic goals, interests, or experiences.



Applications are received on a rolling basis. If you are accepted into an RLP, you will be assigned housing where the RLP is located. Students typically spend 2-4 hours a week participating in their RLP. RLP members can attend workshops, collaborate with campus partners, attend social events, and even connect with faculty.

"I feel like I'm in a place that is welcoming to me. I feel safe and comfortable."
- **Pride Place Resident**



"Here I found people who identify with me and are standing by to help each other in their new academic journey. We were the first family members to go to university so we explored UNC together!"
- **First Gens Resident**



BLUE provides space and opportunity for networking, innovation, creation, and collaboration. Students get to experiment, meet new people, and master concepts of entrepreneurial mindset through hands-on opportunity – plus you will live in Carmichael so you have easy access to the BeAM Makerspace lab!



The First Generation RLP is an innovative, collaborative program that serves self-identified, first-generation students during their first year at Carolina. The First Gen RLP provides co-curricular activities, learning spaces, and opportunities to build relationships to supplement and enhance their Carolina experience. This program is located in Hinton James.



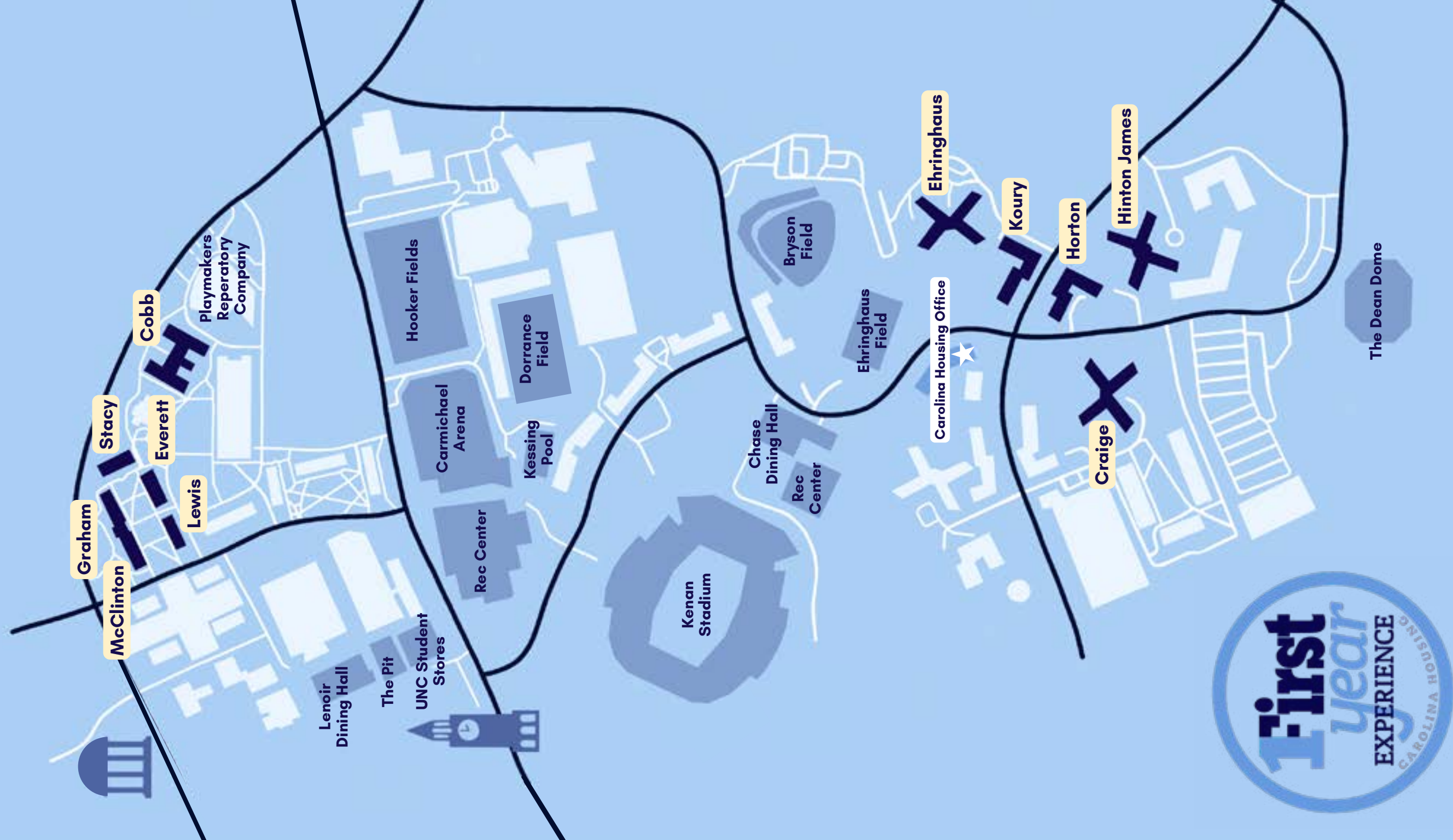
When students join Outdoor Pursuits, they will pursue health and well-being through connecting with other Tar Heels in the outdoors. From high impact adventure to low key events, Outdoor Pursuits fosters opportunities to collaborate with others to connect with themselves, others, and the world around them! This partnership with Carolina Adventures is located in Ehringhaus.



