Time is running out, but there is still space available to reserve on-campus housing for the 2016-17 academic year. If your student would like to live on campus and hasn’t yet signed up, please encourage them to visit www.liveon.msu.edu or the housing specialist in their neighborhood.

**Housing options include:**
- Apartments at University Village and Spartan Village and a variety of room types in the residence halls
- Suite-style and community-style bathrooms in residence halls
- Flexible Housing options, which allow students to choose their roommate, regardless of gender
- Quiet and alcohol-free floors

Michigan State has five neighborhoods on campus: Brody, East, North, River Trail and South. Before signing up, encourage your student to research which neighborhood is best for them by visiting www.liveon.msu.edu or taking the LiveOn Buzzfeed quiz at buzzfeed.com/msuliveon.

Many residence halls and apartments have amenities such as community kitchens, fitness centers and access to neighborhood engagement centers. Encourage your student to review the Housing Costs Comparison Worksheet at liveon.msu.edu/documentlibrary to compare housing options and to decide what works best for them.

The on-campus housing sign-up deadline is April 1.

After April 1, students should contact the Housing Assignments Office if interested in reserving a space. The Housing Assignments Office is available Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. to answer any questions students may have regarding housing and living on campus. Have your student call them at 517-884-5483 or visit them at Wilson Hall, room C-101 or speak to a neighborhood housing specialist.
SAFE CELEBRATIONS

Your student is likely looking forward to celebrating March Madness and St. Patrick’s Day. Please encourage them to celebrate safe and pass on these reminders to help them do so:

- **Be a respectful neighbor.** Be respectful of their concerns and keep the noise levels tolerable.

- **Clean up.** If you and your friends make a mess, it is your responsibility to keep the community clean.

- **21 and over is the law.** Having underage friends consuming alcohol in your room puts you at risk for legal trouble.

- **Don’t drink for the wrong reasons.** As a general rule of thumb, do not drink when you are too angry, lonely, hungry or tired.

- **Use the buddy system.** If you plan on walking after a night out, talk it over with your friends so that you have someone to walk with.

- **Designate a driver.** If you drive to a party, make sure that someone can be a designated driver.

- **Make smart choices.** If you hear about an event or celebration that might potentially involve criminal activity, don’t go.

- **Say something.** If you see something suspicious happening to you, a friend or a fellow Spartan, contact 911. Better safe than sorry.

- **Safety is priority.** If you or a friend show signs of alcohol poisoning or other emergency health issues, call 911. Medical amnesty laws could provide legal protection in an emergency situation.

- **Stay in control.** Be aware of your surroundings. If things get out of control, call it a night.

- **Be mindful of guests.** Be sure to only invite people you know, and don’t allow others to follow behind you to gain access to the residence hall.
ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

Is your student sticking around campus during spring break? There is plenty of fun and relaxation to be had in and around the Lansing area. Here are a few ideas.

• Catch an MSU Hockey game.
• Visit the latest exhibitions at the Broad Art Museum.
• Watch the Lansing Mitten Mavens Roller Derby team kick off their season.
• Get your laugh on at Tripper’s Comedy Club.
• Explore the local music scene at one of Lansing’s many live music venues.
• Mosey over to the MSU Museum to view exhibits, including Up Cloche: Fashion, Feminism, Modernity and Quilts of Southwest China.
• Check out the Potter Park Zoo
• Hike the trails at Fenner Nature Center
• Attend the Michigan Horse Expo at the MSU Pavilion.

Students can also check out Alternative Spartan Breaks (ASB), a registered student organization on campus that encourages students to confront numerous social issues such as poverty, homelessness, education and more in locations across the U.S. Students can visit asb.msu.edu to view upcoming trips and consider planning their own future alternative breaks.

SPRING BREAK HOURS AND OPERATIONS

Spring break is set for March 7–11, and many students who aren't leaving campus may have questions regarding change in operations during the holiday. Here is some information your students may need to know.

Residence halls will remain open. However, due to a large number of students going off campus during this time, housing and dining services will be altered.

Access into the residence halls will be limited during this time to designated building entrances. Public residence hall access for guests and visitors will also be limited during this time.

