For the families of students living on campus at Michigan State University

December 2014
The residence halls will close for semester break on Dec. 12, 2014 at 8 p.m. and will reopen on Jan. 11, 2015 at 8 a.m. All student residents are required to leave the halls by 8 p.m. on Dec. 12. Exceptions will be made for those who:

- Live in Owen Hall, Van Hoosen Hall or University Village;
- Have submitted a Late Stay/Early Arrival Request Form and have received approval; or
- Have submitted a Between-Semester Housing Application and have received approval to stay in their current room in a designated Between-Semester Housing residence hall during the semester break.

Residence halls designated for Between-Semester Housing include: Hubbard, McDonel and Wonders.

**OWEN HALL, VAN HOOSEN HALL AND UNIVERSITY VILLAGE RESIDENTS**

Students living in Owen Hall, Van Hoosen Hall and University Village may stay in their rooms during semester break without submitting an application.

DineOn Owen dining plans for fall will be active through 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 21, 2014 and will become active for spring on Jan. 11, 2015. Van Hoosen Hall and University Village residents may also purchase off-campus dining plans. Residents with these dining plans can eat at:

**Riverwalk Market at Owen Hall**
Dec. 13 – 21: 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily
Jan. 5 – 10: 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily
Jan. 11: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FALL LATE STAY AND SPRING EARLY ARRIVAL REQUESTS**

Students living in any residence hall (excluding Owen Hall, Van Hoosen Hall and University Village) who need to stay on campus past 8 p.m. on Dec. 12 or return before 8 a.m. on Jan. 11 must submit a Late Stay/Early Arrival Request Form in order to do so. Late Stay/Early Arrival Requests can be submitted by students through their iLiveOn account at www.liveon.msu.edu.

Students can request to stay Friday night, Dec. 12 and Saturday night, Dec. 13. Any students approved to stay Saturday night will be charged their regular nightly rate for that night.

Students can also request to return as early as Jan. 7. Any students approved to arrive before Saturday, Jan. 10 will be charged their regular nightly rate for each night before Saturday.

Any one that needs to stay past noon on Sunday or return prior to noon on Jan. 7 will need to stay at the Kellogg Center, please call 517-432-4000 to reserve a room.
Residents of Hubbard, McDonel and Wonders halls will be able to apply to stay on campus during semester break in their current residence hall room. Residents in these designated halls who plan to stay in their current room any time past 5 p.m. on Dec. 14 or before Jan. 11 must complete a Between-Semester Housing Application. Upon submitting an application, a $399 flat fee that includes housing and dining will be charged to their student account.

By applying for Between-Semester Housing, residents will have unlimited access to their rooms during the break and will automatically be signed up for a Between-Semester Dining Plan.

**Between-Semester Dining Plan**
This dining plan includes 30 accesses to EITHER Brody Square and Holmes Dining Hall OR Combo-X-Change at Riverwalk Market and open Culinary Services retail locations.

Available:
Dec. 13 (breakfast) – Dec. 21 (dinner) and
Jan. 5 (breakfast) – Jan. 11 (lunch)
Culinary Services locations are closed Dec. 22 – Jan. 4

**Brody Square and Holmes Dining Hall Hours**
Breakfast: 8 – 9 a.m.
Lunch: 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Dinner: 5 – 7 p.m.

**NEWLY ADMITTED STUDENTS**

Newly admitted students coming to MSU in spring 2015 are automatically approved to move in to their new on-campus home in the residence halls on Jan. 7, 2015. Newly admitted students can view their spring 2015 on-campus housing assignment via their iLiveOn account on www.liveon.msu.edu after Dec. 23, 2014.

**BETWEEN-SEMESTER HOUSING AT KELLOGG HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER**

All residence hall students can choose to stay on campus between semesters by reserving a room at the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center. **Rooms are available for $45 + $5 hotel fee + tax (per day) based on availability. Parking is also available during break in the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center garage for $150.** Contact the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center at 517-432-4000 or www.kelloggcenter.com for additional information and to make a reservation.

**Between-Semester Dining Plan**
Students who stay at Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center between semesters can purchase a Between-Semester Dining Plan for $179.70 by visiting www.eatatstate.com and searching for the Between-Semester Housing Dining Plan Purchase Form. This dining plan includes 30 accesses to EITHER Brody Square and Holmes Dining Hall OR Combo-X-Change at Riverwalk Market and open Culinary Services retail locations. See above for hours and locations.

The plan is automatically added to the purchaser’s MSU ID card.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Students living in a designated Between-Semester Housing hall can apply now through their iLiveOn account at www.liveon.msu.edu.
ON-CAMPUS HOUSING SIGN-UP IS IN FULL SWING

Campus Called. It wants your student 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 your student to reach the resources necessary to be successful. Whether it’s visiting an advisor to talk about his academic plan, finding a Zumba class to attend or getting extra help from a tutor before her big exam—your student’s 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! Your student 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 student’s options and help them sign up. If you have questions about housing options for your student, contact the Housing Assignments Office at liveon@msu.edu or 877-954-8366.