Pride Place is a community located in Joyner that's focused on personal wellness and academic success for students of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions at Carolina. Pride place seeks to make every member feel safe, included, and empowered while engaging them with the LGBTQ+ community.



First Year Experience Residence Halls



Our Campus Partnerships



BeAM
Makerspace



At the BeAM Makerspace in Carmichael – if you can think it, you can make it! Experiment and create with the help of workshops, student staff, trainings, and state of the art technologies. You can enjoy embroidery, sewing, woodworking, metalworking, 3-D printing, vinyl cutting, and SO much more. The possibilities are endless at BeAM!

Carolina
Cupboard



The mission of Carolina Cupboard, located in Avery, is to provide food assistance to individuals of the UNC community by acquiring and distributing food to those in need on campus. Any student experiencing food insecurity is encouraged to come visit, they can also pick up hygiene items while they're there!

Carolina
Gaming Arena



The gaming arena in Craige may be the most fun spot on campus! With 33 high-end PC stations and over 10 gaming consoles, including VR systems, the arena is set up for everything from casual (or not so casual) sessions of Mario Kart to a competitive Overwatch match with the Esports team. Gaming assistants stay ready to help you with anything you need, no matter your level of experience!

"To me, the Morrison Art Studio represents expression. I can just come in, put in my airpods, and create whatever I want without it having to be for a class"

"I love being at BeAM and creating things you really enjoy – the creative expression is just so great"

Chapel Thrill
Escapes



Chapel Thrill Escapes was created by students, for students. Located in Cobb, the current room is called "Ramses in Wonderland" and is filled to the brim with mysteries and magical puzzles. Bring your roommates, suitemates, and friends and see if you have what it takes to escape Wonderland!

Edible
Campus



Edible Campus works to combat food insecurity while promoting agricultural sustainability. They have a large garden as well as eight satellite garden sites spread throughout campus. These gardens are filled with vegetables, fruits, herbs, and a variety of pollinator friendly perennials and annuals. The produce is free for anyone in the community to forage.

Hardin
Advisory Hub



The Hardin Hub for Career & Academic Advising is a full-service extension of University Career Services and Academic Advising Program where students can meet with an academic advisor to review career and academic plans to achieve their goals, explore majors/minors and discuss course planning, and navigate academic challenges.

Morrison
Arts Studio



The Morrison Art Studio provides students with an opportunity to unleash their inner artist! The studio features free use of all the supplies you'll need for painting and drawing and an MFA artist-in-residence who serves as a resource. A quick orientation gives all UNC students the freedom to learn, explore, and create anything they can imagine.

Residence Hall Association



"Hi Tar Heels! We at RHA are beyond excited to welcome you to UNC. There are tons of resources available to you on campus and loads of leadership opportunities. RHA is proud to host programs, offer enhancements, advocate, and give recognition to over 9,000 residents!"

