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IN THE LOOP

Updates for the parents and supporters of Xavier University residential students



Welcome Back!

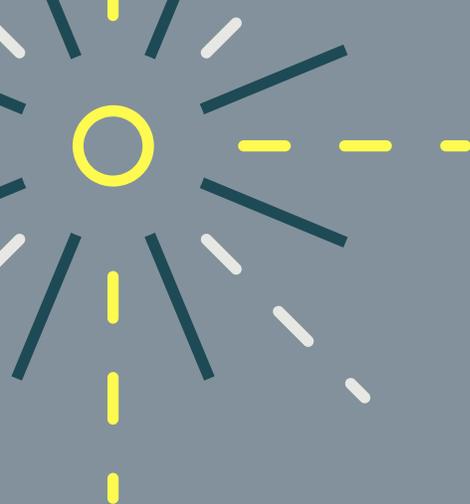
Our Fall 2020 was one for the record books! Our RAs made connections, students stretched their leadership skills on Hall Councils, and our programs were attended in person and remotely all while living through a pandemic.

Our Spring 2021 semester is well underway. We are currently focused on wrapping up our RA Recruitment process. We saw an incredible interest in applications for new candidates and plan to be extremely selective with our decisions. The next big process for our department is Rising Sophomore Housing Selection. We want to be proactive about our communication with students and families, so the entirety of this issue will address the process, options, and most importantly, questions from you! Please read on and have your student contact us if there are any questions.

Let's Go X,
Office of Residence Life Team

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RISING SOPHOMORE HOUSING PROCESS IS NOW OPEN!

EASY AS 1...2...3!

