

# LIVING AT ST. JOHN'S

## GUIDE TO RESIDENCE LIFE



ST. JOHN'S  
UNIVERSITY





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## JOHNNIES LIVE HERE

On behalf of my colleagues, welcome home to St. John's University! We are glad you have decided to expand your education by living with us in residence.

Living at St. John's brings with it as many opportunities as it does responsibilities. The Office of Residence Life aims to build a safe, inviting, and inclusive community where everyone can learn, grow, and succeed. We call upon you to do your part as a member of our community and take advantage of all that college has to offer.

It's so easy in this age of instant communication and digital distraction to retreat to your room and plug into a screen or device. I encourage you to resist the gravitational pull of these isolating distractions. Don't wait to get involved; seize the opportunities that are available all over the campus. Connect with your Resident Assistant, get to know the dining hall staff on a first-name basis, meet with your faculty outside of the classroom, get to know a Residence Minister, and schedule time to meet with your Residence Life Building Administrator.

It was wise counsel that Ralph Waldo Emerson offered to young people, "always do what you are afraid to do." More than a call to adventure and thrill seeking, this message has special resonance for college students at this point in their journey. Step outside of your comfort zone and have an authentic connection with your roommate or suitemate. Ask for help and advice. Be a leader in your room, on your floor, and in your building by joining hall council, participating in a program, or taking the time to say hello rather than check your phone.

It may seem difficult to believe, but in just 1,460 days your time in college will be over. The time will fly by! Don't waste a moment. Whether you are the first person in your family to go to college, or you've got alumni in the family, my team and I are here to help you do your best and become the person you're called to be.

Sincerely,  
Jason T. Bartlett, Ph.D.





## WE ARE ST. JOHN'S

The Office of Residence Life at St. John's University aims to strengthen the learning environment for all students by providing opportunities for intellectual, spiritual, and personal development that complement those offered in the classroom. By choosing to live in our community, you'll be immersed in the life of the campus.

Your residential experience will help you experience our Catholic, Vincentian, metropolitan, and global mission. Living and working alongside your classmates invites you to meet new people from all over the country and around the globe. You'll grow as a person, broaden your perspectives, and become more socially aware. You will have the opportunity to practice important life skills, develop your independence, and become immersed in the traditions that have shaped St. John's since 1870.



## LIVING IN UNIVERSITY HOUSING

STUDENTS WHO LIVE ON CAMPUS  
ARE MORE LIKELY TO SUCCEED.

College students who choose to live on campus are more likely to succeed academically, become engaged in the college experience, and persist to graduation. Choosing to live in University housing provides students with a unique opportunity to be involved in the dynamic and diverse life of St. John's University.

## LIVING OPTIONS

From traditional- and suite style residence halls to apartment-style housing on and off campus, resident students can expect an evolving variety of options at St. John's University.

Bedroom configurations can vary in size. Some of our rooms require bunked beds, while others do not.





# QUEENS RESIDENCE HALL OPTIONS



## DONOVAN HALL

### FACTS

- First-year and transfer students
- Traditional with connecting bathroom
- Six floors in Residence Village
- Meal plan required

## HOLLIS HALL AND DASILVA HALL

### FACTS

- First-year and transfer students
- Suite style
- Six floors in Residence Village
- Meal plan required







## HELEN AND HUGH L. CAREY HALL

### FACTS

- Third-year and fourth-year students
- Suite style
- Five floors in Residence Village
- Meal plan required

## CENTURY HALL

### FACTS

- First-year, second-year, and transfer students
- Suite style
- Six floors in Residence Village
- Meal plan required

## JOHN CARDINAL O'CONNOR HALL

### FACTS

- Second-year and transfer students
- Suite style
- Five floors in Residence Village
- Meal plan required





# QUEENS APARTMENT OPTIONS



## HENLEY ROAD RESIDENCE

### FACTS

- Second-year, third-year, fourth-year, transfer, law, and graduate students
- Apartment style with front desk security
- Seven floors, off campus
- Fitness room, 24-hour convenience store, automated teller machine, Wepa print station
- No meal plan required







## SETON COMPLEX

### FACTS

- Third-year and fourth-year students
- Apartment style with front desk security
- Select second- and third-floor apartments have balconies.
- Three floors, off campus
- No meal plan required

## FOUNDERS VILLAGE TOWNHOUSES

### FACTS

- Third-year and fourth-year students
- Apartment style with private entrance
- Five buildings with three floors each near Residence Village
- Meal plan required





# QUEENS APARTMENT OPTIONS



## GOETHALS AVENUE

### FACTS

- Third-year and fourth-year students
- Apartment style with private entrance
- Second- and third-floor apartments have balconies.
- Three floors, off campus
- No meal plan required



## DEPAUL HOUSES

### FACTS

- Graduate and Law students
- Apartment style with private entrance
- Laundry facilities inside each apartment
- Second- and third-floor apartments have balconies.
- Three floors, off campus
- No meal plan required





# OUR FACILITIES

On the Queens campus, you live in modern and vibrant facilities. These communities are far more than just a place to sleep, eat, and study. Each building offers WiFi, lounge spaces, elevators, and air conditioning.

## STREAMING VIDEO SERVICE

SpectrumU is a video streaming service available to resident students that delivers a wide variety of live television, entertainment, news, and sports programming, including on-demand television shows and movies. Students need a Smart TV or wireless device that can receive the streaming content.

