



Summer Orientation

Living in  
Residence





# Welcome to Residence!

## **Today we will be covering:**

- What community means to us here at Carleton
- What supports & resources are available to members of our residence community
- How students can become engaged & make the most of their residence experience



# Welcome to Residence!

On our residence tours we will be addressing:

- Room amenities
- Facilities
- What to bring

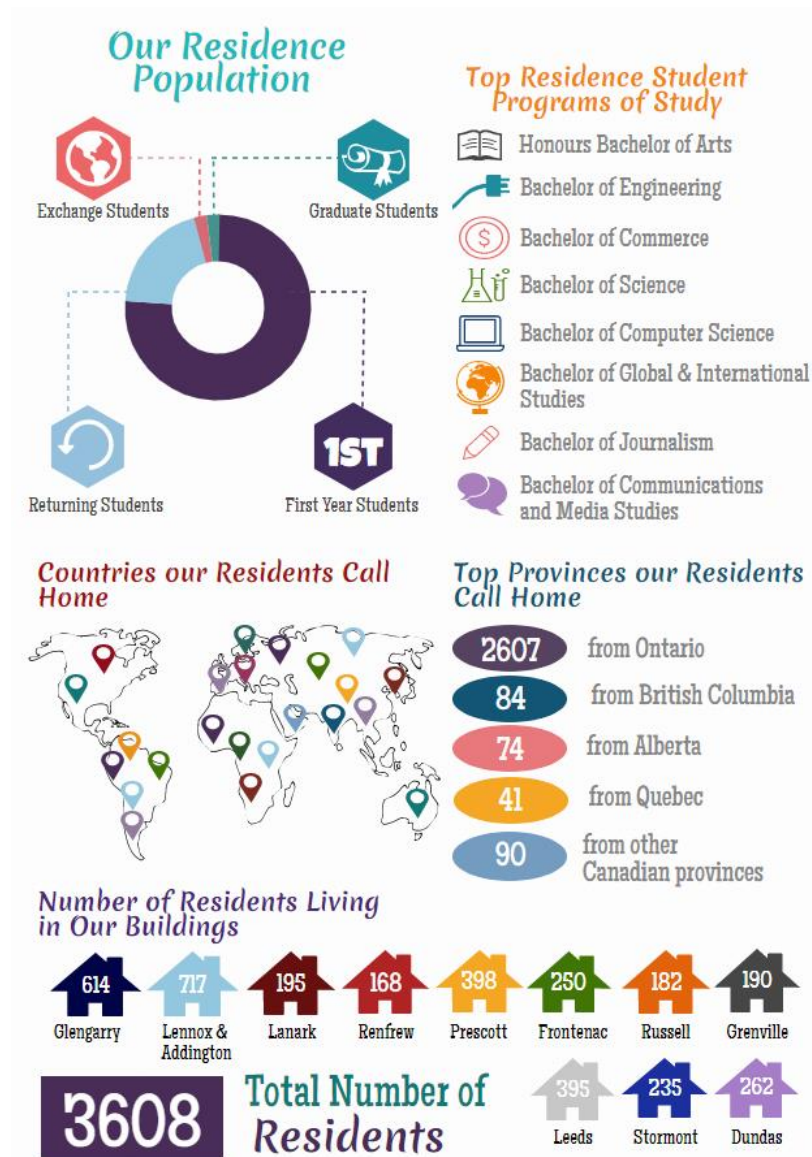
We have tried to address potential questions throughout this presentation so please hold your questions until the end & then we'll be more than happy to answer them!





