Upperclass students have many options available to them that were not available to them as first year students such as more single rooms and suite style living, university apartment living, and options to live in Wendell Hill Hall, our newest upperclass-living environment.

University Housing provides the opportunity for students currently living in our residence halls to select their on-campus residence for the 2016-2017 academic year. The process to reapply for on-campus housing takes place during the month of February. We are providing you with the following information so that you can be an active participant in your student’s future at CWU. Each year, more than 1000 upperclass students choose to live on campus.

University Housing continually reviews our housing options and student preferences. We have determined some of the benefits of living on campus which include:

- Students develop lifelong friendships
- Research shows that students living on campus have greater academic success than those living off campus
- Students living in the residence halls have more student-leadership opportunities
- University Housing provides several living options, to meet student preferences/needs
- Dining Services provides dining-plan options to meet student preferences
- Residence hall and dining plans are competitively priced with off-campus housing
- All residence halls have building-wide WiFi and cable
- Upperclass students also have the ability to get on a list for university apartments. Apartments do not require a meal plan and utilities are included in the rent.

Your student will soon receive information regarding the reapplication procedure and the specific dates in February to complete the selection process.

We begin the process with the option for students to be involved in one of our living and learning (LLC) or theme communities. The process continues with selection opportunities throughout the residence halls.

The returning student housing selection dates are as follows:

- Return your paper LLC/Theme Community application to Housing or Residence Life by: Friday, February 17, 2017 at Noon

Choose your room online: www.cwu.edu/housing

Tues, Feb. 22nd opens at 8 a.m. [see lottery schedule]

More details and specific instructions are available on our web site at www.cwu.edu/housing
STUDENTS RETURNING as sophomores for the 2016-2017 academic year are eligible for a

$1,000 HOUSING WAIVER when reapplying into the residence halls.

Sophomore Student $1,000 Housing Waiver

University Housing is excited to announce a $1,000 housing waiver for sophomore students for the 2016-2017 academic year. Here are the requirements:

1. Current first year students returning for the 4th consecutive quarter are eligible with CWU academic credits between 36 - 90.
2. Current sophomore students returning with 45-90 credits are eligible.
3. Students are required to live in the residence halls for the full 2016-2017 academic year.
4. Students are required to re-apply for the full 2016-2107 academic year by the end of spring quarter 2016 to be eligible for fall 2016.
5. Students that withdraw prior to the deadline for 50% refund with complete withdrawal are required to return the waiver money for the quarter.
6. The waiver is for residence halls only.

This waiver will be disbursed equally between fall, winter and spring quarters.
January 2016

Hi Wildcats!

‘Welcome home’ with your friends by choosing to live on campus for the 2016-2017 academic year. Students currently living on campus have the opportunity to choose their rooms in February for the 2016-2017 academic year. For our current first year students, remember that there are many different living options that may not have been offered when you first joined housing (i.e. Wendell Hill Hall, more suite style options, more single room opportunities, and apartments). Did you know that over 1,500 students chose to return to campus last year?

University Housing is excited to offer to current first year students that are returning for their second year with 36-90 credits a $1,000 housing waiver. This will be disbursed evenly over the fall, winter and spring quarters.

Students living on campus experience these benefits:

- Convenience to eat in the dining halls with several dining plan options.
- Convenience to participate in study groups and clubs, attend sporting events, theater productions, Open Mic Night and more.
- Twenty four hour on-call residence life staff, maintenance, and police department.
- Students living on campus are more likely to graduate.
- Statistics show us that CWU students that live on campus are more likely to have a higher GPA than those living off campus.
- There is one payment location for room and board with financial aid applying directly to the student account.

The procedure for choosing your room is easy and convenient. Simply check the schedule and/or lottery number to determine the appropriate time to go to cwu.edu/housing and follow the prompts given.

If you are interested in an LLC, please complete the questions on the tear out card and obtain the appropriate faculty/staff signature. Students will not be allowed to live in the LLC without this completed document. Bring the completed form into Button Hall or the Residence Life Office by noon on February 17, 2016.

Dining Services is excited about the opportunity to once again provide you a variety of convenient and attractive dining options around campus. All you have to do is check your meal plan preference on your room and board application, and you are ready to go. For more information, please go to dining services website at cwu.edu/dining.