1) SUBMIT THE APPLICATION

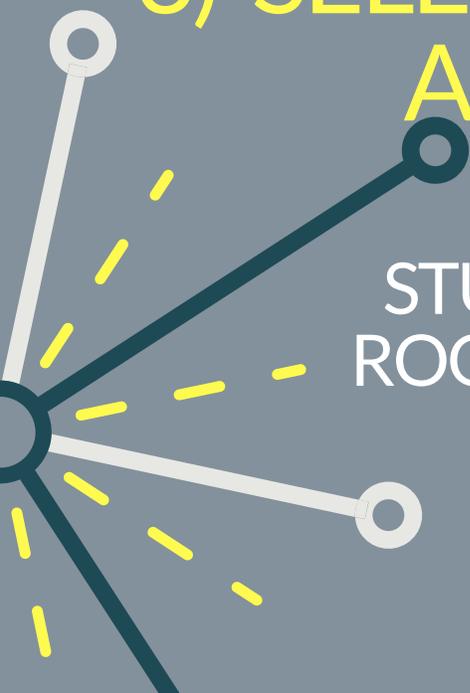
2) FORM A ROOMMATE GROUP
ON MY COLLEGE ROOMIE*

*OPTIONAL

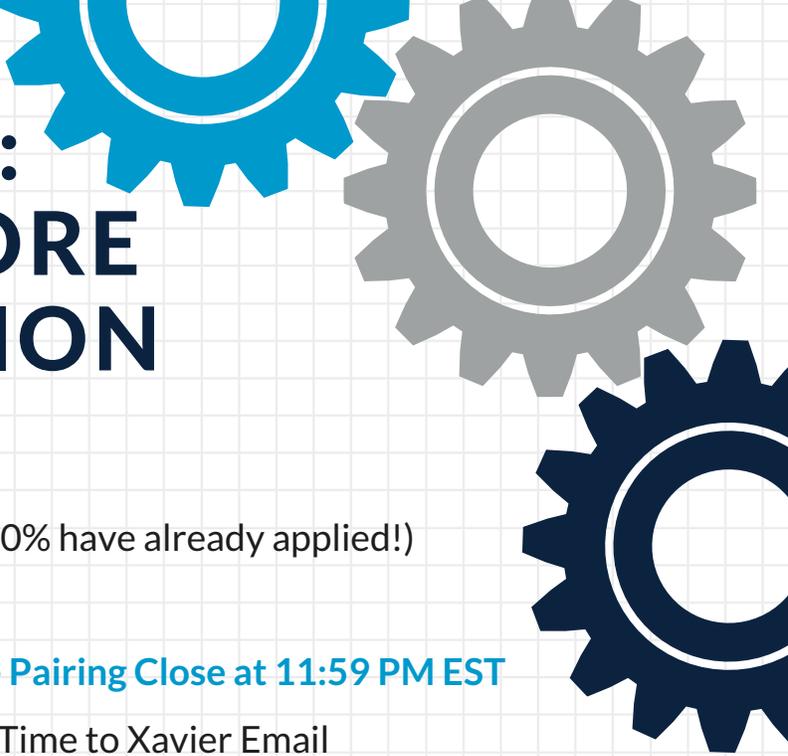
3) SELECT A SPACE DURING
ASSIGNED TIME

STUDENTS APPLY AND SELECT THEIR
ROOM ON ON HOUSING SELF SERVICE

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NUTS AND BOLTS: RISING SOPHOMORE HOUSING SELECTION



TIMELINE

February 1st	Application Opened (over 80% have already applied!)
February 1st	Roommate Pairing Opened
March 1st	Application and Roommate Pairing Close at 11:59 PM EST
March 2nd	Students Receive Selection Time to Xavier Email
March 5th	Housing Selection Begins and Runs 10 AM-6 PM EST
March 8th and 9th	Housing Selection Continues and Runs 10 AM-6 PM EST

Xavier University is a two year residency required institution. All students must live on campus for their second year at Xavier.

APPLYING

Students must submit the Rising Sophomore Housing Application on Housing Self Service by 11:59 PM EST on Monday, March 1st, 2021. Students who miss this deadline will not be able to apply for housing until late March and will have fewer housing options available to them. Students who miss the deadline will not be able to select with friends or their preferred roommates who met the deadline. **Encourage your student to meet all deadlines!!**

The housing application reviews the agreement for next year including pricing, updates their contacts, and asks them to indicate housing preferences. The preferences they provide **DO NOT** impact their selection time or spaces they will be able to select and instead are used by our office if a student does not select a space during the process.

Detailed Instructions for Each Step of the Process can be found on our website under Housing Self Service



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FORMING ROOMMATE GROUP

Students have the option to form a roommate group if there are other Rising Sophomores they would like to live with. **Maximum group size is four students total.** In order to form a group, each student must have also already submitted the Rising Sophomore Application. After applying, students will receive a welcome back message from My College Roomie. Current residents will update their profile and questionnaire. New residents will complete these for the first time. Students can send roommate requests to to accepted friends. **EACH STUDENT** must accept a request from each person in the group in order for the group to be fully formed.

Students do NOT have to form a group. Those who do not will not be auto grouped. They will select a room as an individual.

SELECTING A SPACE

All individuals and groups will receive a random selection time. Students may select a space beginning at their selection time or any point after that time during the selection hours (10 AM-6 PM EST on March 5th, 8th and 9th). For students in a roommate group, any member of the group may go in during the group's time to select spaces for all group members. Once a space has been selected, no changes to a student's assignment for next year will be made until the room freeze is lifted the third week of the fall semester.

Encourage your student to discuss **at least three housing options** with their group and to know each other's level of comfort with selecting a particular community or pricing option.

Detailed Instructions for Each Step of the Process can be found on our website under [Housing Self Service](#)

FAQS

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WE'VE ANSWERED!



THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE COMMON QUESTIONS OUR OFFICE RECEIVES AND ALSO FROM THE XAVIER UNIVERSITY PARENT'S FACEBOOK PAGE. THIS IS NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST, SO PLEASE HAVE YOUR STUDENT CONTACT OUR OFFICE IF ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS REMAIN.

What if my student forgets to apply by the deadline?

They will apply in late March and will be assigned to any remaining available space.

What housing options are available?

Halls: Buenger Hall, Kuhlman Hall, and Fenwick Place (future Justice Hall)
Apartments: Commons or Village Apartments
You can learn more about each option on our website. Meal plans are NOT required for students living in apartments.

