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Dear Parents,

The time to start thinking about next year’s housing has approached yet again. Saint Louis University cares about the experience that your student has outside the classroom as much as the experience within the classroom. The Department of Housing and Residence Life can help provide an environment for your student that will produce healthy and positive experiences.

Many students find on campus housing to be as affordable as other options in the surrounding area, and it provides more services and support. The cost of housing includes amenities such as extended basic cable, internet service - with wireless connection, 24 hour emergency maintenance, and furnished rooms/apartments. Laundry facilities are provided in every building at no additional cost. Living on campus is convenient; the students live with their friends and Residence Halls sit amongst classrooms and other University buildings. Every building has a professional staff member and student staff available for the residents. Staff is available 24 hours a day in case of an emergency.

Living on campus is also developmentally enhancing. The Residence Hall Association presents programs for the development of the residents, focusing on academics, personal care and decision making. On campus housing offers opportunities to get involved in student leadership groups, community programs, and Learning Communities. Learning Communities supply a residential experience that provides students an opportunity to live together centered on one common field of study or interest.

Applications are now available on-line for students to sign up for Fall 2012 housing. The application includes the housing contract, which becomes binding once the student submits the application. By submitting the housing application, the student becomes legally responsible for paying 100% of his or her housing costs for the 2012-2013 academic year. Their contract is for a space on campus, not a particular room, apartment, or roommate. Students can make changes to the application by signing back into the Housing Portal and choosing the “Edit” option.

The application/contract and advance payment of $250 are due by February 15, 2012 for Learning Community and Specialty applicants and February 29, 2012 for all non-Learning Community/Specialty Applicants. The students will receive an access time, based on separate housing lotteries for sophomore and junior/senior students to sign up for housing, or before they receive an assignment (Learning Community and Specialty applicants). Saint Louis University accepts payments made with a credit card or electronic check using the on-line payment suite, or paid with a check (payable to SLU) and either mailed or dropped off to the Central Office of The Department of Housing and Residence Life (3744 West Pine Mall, Village Apartments, Brown Hall).

Students approved to live in the Learning Communities for upperclassmen students (Global Villa, Honors Program, Micah Program, etc.) or Specialty Housing (Greek Housing, residence life student staff, or athletic spaces assigned by the Athletic Department) will be placed in their assigned spaces after their application deadline of February 15th.

Detailed information regarding the Fall 2012 sign up process is available on the Housing and Residence Life website at http://www.slu.edu/reslife.xml. The 2012-2013 room and board rates will be posted on our website by February. Please encourage your student to periodically check our website for updates to the room assignment process.

The Department of Housing and Residence Life will continue to manage and fully operate The Flats at Three – Seven – Four apartment complex, located across the street (S. Grand Blvd.) from Reinert Hall. This arrangement continues to add approximately 290 beds to the University’s housing system, with one, two, three and four bedroom units available. The units are contemporary in design, spacious in size, and fully furnished. Each unit has a wall mounted, large, flat screen television. This complex offers a fitness area, laundry, wireless technology, underground parking, and large common spaces for study, recreation and other usages. As the property manager, Saint Louis University provides live-in staff as well as student programming and services similar to those provided in campus apartment facilities.

Please make sure that you and your student discuss housing options and the terms of the housing contract before submitting the housing application and contract. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 314-977-2811 or e-mail us at reslife@slu.edu.

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