OVERVIEW OF WEBINAR

• Provide understanding of our campus, our residence halls and the Room Selection process
• Discuss important deadlines and dates and who may participate in Room Selection 2017
• Watch training session on Room Selection
• Offer tips and advice for students
• Answer questions from participants
• Provide resources for individual assistance
OUR CAMPUS

• Total number of full-time undergraduate students: **approx. 25,000**

• Number of students in on-campus residence halls: **9,455**

• Number of students in our two public/private partnerships apartment communities: **2,913**
OUR HALLS

• 37 residence halls on campus
• Divided among six communities
• 93% of freshmen select to live on-campus
• 77% apply to return for a second year
• 3 out of 4 juniors select to live in our public/private partnership apartments or other locations besides the residence halls
• Small number of seniors in the halls
OUR HALLS

North Campus  (60% of Spaces)

Denton  
Ellicott  
Cambridge
OUR HALLS

South Campus  (40% of Spaces)

Leonardtown

North Hill

South Hill

South Campus Commons
(Public/Private Partnership Apartments)
75% of our rooms are double occupancy

13% triple and quad and 12% single occupancy

Offer housing in traditional halls, semi-suites, suites and kitchen-equipped apartments

Academic-year commitment with RSA

The majority of housing options are single gender but we do offer mixed gender and gender inclusive options.
The Facts About Living on Campus

• Friendships and Connections
• Academic Success
• Convenience and Cost
• Twenty-Four/Seven Support
• Student Development
• All fall admitted freshmen and Freshmen Connection students who request on-campus housing by **May 1** are guaranteed on-campus housing.

• We are committed to housing students in their freshman and sophomore years in residence halls to help establish the firm foundation on the path to graduation here at the University of Maryland.

• A wide range of housing options exist for juniors and seniors.

• In addition to University-owned residence hall housing, we offer on-campus housing through public-private partnerships for upper-division students.
WHO PARTICIPATES IN ROOM SELECTION?

• Any current residence hall student who meets eligibility requirements may complete the Returning Student Agreement (RSA) by **Friday, March 31 at 4pm!**
  - Must be financially, academically and judicially eligible

• Rising second-year students (current first-year students wanting to return for a second-year) will be able to participate in Room Selection 2017.

• Rising third and fourth-year students may be able to participate in Room Selection 2017 on a space available basis.

• Certain rising third and fourth-year students may be in exempted groups that will allow them to participate in Room Selection 2017.
HOW PARTICIPATION IS DETERMINED

- Resident Life determines who can participate in Room Selection 2017 in the following way:
  - 9,455 total beds available in our residence hall inventory
  - Exempted students are guaranteed
    - Honors College and specific living-learning programs, Study Abroad, Resident Assistants and Customer Service Supervisors, Maryland Incentive Award Students, some student athletes, RHA executives
  - Projected counts of FR and FR Connection students considered
  - Rising second-year students meeting **March 31 deadline**
  - If numbers are still below 9,455, offers are made to:
    - Rising third-year students (lottery numbers if needed)
    - Rising fourth-year students (priority number order if needed)
  - **April 5** notification email sent to all residents
Complete Returning Student Agreement by March 31, 4pm
IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

ROOM SELECTION

We are pleased that you are interested in returning to the residence halls next year. Before you explore the site further, here are some of the basics behind Room Selection.

What is Room Selection?

Room Selection is the online process by which current eligible campus residents apply for and select their residence hall rooms for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Online Housing Agreement

Login below, using your directory ID and password, to submit your Returning Student Agreement by 4:00pm, Friday, March 31, 2017.
April 5th Notification Information

Students informed if they are eligible to participate

Students are provided with their priority number

- Points calculated on only a few variables (see Room Selection page for info)
- Lower is better
- Many students have the same point value, so numbers are randomly generated
Room Selection Training Video
SUMMARY ITEMS

• Decisions Needed
  • Stay in my exact current location
    • About 10% of students last year exercised this option
    • Easy and makes the process very simple
  • Select to move to a new room, building, community
    • About 90% of students last year selected preference based shopping
    • Gives lots of options to consider and allows for group moves
    • Adds some complexity depending on what you are looking to accomplish
  • Do I plan on moving with other people?
    • Group sizes from 2 to 6 people
    • Can form multiple options
### Example - Forming Groups

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**EXAMPLE - ROOM PREFERENCES**

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**Chosen Preferences for Group of 3**

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Tips

- Keep multiple options available
  - Don’t focus on only one option, consider several combinations and possibilities
  - Communicate clearly if moving with multiple members of a group

- Go from very specific to broad
  - You can select hundreds of room options, start off by listing exact rooms wanted and then broaden your search
  - The system will search in room order you request
  - Group moves go in descending order, from 6 to 5, to 4, etc.

- Consider what you request
  - If you do not put in enough options, the system will find an option for you
  - An assignment means you are bound to the 2017-2018 Terms and Conditions
**ADVICE**

- **Advice**
  - **Situations are unique**
    - Some housing options are limited and/or only available to certain students, so if you can’t get access to a building or location, you may need to consider different options.
    - Work with the Assignments Office or go to Info Tables at the Dining Halls.
  
  - **Think of the room configurations and locations carefully**
    - For example, a six person apartment could have three doubles, four singles and a double, or two singles and two doubles.
    - South Hill has suites and apartments, but also has one traditional hall, Cecil.
    - Apartments are in both South Hill and Leonardtown.
  
  - **When you opt-in, you will get assigned**
    - April 7, 3pm (same room) and April 19, 3pm (shopping) are deadlines.
    - Even if you’ve put no preferences, if you do not opt-out, you will get assigned.
Feel free to submit your questions