Will my student get to live in Fenwick Place?

Fenwick Place has a capacity of 533 students. There are more than 1,000 current first-year students who will live on-campus so more than half of all rising sophomores will NOT live in Fenwick. Your student and their group need to have several back-up plans!

How are selection times generated?

Times are generated randomly after the application closes by the housing software. No preference given to application submission time, credits or any other criteria.

Do Honors Program students receive priority?

Honors Program students only receive priority their first year living on campus to form the Honors Community in Buenger. Several years ago we provided rising sophomores priority housing and there quite simply was no demand for such priority as most Honors students select at least one non-Honors student to be part of their groups.

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What is the best housing option for sophomores?

This differs for each student in the process and really is dependent on the kind of experience they are hoping to have during their next year at Xavier!

Why does my student need to consider at least three options?

Since we have a specific inventory of available spaces, depending on an individual or groups' selection time, it is possible their first choice may no longer be available. Having at least three options is important so students can seamlessly select a space.

What are the options for a sophomore wanting to meet potential roommates?

Students may use their My College Roomie profile to connect with potential roommates.

Can students see spaces beforehand?

For safety reasons, we are unable to show spaces in advance. Video tours of each area are available on our website under Residences.

How does the lottery work with respect to a group? Does the best number pick for group of 4?

Each student receives a time but the best time then becomes the time for the entire group. Any of the students in the group may log in at that time to select for the group or they can all meet up so they are together when they pick. Only one student should select for the group.

How many units of each size are in Fenwick?

The number available will be released to students prior to selecting.



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Why does it cost the same for a 4 vs 6 person suite in Fenwick?

We base our housing costs on building type (apartment-style, traditional style, suite style) in addition to how many students share a bedroom. Four person suites in Fenwick have two people per room just like the six person suite, so the cost is the same.

My student is an RA candidate. What do they need to do?

All candidates are asked to participate in the process with the assumption they will not get the position. The Office of Residence Life will assign the candidate to an RA room if they are selected.

Why does the process only allow 4 to go in together when their are 6 or 8 students wanting to room together?

We previously allowed for students to form groups of six and eight. However, the only six and eight person option is Fenwick. Inevitably, many groups did not have options left when their selection time came around, so many groups had to break up into a group of four and a group of two in order to find housing. As you can imagine, this created many conflicts and hurt feelings for the students. Our hope is that with a group size of four, less groups are broken up.

Six individuals wanting to live together can form a group of four and a group of two or two groups of three. If your student has a very early time, the group with the early time would drop back and allow the later time to select. Both groups should select their spaces at the same time.

Similarly, eight individuals can form two groups of four and select at the later group's time.

NOTE: The earlier group is given no priority to live with their preferred second group. In these scenarios, if the group with the earlier time does not wait until the later group's time another group may claim the remaining spots.

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Why is housing priority given to only a few athletic teams & not given to ALL athletic teams?

Housing priority for athletic teams is determined by the Athletic Department. Traditionally, they have selected a total of three teams to receive priority. Currently those teams are men's basketball, women's basketball and volleyball.

My student has a group where they are the 5th or 6th person in the group. They all seem to want to live in Fenwick. What can they do?

For Fenwick, the students may form a group of four and two or two groups of three and then all go in and select at the later group's time. If there are no six person suites remaining when they select, they may have to select an eight person suite and would then have two random roommates as well.