Brody Square, The Gallery at Snyder-Phillips, South Pointe at Case and The Edge at Akers will remain open throughout the break. Visit EatAtState.com for more info.

If students have further questions regarding spring break operations, contact the Housing Assignments Office at 517-884-LIVE (5483) or at liveon@msu.edu.

Below is a list of Service Centers that will be in operation during spring break:

**Brody/UA**
Brody Buildings Brody Hall, 104 517-355-7480
University Village Community Center 517-353-3888
Spartan Village Community Center 517-353-9499

**North**
West Circle Mayo Hall 517-353-2481
Mason-Abbott Abbot Hall 517-355-6438
Snyder-Phillips Snyder Hall 517-355-9500

**South**
Holden Hall Holden Desk 517-353-5912
Wilson Hall East Wilson 517-353-0300
Case Hall North Case 517-355-7250
Wonders Hall North Wonders 517-353-2902

**East**
Akers Hall West Akers 517-353-3358
Holmes Hall East Holmes 517-353-7760
Hubbard Hall North Hubbard 517-353-8469

**River Trail**
Shaw Hall West Shaw 517-355-9255
McDonel West McDonel 517-353-1602
Owen Hall Owen Desk 517-355-5068
Spring 2016 move-out will take place the week of May 2 for on-campus residents. Please be aware that all residents must leave their room in move-in condition by Friday, May 6, and remind your student to take care of the following items before they leave for the summer:

• Complete a move-out checklist
• Be sure to collect all personal items
• Close windows, lower the blinds, turn off the lights and lock the door
• Check out at a designated location

This year celebrates the 20th anniversary of MSU’S Pack Up. Pitch In. Help Out. April 18 – May 10, students will be encouraged to make their move-out from the residence halls a green one by diverting waste from landfills via recycling and donations.

The days surrounding the beginning and close of each semester, when students are moving into and out of the residence halls, represent an increased opportunity for recycling efforts. By increasing the visibility and capacity of recycling options at these times, Residential and Hospitality Services (RHS) diverts thousands of pounds of materials that would otherwise have been landfilled each year. Additionally, when students move out of the residence halls, clothing, food and household appliances are collected and donated to local charitable organizations. By valuing social responsibility and partnering with other organizations, RHS has made wealth out of what would have been waste.

Accepted recyclables include plastics, metal, paper, cardboard, newspaper, glass, wood and carpet. Items for donation include clothing, shoes, food, books, bikes, metal futons, household appliances, furniture and electronics, all of which will be sent to charitable organizations in the local community.

Please encourage your student to deposit items at designated on-campus locations and through the MSU Recycling Center.
Summer housing is available on campus for students taking summer classes during first session (May 16 to June 30), second session (July 5 to Aug. 18) or both summer sessions! Beginning in April, students can sign up to live in Rather and Owen halls for the summer. Students will be able to move to their summer hall assignment on May 12.

Space in Rather Hall is available to all students and features dining at Brody Square. Rather offers free unlimited laundry, community bathrooms cleaned daily and free Wi-Fi throughout the hall. Ethernet and cable TV is available in all student rooms.

RATHER HALL SUMMER HOUSING AND DINING RATES (PER SUMMER SESSION) ARE:

**Standard Double Room**
- $2,086 - Standard Double Room with DineOn Silver plan
- $2,161 - Standard Double Room with DineOn Gold plan
- $2,236 - Standard Double Room with DineOn Platinum plan

**Designated Single Room**
- $2,676 - Designated Single, Double-Size Room with DineOn Silver plan
- $2,757 - Designated Single, Double-Size Room with DineOn Gold plan
- $2,826 - Designated Single, Double-Size Room with DineOn Platinum plan

Students living in Owen Hall during the fall 2016 semester have the option to live in Owen during the summer sessions. Riverwalk Market is conveniently located within the hall and features made-to-order dining, a coffee shop and grab-and-go items. Free Wi-Fi is provided throughout public areas, and weekly bathroom cleaning, Ethernet and cable TV are provided in all student rooms.