– RHA Executive Board

Ways to get involved with RHA:

- Executive Board
- Community Governor
- Community Government
- External Boards; Marketing, Collaboration, Programming
- Residence Hall Renaming Committee
- Environmental Health Conservation Committee
- Bylaw and Constitution Amendment Committee



Through our preferred vendors, RHA also offers helpful resources as you transition to Carolina, including:

- Microfridges
- Carpets
- Linens
- Storage Squad

To learn more, check us out at rha.unc.edu and follow us on Instagram @RHA_UNC or our Facebook page RHA at UNC. We can't wait to welcome you to our community soon!



North vs South Campus

Figuring out which residence hall to choose for your first year at Carolina can be difficult. Each building and community hosts its own culture and offers different perks to suit every type of Carolina student. But which one will suit you?

North Campus can be best described in one word – proximity. Anything you may need is mere minutes away – academic buildings, Lenoir Dining Hall, Franklin Street, Davis Library, The Pit, and the Student Union – it's right there! The atmosphere of North Campus is more quiet and academic, and communities are smaller and more close-knit. The First-Year halls located in North Campus, part of the Olde Campus Lower Quad community, include Everett, Lewis, Graham, McClinton, and Stacy. Additionally there is Cobb, which is part of its own community. The buildings are smaller and more historic. They are also all corridor-style, meaning large bathrooms are shared by each hall. The plus side of this is that housekeeping cleans and maintains the bathrooms, and students will have more space. Does a traditionally social yet academically-focused community sound right for you? Then choose North Campus!

"I just love being close to everything on campus. I live right across Davis and Lenoir, and I can get to my classes on time! "

The South Campus residence halls such as Hinton James, Ehringhaus, Koury, Horton, and Craige offer suite-style living spaces. This means private restrooms will be shared by a suite of 4-8 students. Some students may prefer that setup, but in Koury and Horton, this privacy comes with the responsibility to clean and maintain the bathroom themselves. South Campus residence halls have a variety of layouts and these halls are much bigger than those on North Campus, the biggest being Hinton James at a population of +900 students! South Campus residence halls are known for their lively and sociable energies. While the commute to North Campus is a bit far, students will utilize our free bus system to get around – plus Chase Dining Hall, the Dean Dome, Subway, and Port City Java are all on South Campus. Does a large community filled with new people to meet sound right for you? Then choose South Campus!

"Living in a larger building, such as Hinton James, has tremendously aided me in my first year for making new connections."



First-Year Housing Options

Rates

- Double Occupancy:
\$3,683/semester
(\$7,366/year)
- Triple/Quadruple
Occupancy:
\$3,574/semester
(\$7,148/year)
- Single Occupancy:
\$4,362/semester
(\$8,724/year)



Craige

- 8 person Suite-style
- Smallest of the high-rises
- Window A/C units
- Houses the Gaming Arena
- Has a Basketball court!



Cobb

- Corridor-style
- Across from Battle Park
- Central A/C
- Houses Honors Carolina + Chapel Thrill Escapes!



Hinton James

- 8 person Suite-style
- Most populated residence hall
- Window A/C units
- Has a basketball court



Horton

- 4 person Suite-style
- Central A/C
- Located right on a bus stop



Koury

- 4 person Suite-style
- Central A/C
- Same layout as Horton
- Has sand volleyball court



Ehringhaus

- 8 person suite-style
- Window A/C units
- Beach-themed springtime party
- Has a hammock station



Everett

- Corridor-style
- Central A/C
- Shares laundry with Stacy
- Near rec complex
- Has sand volleyball court



Graham

- Corridor-style
- Central A/C
- Shares laundry with Stacy
- Male only
- Connected to McClinton



Lewis

- Corridor-style
- Central A/C
- Shares laundry with Stacy
- Closest first-year hall to Davis Library and Lenoir



McClinton

- Corridor-style
- Central A/C
- Shares laundry with Stacy
- Female only
- Connected to Graham



Stacy

- Corridor-style
- Central A/C
- Near rec complex
- Has sand volleyball court

- Rates include all utilities, and are pending final approval
- At times, due to larger enrollment numbers, first-year students may need to be housed in non-FYE residence halls. But you will still be actively involved in all FYE programming, so you won't miss a thing!



