

### Overview:

The department of Residential Life's mission is to assist in the preparation of citizen-leaders by fostering community, providing access, focusing on resident needs, and supporting the educational experience. This is achieved by providing:

- A home away from home that feels wholly supportive and safe.
- An inclusive, inspiring environment that makes way for excellence in education and in life.

Communities of strength and comradery, where students have opportunities to learn more about themselves, their responsibilities, and personal preferences, as well as about others with diverse backgrounds through new shared experiences.

### Points of Pride:

- ❖ Continued the enhancements for McMindes Hall 2R including adding new furniture for both the living room area and the classroom areas and the addition of several new games.
- ❖ Improved the welcoming and homey appeal of halls by adding art and photographs of students in action.
- ❖ Increased the number of completed desk manuals with detailed information in the event of staff transitions and expanded the number of documented standard operating procedures across the department.
- ❖ Revamped our professional staff Fall training to better accommodate graduate student staff who are participating in summer practicums and internships.
- ❖ Continued to increase our retention rate of students living on campus for multiple years.

### Focus Areas for 2024-2025:

- ❖ Improving Hall Image – Residential Life is planning to add art into spaces and make our spaces more welcoming and inviting.
- ❖ Departmental Training – review how we do training and how we can better approach working with students.
- ❖ Policy – updating the Student Policy Manual and informing students in more creative ways of Residential Life policies.
- ❖ Transitions documents- Having each position create documents for what they do on a yearly basis.
- ❖ Standardized process – creating documents that outline each process step by step.

By the Numbers: \*\*Note we sold back singles for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

Occupancy Numbers 2023-2024

Buildings	Capacity	Fall 2023	Spring 2024
Custer Hall	103	69	70
McMindes Hall	625	572	558
Victor E. Village Hall	406	380	377
Hansen Hall	33	32	31
Traditional Hall Totals	1,167	1,053	1,036
Agnew Hall	123	118	115
Heather Hall	112	115	106
Suite-Style Totals	235	233	221
Stadium Place Apartments	120	115	116
Wooster Place Apartments	112	108	109
Apartment Totals	232	223	225
Delta Zeta	21	21	21
Honors College	75	70	65
Tiger Village Total	96	91	86
Total Occupancy Rates		92%	91%

**Community Assistant (CA) - Student Interactions**

Intentional Interactions CAs Having intentional interactions with residents.	4332 Interactions
Hosted Community Hours Posted time spent in common space to encourage visibility for our student staff and to create a strong community atmosphere.	1065 CA Community hour were logged.
Programming Residents Engaging in Campus Community and planned programs & programs put on by community councils/RHA put on by CAs.	5836 Students attend programs  333 Programs