OWEN HALL SUMMER HOUSING AND DINING RATES (PER SUMMER SESSION) ARE:

**Standard Double Room**
- $1,576 - Standard Double Room with DineOn Owen plan

**Designated Single Room**
- $2,076 - Designated Single, Double-Size Room with DineOn Owen plan

Permanent Single Room
- $1,843 - Permanent Single, Single-Size Room with DineOn Owen plan

DineOn Owen plans include 30 meals and $125 in Owen cash.

For information on summer dining options, please visit eatatstate.com.

UNIVERSITY VILLAGE SUMMER HOUSING RATE

Students who are signed up to live in University Village during the fall 2016 semester in buildings 1707, 1708 and 1709 have the option to live there for the summer semesters. Lease an apartment at University Village for the duration of the summer for the rate of $250/month. To sign up, students should email UVinfo@rhs.msu.edu.

Residents living in the halls who have signed up for summer housing on campus can remain in their room until their summer room is ready for occupancy. These students will need to apply for a Late Stay Request. At the end of the summer session two, students with a fall 2016 reservation must move to their fall hall by August 18.

Students currently living off campus must pay a $40 summer housing application fee when applying for summer housing on campus. For more information, contact the Housing Assignments Office at 877-9LIVEON (548366) or at liveon@msu.edu.
**THE NEW MSU BAKERS WEBSITE**

If your student is in need of a care package, head over to the new MSU Bakers website! At [MSUbakers.com](http://MSUbakers.com), you can order bagels, breads, cookies, cupcakes and much more. The new site also features monthly specials, suggested items for graduation parties, balloons, a Sparty party package and other celebratory items.

Visitors are encouraged to create a customer profile for quick and easy ordering. Click on “My Account” at the bottom of the site to get started. You can save multiple shipping addresses, view and track orders, and more. MSU Bakers has been proudly serving the university community for more than 40 years. From offering the convenience of online ordering, to producing hand-decorated products and made-from-scratch treats, MSU Bakers is pleased to deliver quality items and present its fresh look on the Web!

**THE BRESLIN CENTER GETS AN UPGRADE**

Many MSU students enjoy spending time at the Breslin Center whether for a basketball game, job fair or other campus event. Soon, their experience will be more enjoyable due to the approval of a major facilities upgrade.

The construction fence has gone up and prep work has begun. The first major step includes excavation on the northeast side of the building for foundation work. An expanded concourse, upgraded bathrooms with more fixtures and updated concession stands are all part of the work being done on behalf of the Division of Residential and Hospitality Services. Athletics is also taking this opportunity to create a basketball Hall of History to highlight Spartans’ success on the court.

With substantial completion expected by August 2017, the Breslin Center renovation will benefit all students at MSU, and will be an additional perk for those living just across the street in the new apartments at 1855 Place.

Surprise your student with a personalized, freshly baked treat from the MSU Bakers! For birthdays, finals week, get well or good luck packages, or whatever the occasion, MSU Bakers can help!

**Order online at msubakers.com or call 517-353-9310.**

Deliveries are available to residence halls, so order your student’s favorite today!
Students sticking around East Lansing this summer may be on the lookout for a summer job. The Division of Residential and Hospitality Services (RHS) employs more than 3,000 students on an annual basis and is always eager to add motivated Spartans to its team.

Some available positions include Tour Guide Event Worker, Cook, Bakery Assistant, Forest Akers Golf Course Range Attendant and so much more. Visit rhs-msu.peopleadmin.com to view a comprehensive list of available positions.

RHS Student Employment will host a recruitment event March 23. The job fair will highlight immediate openings as well as summer-specific jobs. The casual event will feature light snacks students can enjoy while checking out their summer employment options.

**Here are just a few perks of working on campus:**

- A work schedule that accommodates classes and activities
- Great pay with regular wage adjustments based on performance
- Promotional opportunities
- A terrific social environment
- Convenience of working close to where you live
- Training and development opportunities

To be a student team member during the summer semester, individuals must be enrolled in either summer or fall classes.
This fall, a new on-campus apartment option, 1855 Place, will open its doors to students! Last summer, construction began on a new apartment development called 1855 Place. The development includes buildings for MSU students with families as well as single students. The project is currently in Phase 1, which includes construction of the family housing section and an on-site parking structure.