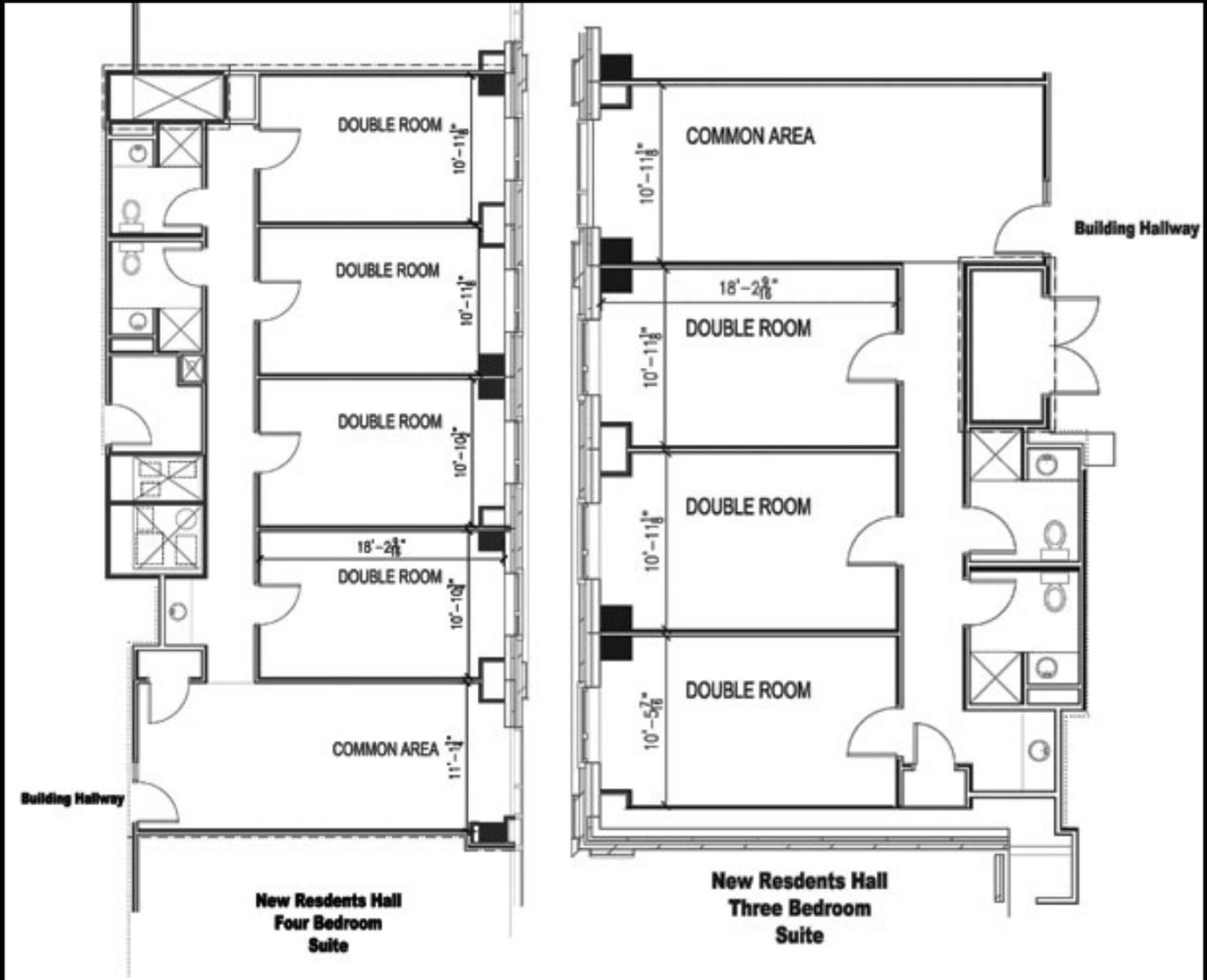
Why don't you conduct selection during evening or on weekends?

We think it is important to be readily available for students to be able to answer in-the-moment questions or troubleshoot issues. Additionally, students work on weekends, as well as traveling away from campus. Our experience is that at least one member of the group is available during the group selection time. By conducting the process during regular business hours, we can ensure your student a near-immediate response to lessen stress or confusion!

Does my student have to form a roommate group?

They do not! Each year many students chose to participate as an individual and have random roommates. At times, we may have to move around students within the building they select to help consolidate space.

