On-Campus Housing Sign-Up Is In Full Swing

Campus Called. It wants you back for the 2015 – 2016 academic year. On-campus housing has a place for everyone. With 27 residence halls, two apartment communities and a variety of living arrangements, there’s a place to call home for the bookworm, foodie, fanatic, socialite and everyone in between.

Living on campus, just steps away from Neighborhood Engagement Centers, makes it convenient for you to reach the resources necessary for you to succeed. Whether it’s visiting an advisor to talk about your academic plan, finding a Zumba class to attend, or getting extra help from a tutor before your big exam — your ticket to success is in the neighborhoods.

Staying on campus proves to be a smarter move too. A MSU study shows that sophomores who lived on campus last spring had an average GPA of 3.1, while students in off-campus housing earned a 2.9 GPA. Plus, living on campus is convenient! You can focus on school while we take care of the cooking, and don’t forget laundry is FREE on campus.

Visit www.liveon.msu.edu to review your options and view sign-up locations across campus. We look forward to seeing you back on campus for the 2015-2016 academic year!

Coffee Hours

The Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) and Residence Education and Housing Services invite you to come out for Coffee Hour each Friday during the academic year. The Coffee Hours provide students from many different backgrounds the opportunity to connect with each other by playing games, sharing stories, dancing and getting to know one another. There is free coffee and tea available each week, and sometimes students are surprised with giveaways and special guests. The Coffee Hours happen every Friday, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in McDonel Hall and everyone is welcome!

Getting Involved On Campus

There are many ways to get involved on campus at Michigan State University. MSU has more than 600 Registered Student Organizations (RSOs). Students can join RSOs for many topics and interest areas, including academic, business, environmental, international, political, racial/ethnic, religion, women’s interests and sports and leisure. For a complete list of MSU RSOs, visit www.studentlife.msu.edu/student-organizations-activities.
Michigan State University ranks 9th in the nation for international student enrollment according to the Nov. 2014 Open Doors report.
Residence Education and Housing Services (REHS) employs hundreds of students each year, including international students. An on-campus job at MSU provides students with the convenience of work without a commute, flexible schedules, time management and social skills required to thrive in today’s fast-paced world. A wide variety of REHS jobs are available in custodial and maintenance areas; dining and guest service centers; night receptionist operations; summer conferences and sports camps; and Residence Education. Visit www.jobs.rhs.msu.edu.

Whether you are considering employment during your time at MSU or afterwards, it is important to work with both the Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS), as well as the Career Services Network at MSU. Go online to http://oiss.isp.msu.edu/students_employ.php and read the “Employing an International Student” document for many of the work authorization options available to international students. You may also give this document to prospective employers who may be unfamiliar with international student employment permissions.

Neighborhood Engagement Centers at MSU

If you haven’t visited your neighborhood Engagement Center yet, now is a great time as you get ready for final exams. You can access important resources that will help you study and finish your fall semester successfully. Each Engagement Center offers many important resources that contribute to your positive student experience, such as:

- Writing Center
- Math tutoring
- Academic advising
- Career counseling
- Student Health Clinic
- IT Help Desk
- Caucuses
- Live On & Be Fit fitness classes (Yoga, Zumba, dance classes and more!)
- Multi-Racial Unity Living Experiences (MRULE)
- Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (RCPD)

For more information about the Engagement Center in your MSU Neighborhood, visit www.neighborhoods.msu.edu.
More than 90% of our students say they feel safe on campus, and they are. Michigan State University takes the safety and security of our residents very seriously. We also believe students must share responsibility for staying safe on campus. Here is a reminder of our on-campus safety measures:

• All residence halls are equipped with electronic doors, living wings and elevators. Living wings in residence halls are locked 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

• Residence halls with public space are locked at midnight and residents must use their MSU ID card to access the building.

• All residence hall guests must be escorted by a resident for the duration of their stay.

• All student room doors are equipped with peepholes and students are encouraged to keep their doors locked at all times.

• Residence halls are equipped with fire alarm systems, fire-rated doors and hard-wired smoke detectors.

• As residence halls are renovated, sprinkler fire suppression systems are also added.

• In the event of an emergency, the East Lansing Fire Department has a station on campus for fast response.

• Inside, emergency phones have been installed within the sightline of every student room door in the residence halls.

• Outside, green light emergency phones are also found throughout campus, and connect directly to the MSU police.

• In the event of a large-scale emergency, our reserve-911 system allows us to reach students quickly with necessary information.

• The Olin Health Center and the MSU Counseling Center are available to MSU students experiencing physical or mental health issues.
Michigan State University has 28 partnerships with international institutions and 25 internationally focused centers, institutes and offices.