Family housing at MSU is designated for students enrolled in a degree-granting program who are:

- Single individuals with their dependent children and relatives;
- Legally married couples and their dependent children and relatives; or
- Domestic partners and their dependent children and relatives.

Apartments for single students will be available for move-in fall 2017. The apartments are fitting for students searching for a little more independence while still enjoying the perks of on-campus living. The one-, two- and four-bedroom contemporary units place Spartans just steps away from the action of campus life while offering numerous on-site amenities.

For more information on the development, visit www.liveon.msu.edu/apartments.
NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SPECIALISTS

Neighborhood Housing Specialists from the Housing Assignments Office work in each of the MSU Neighborhoods to provide support to students. Working within the neighborhoods allows for enhanced customer service for residents and easier access to Housing Assignments staff. Each housing specialist strives to create critical student support services while being conveniently located in on-campus homes. The location and contact information for each neighborhood is listed to the right.

Brody Neighborhood – Karen Spitz
241 W. Brody Rd. Rm. 104 Brody
East Lansing, MI 48825
Email: spitzka@rhs.msu.edu
Office: 517-884-6542
Fax: 517-884-2525

River Trail Neighborhood – Melony Peabody
591 N SHAW LN. Rm. W167 Shaw Hall
East Lansing, MI 48825
Email: peabodyd@rhs.msu.edu
Office: 517-884-1723
Fax: 517-432-2980

North Neighborhood – Tara Miller
362 Bogue Street E146 Snyder Hall
East Lansing, MI 48825
Email: mille616@rhs.msu.edu
Office: 517-884-6067
Fax: 517-432-1067

East Neighborhood – Sunita Mahdavi
908 Akers Rd. Rm. W144 Akers Hall
East Lansing, MI 48825
Email: mahdavi@rhs.msu.edu
Office: 517-884-6543

South Neighborhood – Wendy Poulin
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CULINARY SERVICES EARN TOP MARKS IN BEST COLLEGE FOOD RANKINGS

Michigan State University’s Culinary Services earned the highest marks of any food service program in the Big Ten or across the state of Michigan in the 2016 Best College Food rankings from niche.com. Nationally, MSU was ranked 22nd – two spots higher than in 2015 – out of the 1,713 colleges assessed.

Eighty-five percent of a university’s Best College Food standing is determined by student feedback. The other 15 percent is based on meal plan costs. MSU was awarded a four out of five for its overall value, with 324 Michigan State students offering their input to make up the university’s aggregate score.
Keeping students and staff satisfied with MSU culinary services is a full-time job. Chef Dien Ly, executive chef at The Gallery at Snyder/Phillips, takes this job head on. Born in Saigon, Vietnam, Ly started cooking at a young age, learning French-Vietnamese fusion cuisine.

After high school, Ly took her passion for food to the Saigon Women’s Cooking Institute. Chef Ly used the skills she learned to open La Cigale, a French-Vietnamese restaurant in Saigon. Chef Ly then moved to the U.S. in 1993 with her husband and two daughters. She continued her education by receiving a Culinary Arts and Hotel Management degree from Lansing Community College. Her culinary career in the U.S. began at Christie’s Bistro, where she worked as a bakery sous chef, restaurant chef and kitchen manager.

Chef Ly joined the culinary team at Michigan State in July 2007. In 2014, she worked as the sous chef for the newly renovated Heritage Commons at Landon dining hall. She used her Vietnamese heritage to incorporate delicious flavors into dishes at Landon. Chef Ly was recently promoted to executive chef at The Gallery at Snyder/Phillips. Managing a large dining hall is a challenge that Chef Ly and her team tackle with gusto. Ly uses her 20 years of culinary experience to guide her kitchen in creating inventive and delicious meals for Spartans and their families.

**CALENDAR**

- **Now–April 1** Sign up for on-campus housing online
- **March 7–11** Spring break
- **March 16** Live On Spring Festival
- **March 23** On-campus Hiring Fair
- **April 29** Last day of classes
- **May 2–6** Final exams
- **May 16–June 30** First summer session
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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.

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