How to Apply!

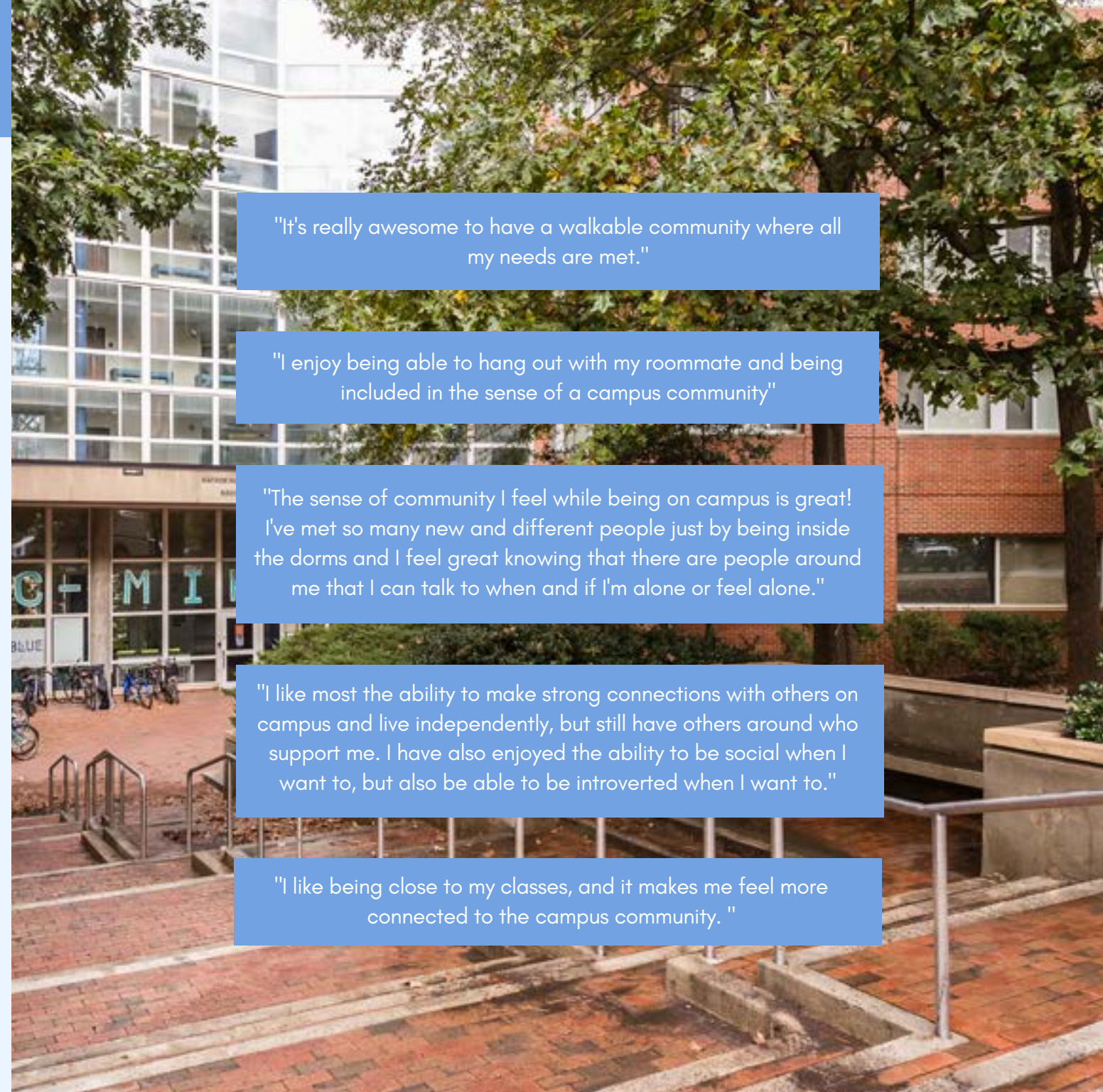
- 1 Sign into MyHousing Portal at myhousing.unc.edu after paying your enrollment deposit (it can take up to three days after the deposit for your application to become available) to complete your application.
- 2 Complete the questionnaire to be paired with a compatible random roommate. You can also join a roommate group of 2-8 students if you wish. You can even request to be paired with an international student! Changes to roommate groups can be made up until May 15th.
- 3 Select your housing preferences.
- 4 Submit your application and sign your contract!