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING SIGN-UP FOR 2015-2016

Students can sign up for their on-campus space during the spring semester at any of the following locations from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additional extended hours will be announced in January.

• 104 Brody
• 144 East Akers Hall
• 117A Mayo Hall
• 142 West Phillips Hall
• W1 Shaw Hall
• The Housing Assignments Office (C101 Wilson Hall)

If your student is unable to visit any of the sign-up locations, they can call the Housing Assignments Office at 877-954-8366.

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Order online at www.msubakers.com or call 517-353-9310. Deliveries are available to residence halls, so order your student’s favorite today!
Heritage Commons at Landon is MSU’s newly renovated dining hall on campus. It opened in August 2014 with an outpouring of positive feedback. But who is the mastermind behind many of the dishes at Heritage Commons? Culinary Services Sous Chef Dien Ly.

Chef Ly has been with MSU for eight years. Before working at MSU, she was a young executive and co-owner of a Franco-Vietnamese restaurant named “Con Ve Sau (La Cigale)” which translates to The Cicada in Vietnamese and French, respectively. In the United States, Chef Ly worked at the Sheraton Hotel in Lansing, Mich., as a restaurant chef and kitchen manager, prior to coming to MSU.

“My favorite part about working at Heritage Commons is to train staff on new cooking techniques and restaurant cooking concepts,” said Chef Ly. “I love introducing students and staff to healthy, authentic dishes and fusion dishes as well.”

Before opening Heritage Commons in August, Chef Ly and her team spent the summer preparing and perfecting dishes now served in the dining hall. When asked her favorite dish to make, Chef Ly couldn’t pick just one, “Some of my favorite dishes are pork kabob with BBQ cranberry glaze, chicken karaage, rotisserie pork loin with pineapple chutney, coconut curry risotto, turkey meatloaf with cranberry salsa, pretzel bread pudding, sweet potato soufflé ... and many more!”
EATING AT STATE: RECIPE TO TRY AT HOME

The holiday season is upon us! Presidential Chicken, a rich pastry dish well-loved by current Spartans and alumni, is the perfect accompaniment on your holiday table this year. Serve it as an entrée or make the portion sizes smaller to serve as melt-in-your-mouth appetizers.

PRESIDENTIAL CHICKEN – SERVES SIX

**Ingredients:**
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 pound boneless skinless chicken tenders or chicken breasts
- 5 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 2 Tbsp. sour cream
- 2 Tbsp. green onion, sliced thin
- 1/2 tsp. garlic salt or kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- 6 puff pastry squares
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. water

**Sauce:**
- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 1 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 1 1/4 cup 2% or whole milk
- 3 Tbsp. chicken stock
- 2 tsp. fresh parsley, minced
- 1/4 tsp. white pepper

**Directions:**
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Heat the olive oil in a sauté pan and cook the chicken until the internal temperature reaches 165 °F. Chop the chicken up into small cubes and set aside, keeping warm.
- Mix softened cream cheese with sour cream, green onions, salt and pepper. Add in the cooked chicken and evenly coat with the cheese mixture.
- Place about 3 Tbsp. of the chicken and cheese mixture in the center of a puff pastry square. Lightly touch the outside edge of the pastry square with water and bring all four corners together, pinch the seams and seal.
- In a bowl, beat the egg and 1 tsp. of water. Brush the egg wash on each puff pastry, making sure not to over coat each one. Bake filled puff pastries in the preheated oven for approximately 12-15 minutes, or until golden brown.

**For the sauce:**
- Melt butter in a sauce pan, and add the flour to make a roux. Continue to stir while heat is on medium for 5 minutes.
- Gradually pour in milk and chicken stock, stirring to thicken, and let simmer for about 15 minutes. Add in parsley and pepper and adjust seasoning to taste.
- Ladle the sauce onto a plate, placing puff pastry in the center. Serve immediately.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 5
Fall Semester classes end

Dec. 8–12
Final exams

Dec. 12–13
Fall Commencement

Dec. 13–Jan. 11
Winter Break

Jan. 12
Spring Semester classes begin

Jan. 19
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, classes cancelled

March 9–13
Spring Break

March 19
MSU Live On Spring Break Rewind Event

April 1
Online Housing Sign-up ends, students must sign up for housing in the Housing Assignments Office

May 1
Spring Semester classes end

May 4–8
Final Exams

May 8–10
Spring Commencement

WORK ON CAMPUS

The Division of Residential and Hospitality Services (RHS) offers many on-campus job opportunities. Students have the opportunity to work in our residence halls, dining halls and more, where they will gain valuable work experience. RHS offers flexible work schedules that accommodate classes and activities, competitive pay with regular increases, promotional opportunities and discounted meals in the dining halls. Students can find out more information and apply online by visiting www.jobs.rhs.msu.edu.
Residence Education and Housing Services is part of the Division of Residential and Hospitality Services at Michigan State University. 

*Live On Family News* is a quarterly newsletter published throughout the academic year to keep Spartan families connected to what is happening in Residence Education and Housing Services at MSU. You can read past issues at [www.liveon.msu.edu](http://www.liveon.msu.edu).

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