# Our Community

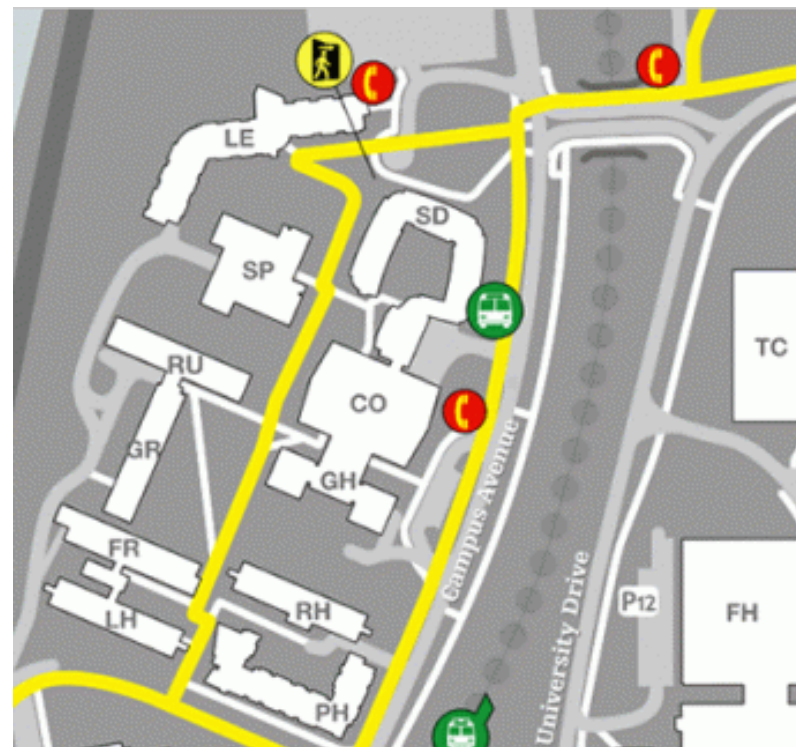
- Consists of students, student-staff & professional staff members who work to build welcoming & inclusive communities
- Staff work with students to foster a safe & diverse Residence community
- Share the same goal of focusing on student engagement, personal growth & learning





# Did You Know?

- Home to over 3,600 students and countless groundhogs
- We have 11 buildings, each with their own unique sense of community
- 5 kilometers of heated, underground tunnels connect the University's buildings
- Our Residence program is award-winning
- In 1969 Renfrew House became the first co-educational residence of its kind in Canada





# What Community Looks Like

- Home away from home
- Support system
- Connections outside of the classroom



# The Raven's Roost

- Central location where students can relax with friends & unwind from 6pm – 12am
- Equipped with:
  - Gaming consoles
  - Board Games
  - Ping Pong Tables
  - TVs
  - Billiards Tables
  - Reading Nook
- Many events are hosted throughout the year:
  - Open Mic Nights
  - Trivia Nights
  - Movie Marathons
- Student employment opportunities



# The Student Experience

- Our intentional learning opportunities are in place to help students maximize their Residence experience and ensure they are fully supported
- Outside of the classroom learning; interpersonal & life-skill development
- **Emphasis on:**
  - Self-Awareness
  - Positive Relationships
  - Community Engagement







# Roommates & Conflicts

- Roommate assignments are generated via the RIF
- Throughout September, roommates will complete the Roommate Agreements
  - These documents are reviewed at the beginning of the winter term
- Should conflict arise, we have a roommate mediation process to assist students in working through challenges

## CARLETON UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE LIFE: ROOMMATE AGREEMENT

Residents' Names:

1.

2.

Building:

Room Number:

The following information establishes each resident's expectations and is meant to facilitate a mutual agreement regarding the behavior and environment desired by both students. Be honest and do not let the potential options listed restrict your opinion.

### Cleanliness:

Cleaning the bedroom includes:

- Vacuuming/sweeping
- Taking out trash/recycling
- Cleaning sink in bedroom (if applicable)
- Cleaning surfaces
- Laundry
- Other:

We will clean the bedroom:

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Other:

### NOTES:

*What do we consider to be clean? How often are we used to cleaning?*

### Guests:

How many guests are allowed per person at a time?

- One
- Two
- None

\*How often are guests allowed to visit?

- Daily
- Once a week
- Once a month
- Never
- Other:

What time of day are guests NOT allowed to visit?

- Morning
- Afternoon
- Evening
- Overnight
- Other:

\*Aspects of the Residence Standards must be considered when addressing guests in Residence. Please refer to the Residence Standards for more details. A reminder that overnight guests are not permitted to stay within Residence for more than 7 nights per term.