After your application is complete and your contract is signed, you will be able to apply for a Residential Learning Program.

Apply by the Priority Deadline of May 15!

You may apply after this date, but your application will be processed after all that were submitted by the priority deadline, so your preferences may not be available

*If you are under the age of 18 at the time you submit the housing contract, you must complete the Parent/Guardian Signature page found under "Online forms and Resources" on the Housing Portal.



"It's really awesome to have a walkable community where all my needs are met."

"I enjoy being able to hang out with my roommate and being included in the sense of a campus community"

"The sense of community I feel while being on campus is great! I've met so many new and different people just by being inside the dorms and I feel great knowing that there are people around me that I can talk to when and if I'm alone or feel alone."

"I like most the ability to make strong connections with others on campus and live independently, but still have others around who support me. I have also enjoyed the ability to be social when I want to, but also be able to be introverted when I want to."

"I like being close to my classes, and it makes me feel more connected to the campus community. "

Frequently Asked Questions

How is my room assignment made?

All of the applications received by May 15 are assigned a random lottery number, which determines your place in "line" (applying early will not impact your random lottery number). When it is your turn, the system identifies your preferences and seeks vacant rooms starting with your first choice and progressing down the list. If nothing is available in any of the locations you preferenced, a random housing assignment is made.

When will I find out my room assignment?

If your application was completed by the priority deadline, you should expect your assignment in early June. Confirmation is initially sent by email and is also online at myhousing.unc.edu.



Do I have to live on campus?

Yes. Students who have earned less than thirty hours of college credit *after* graduating high school are required to live on campus their first year. There are some rare exceptions, if you feel this would apply to you, please refer to our website to see our guidelines and request a waiver.



Can I get a single room?

Yes, but single rooms are very sparse on the UNC campus, so it is very difficult to get assigned to one. If you have a severe medical condition that requires you live alone, please submit a Connect with ARS Request Form through the Accessibility Resources and Service Office.

When can I move in?

Move-in for incoming first-years will take place August 16-20th. Residents will sign up for a move in appointment in mid-June

What if I'm accepted into Honors Carolina?

You may choose to live in the Honors community in Cobb, and you may also choose to have an Honors roommate, the decision is up to you! We allow Honors students to pull in a non-Honors roommate, but priority is granted to all honors students first.

What if me and my roommate don't get along?

We understand that not every roommate match is perfect. If you choose, you can request a room change through the Carolina Housing office either from mid-June to August 1st, or after the second week of Fall semester and continuing throughout the academic year.



Do I have to leave during breaks?

Residence halls only close over the Winter and Summer Breaks. Visit the Break Housing page on our website for more information on what to do if you want to stay on campus during these times.



How will I be billed for housing?

Apply by May 15 and your student account will be billed in July with payments made to the University Cashier. Payments are not made directly to or at the Carolina Housing office.

I'm thinking about living at Granville Towers, what's the difference?

Although Granville Towers is considered a partner to Carolina Housing, Granville Towers is managed by a private entity, and contracts are issued independently of Carolina Housing. It's important to note that contracts are not transferable between Carolina Housing and Granville Towers.

I have more questions!

Check out housing.unc.edu for more information. Still have questions? You can visit our office, email us at housing@unc.edu, or call us at 919-962-5401.

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