Residence hall and dining rates are also being discussed at this time. The anticipated rates for the 2016-2017 academic year will increase approximately 5% from the current year. The rates will be published as soon as we have approval. Note that the rates for the new and renovated residence halls are higher than rates for our established residence halls.

Should you have any questions, please give us a call at 509-963-1831 or send an e-mail to housing@cwu.edu. If you have questions about the Living Learning Communities, please call the Residence Life Office at 509-963-1323.

Sincerely,

Richard DeShields
Associate Dean of Student Living

Dan Layman
Director of Dining Services
Apply online [https://jobs.cwu.edu] starting January 20th. The position closes February 14, 2016. These positions are a great way for students to take on leadership roles on campus and become involved with incoming students.

These positions are a great opportunity for students looking to develop a wide variety of skills surrounding community and personal development.

Discover the CWU Official Class Ring

Here are the images of the official CWU class ring, both large and small-size versions. The Wildcat Shop will be hosting an in store promotion February 24th & 25th, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. This is the last day to purchase a ring for the ring ceremony on May 6th, 2016.

Orientation Leader Positions

Is your student a leader? We are now taking applications for 18 openings as Discover Orientation Leaders.

[Employment dates June 20th—July 30th]

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The First and Sophomore Year Experience have worked hard this quarter to make sure there are visible and intentional events across campus that support student success during their first two years.

Through a partnership with the CWU Hype, a campus life publication, we provide information on programs that support the principles of FYE and SYE. The complete online HYPE book is at: cwuhype.wordpress.com. We encourage you to refer your students to those events or to us directly (studentlife@cwu.edu) as we promote an involved and committed student body.

For additional events check these two websites: https://cwuhype.wordpress.com/ or www.cwu.edu/events.
Winter Recreation
Outdoor Pursuits and Rentals has a variety of winter events and trips scheduled throughout winter quarter, as well as a series of outdoor speakers who will be on campus during the winter months. Please encourage your students to check OPR’s website for a listing of upcoming events.

cwu.edu/opr
Or for trips: OPR Trips

WINTER WEATHER TIPS
Winter weather means a change in road conditions for the next few months. For more information on safe winter driving, see our December Newsletter for more information.

Mail and Packages
Letters and packages sent from a US Post Office are delivered to the CWU Mail Services Department. Their staff delivers the mail to each residence hall in the afternoon. Housing staff place the mail in the student’s mail box. Items which are too large to fit in the residence hall mailbox will be sent to the Residence Life [ResLife] office located south of Barto Hall.

Letters and packages sent by Express Mail, UPS, or Federal Express are delivered to the ResLife Office. The delivery services arrive on campus any time between 11:00 & 3:00, Monday-Friday. The ResLife Office staff logs the packages into our mail delivery system. A delivery notice is sent to the student’s CWU email account asking them to pick up the package.

Students may pick up their packages at the ResLife Office, Monday-Friday, 2 - 7 pm. They need to show their CWU Connection Card for identification. Please note: There is no mail delivery service on Saturday, Sunday, or academic/federal holidays. Packages will be returned to the sender after ten business days. Questions, e-mail reslife@cwu.edu or call (509) 963-1323.

All mail to students regardless of how it is mailed should be addressed as follows:

Student’s Name
Residence Hall Street Address
Room Number
Ellensburg, WA 98926

(Please use the student’s legal name. Avoid addressing the package with the student’s nickname, middle name, or the name of the person who ordered the item.)
Family Weekend is scheduled for the weekend of May 6, 2016 (Mother’s Day Weekend). More details about the schedule of events for the weekend will become available at a later date. Watch upcoming newsletters for full details.

Student Health 101 is a monthly health and wellness magazine for CWU students and their families. Each issue contains valuable information that will help your student make better decisions and can help you gain a better understanding of the health and wellness challenges that face today’s students. If you subscribe, you’ll receive a monthly e-mail with the latest issue of the family-only Parent Perspective, along with the Student Health 101 issue that your student will receive. Go to readsh101.com/cwu-pp.html to read the January issue and to subscribe.
Stay Informed

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By opting in, you are providing us with your permission to send information, which may include information protected under confidentiality rules, to e-mail addresses you provide. You may opt out of the system at any time.

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