*How do we feel about having guests in our space? How do we feel about overnight guests? Are your roommates' guests allowed to sit on your bed or touch your belongings? How will we hold ourselves accountable when it comes to having guests over?*



# The Residence Life Staff

- **Residence Fellows**

- Upper year students who live in our communities to provide support & guidance to students
- Promote community engagement through a variety of activities & educational opportunities
- On a daily rotating on-call schedule from 9pm-7am each day

- **Community Advisors**

- Upper year students with previous Residence Life experience
- Recognize students who positively contribute to our Residence community
- Additional support for students & fellow Residence Life Staff



# The Residence Life Staff

- **Community Developers**

- Plan residence-wide events & initiatives for the greater Residence community
- Facilitate programs to encourage student participation while fostering student engagement & relationship building

- **Residence Managers**

- Full-time supervisors of the Residence Fellows
- Act as an additional support for students & promote a positive community living environment
- On a 24/7 rotating on-call schedule for support and emergency response

- **Community Managers**

- Support and engage students in the Residence-wide community
- Facilitate and support the organization and implementation of Residence-wide initiatives and events, including overseeing the Raven's Roost
- On a 24/7 rotating on-call for student support and emergencies



# Additional Supports

- **Residence Counselling**
  - Confidential counselling for all Residence students
  - The office & our wellness space are located in Renfrew House
  
- **Attendant Services**
  - 24/7 program for students with special needs
  - Promotes an independent lifestyle by providing personal support



# The Caf

- All access meals for students living in residence
- Fresh meals prepared in front of you
- Many dietary accommodations:
  - Nut-free, vegetarian, vegan, gluten- and lactose-free options, Halal and more
- Boxed lunches can be ordered ahead
- Themed meals such as 'Harry Potter night'
- Sustainability efforts



# Coldex

- Please do not bring your own fridges to Residence!
- We are partnered with Coldex, who will deliver & remove your mini fridge
  - Approximately \$140 – Large mini-fridge (includes mini freezer)
  - Approximately \$130 – Medium mini-fridge
- All suites come with full-sized fridges

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# The Rights & Responsibilities

- Our communities promote mutual respect & personal development
- Residence emphasizes the importance of harm reduction & safety to self & others
- The well-being of the Residence community benefits from a *balance between the needs of the individual & the community*



# The Rights & Responsibilities

Standard

Right

Responsibility

**Safety**

Every person has the right to feel safe

You have the responsibility to act in a way that does not endanger yourself or others

**Respect**

You have the right to a community based on mutual respect & acceptance free from harassment, intimidation or discrimination

You have the responsibility to treat all members of the community with respect, acceptance & understanding

**Community Living**

You have the right to enjoy all the benefits of living in Residence

You have the responsibility to contribute to the community in a positive way





# Positive Contributors

- Positive Contributors (PCs) are leaders who take initiative within the Residence Community
- They help cultivate student engagement on their floors & promote a community that aligns with the Rights & Responsibilities
- PCs are recognized by Residence through a variety of specialized programs & initiatives



# Getting Involved in Residence

- Throughout the year, Residence Life Staff plan a variety of events & opportunities for student engagement
- Some past events include:
  - The Price is Right
  - The Roommate Game
  - Ice Cream Study Breaks
  - The Student Engagement Committee



# Getting Involved in Residence

## Sustainability Initiatives:

Implementing environmental & sustainable initiatives in Residence

## Residence Serves:

Provides students with the opportunity to get involved and help out in the Residence & Ottawa communities

## Work in Residence:

Throughout the year; there are many opportunities to apply for paid positions



# Residence Talks

- A warm welcome to Residence Life
- An opportunity to meet the people on your floor, in your house & in the greater Residence community
- Important information about living in Residence and “student hacks”
- Prizes will be awarded!
- ✓ September 3, 2019. Residence Fellows will provide additional information upon move-in.



# Important Dates

- **July 15 @ 4:30PM:** *Deadline* to cancel for partial refund
- **End of July:** "Residence Information Packages" emailed out
- **August 16:** Residence building assignments emailed out
- **August 25:** *Deadline* for fall-term fees
- **August 30:** *Deadline* to submit "Late Arrival Form"
- **August 31 & September 1:** Move-in Weekend



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