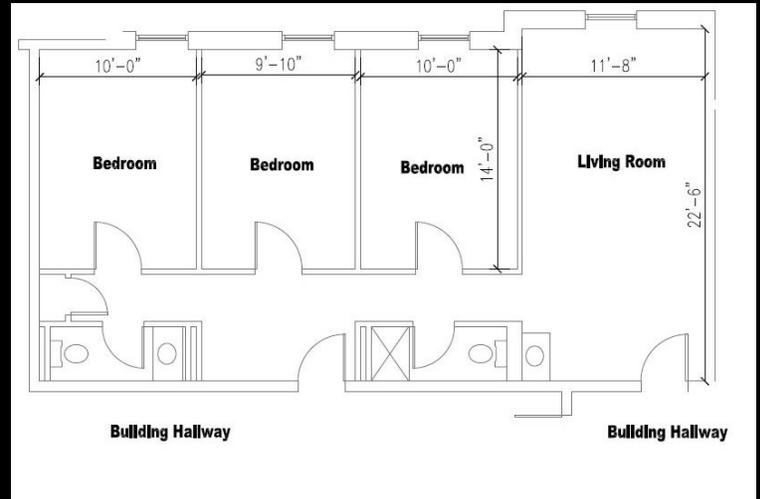
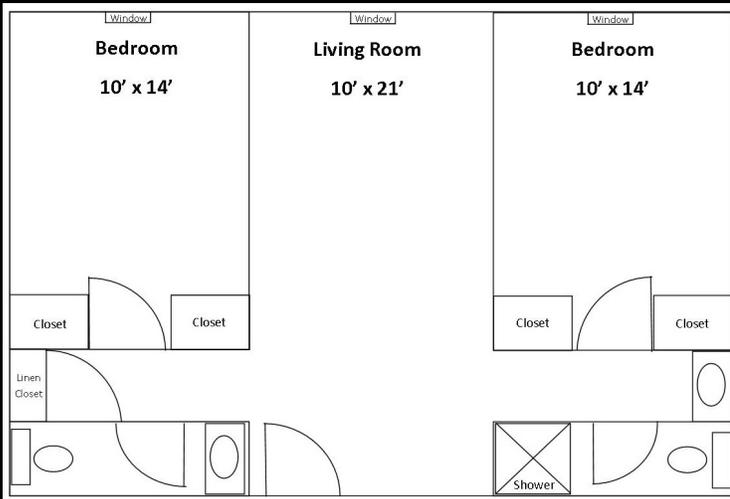
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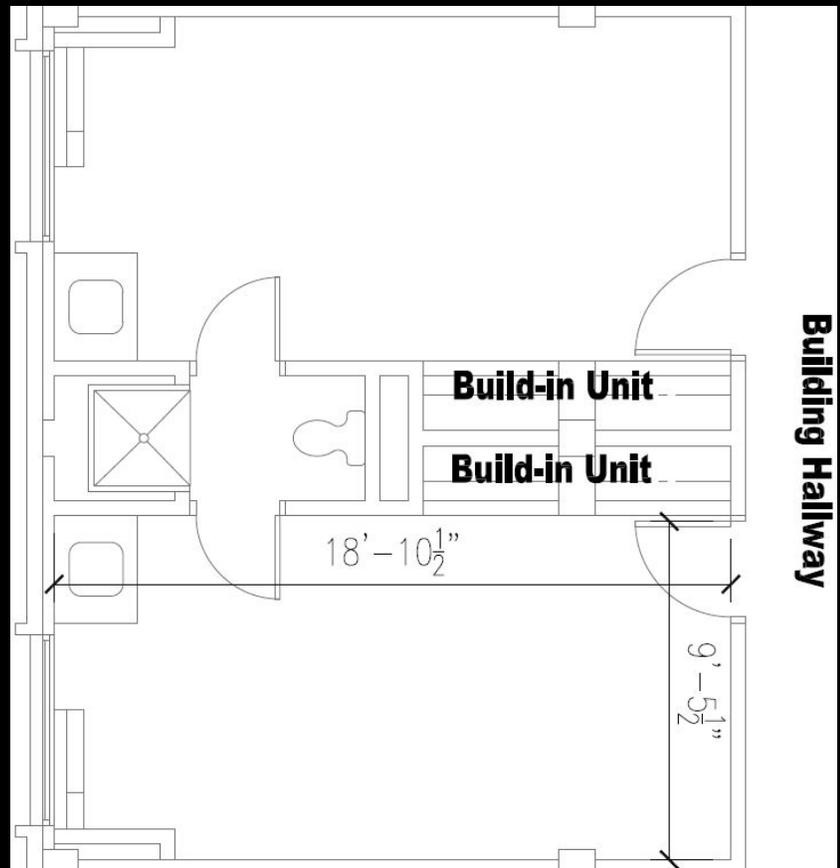
FENWICK PLACE SUITES

FLOOR PLANS

THE TOP FLOOR OF BUENGER IS RESERVED FOR RISING SOPHOMORES

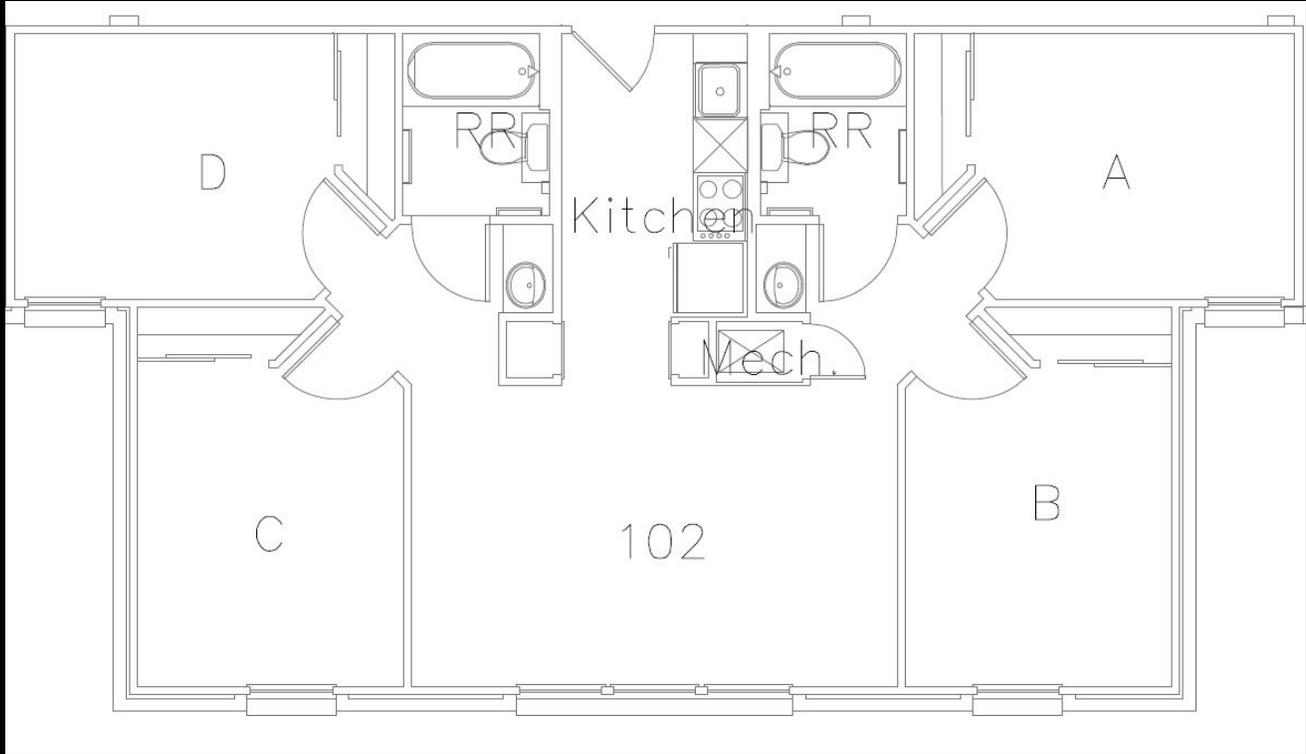


THE TOP FLOORS OF KUHLMAN ARE RESERVED FOR RISING SOPHOMORES

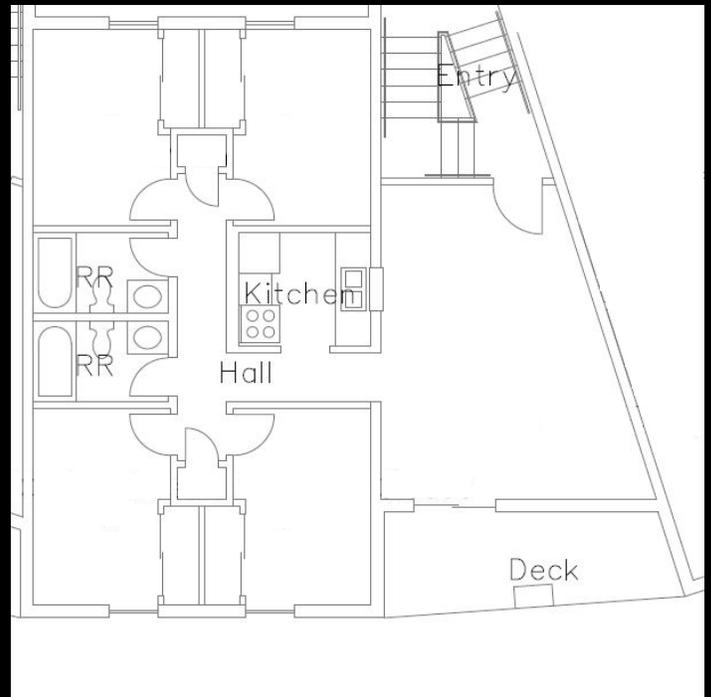
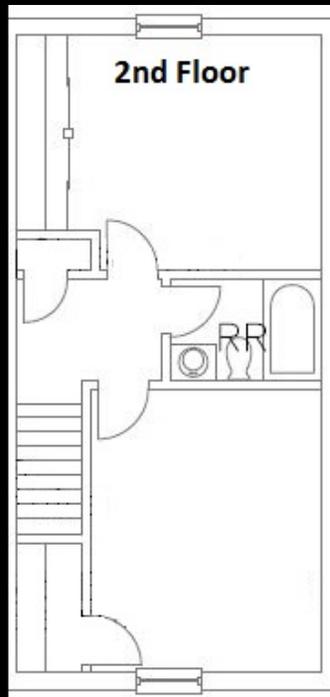
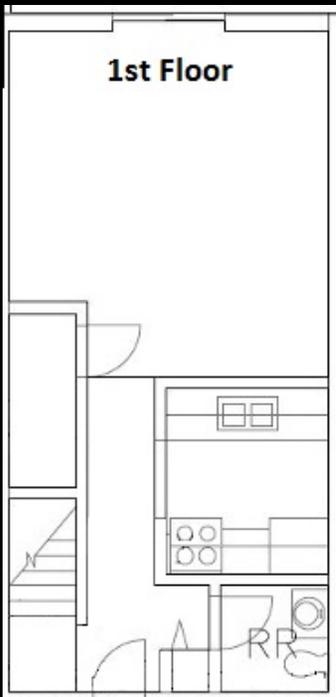


FLOOR PLANS

COMMONS APARTMENTS



VILLAGE APARTMENTS



Two Bedroom Townhouse

Four Person Single Bedrooms

It's never too early to make plans for summer break!

Finals Week: May 3rd-7th

Halls Close: Friday, May 7th at 6pm

Graduation: May 8th and 9th

All students must fully move out of their space and depart within 24 hours of their last final or by Friday, May 7th at 6pm.

More specific information on the check out process will be shared to students' Xavier email address. Please prepare to social distance and wear a mask when assisting your student in moving out.

When students move out, EVERYTHING must be removed from their spaces and the rooms/apartments should be in move-in condition. Xavier does NOT offer any summer storage options. If interested in storing items over the summer, consider Campus Solutions, a local company founded by Xavier grads! Learn More at GoCampusSolutions.com