*\*Note: Goethals residents have cable TV and wireless internet provided via a cable connection.*

## HOUSEKEEPING/MAINTENANCE

Housekeeping is responsible for maintaining the common areas of the building, including hallways, lounges, and stairwells. Residents are responsible for cleaning their own suites/rooms, common areas, and bathrooms. The University provides maintenance and repair services, including emergency maintenance after hours and on weekends. You can report an issue via our online work order system found in the St. John's University Connect app.

## FEATURED COMMUNITY SPACES







## QUEENS CAMPUS AMENITIES

### LAUNDRY

Each residence hall is furnished with laundry rooms. Resident students enjoy unlimited laundry (washing and drying) in their building at no additional cost. Goethals residents have coin-operated laundry.

### PARKING

Residents must purchase a resident parking permit from the Department of Public Safety to park a car on campus. Public Safety manages a seniority-based parking lottery process for on-campus overnight parking. Parking on campus is limited and not guaranteed. Overnight guests who park vehicles must obtain a temporary parking pass at Public Safety. DePaul residents can elect to participate in a parking lottery for the limited spaces at the DePaul Houses.





## SAFETY AND SECURITY

Our residence halls, as well as Henley and Seton, have a 24-hour security desk that ensures the safety and identification of those entering and leaving the building at all times. Students living in Founders Village, Goethals, and DePaul have a private entrance. It is mandatory that students swipe and show their StormCard each time they enter a building.

Every room is equipped with life protection systems including fire sprinklers and extinguishers. St. John's also has its own on-campus Department of Public Safety that is in contact with the Fire Department of New York and the New York City Police Department. Additionally, emergency call boxes are always nearby. Public Safety also offers a free shuttle service for anyone who would like afternoon and evening transportation to off-campus residence halls.

Everyone in the St. John's University community is encouraged to download the free LiveSafe app, which offers several personal safety features. You can discretely communicate with Public Safety and review campus maps. University community members can use the SafeWalk feature to share their live location when they travel by foot or by car. You can notify up to three friends of your status and check in when you reach your destination as you travel throughout campus and the city.

For more information, contact Public Safety at 718-990-6281.



## ROOM FURNISHINGS

Each student is provided with a standard twin-size bed, desk, desk chair, and drawer space (dresser style or under-bed storage), and shared closet space. A majority of the beds in first-year student areas are bunked, and in some suites student furniture (such as desks and/or dressers) may be best configured in the common area. Students can elect to move furniture from their bedroom, but if they do, it must remain in the suite. Residents can control their own heat and air conditioning. Common area furnishings vary, but include couches, coffee tables, club chairs, and dining table and chairs.

## AMENITIES AND SERVICES

The following additional amenities and convenient services are what make living in University housing the preferred choice of St. John's students:

- Faculty-in-Residence program
- Academic Living Communities for first-year students
- Engaging RA programming
- Common spaces
  - Prayer rooms
  - Game rooms
  - Quiet study lounges
  - Kitchens
- Live-in Residence Ministers
- Health Services (DaSilva Hall)
- Wepa printing stations
- Donovan Fitness Center





## DINING ON CAMPUS



### MARKET MONTGORIS (Montgoris Dining Hall)

Open seven days a week when classes are in session, this market provides grab-and-go as well as meal exchange options in addition to convenience and grocery options during the year.

### AVENUE C (Henley Road)

This unique, self-service convenience store is available to St. John's students living in the Henley Road Residence. Avenue C serves fresh-brewed coffee and features a line of prepared foods, snacks, and refreshments, along with household goods for college students.

### MONTGORIS DINING HALL

The all-you-care-to-eat dining hall is open seven days a week, with late-night hours when classes are in session. Open to all students, it serves a large breakfast menu, variety of international entrees, pizza, pasta, burgers and grilled items, extended omelet bar, salad bar, deli sandwich and wrap stations, dessert bar, and much more.







### DUNKIN' (Marillac Terrace)

Full-service coffee, donut, and sandwich shop.

### LAW SCHOOL CAFÉ (School of Law)

Boar's Head Deli, Build Pizza by Design, Red Storm Burger Co., Chef's Table, Bok Choy, and freshly brewed Starbucks coffee. Fresh kosher and grab-and-go offerings are also available.

### MARILLAC FOOD COURT (Marillac Terrace)

Options in this lively food court include Burger King, Dunkin', Freshens Fresh Food Studio, Piccola Italia, Pom & Honey, Revolution Noodle, and Subway. The Market Marillac convenience store features grab-and-go options and convenience and grocery items.

### EINSTEIN BROS. BAGELS (Library)

A full-service Einstein Bros. Bagels where a happy face and delicious bite is just a schmear away. Enjoy freshly made baked bagels, Caribou Coffee, breakfast and lunch sandwiches, and grab-and-go options.

### STARBUCKS COFFEE

(D'Angelo Center and School of Law)

A full-service Starbucks coffee shop is a hot spot for weekly DAC after Dark performances, socializing, and studying. Enjoy specialty coffees, sandwiches, salads, muffins, and desserts, as well as prepackaged and made-to-order beverages.



### TACO BELL

Located in the DaSilva Academic Center, Taco Bell offers a wide variety of fast food, including classic tacos, burritos, epic specialties, and combo meals.





## STUDENT STAFF

**RESIDENT ASSISTANTS (RAs) AND SENIOR RESIDENT ASSISTANTS (SRAs)** are students assigned to directly support residents of a particular floor/wing in a residence hall or series of apartments. They are knowledgeable about St. John's policies and can help problem solve with their peers and refer to University offices as needed for additional support. RAs and SRAs provide duty coverage overnight and in the evenings.

**GRADUATE ASSISTANTS (GAs)** assist in the management of the residence life program and serve in the on-call administrator rotation. GAs report to a residence life administrator and are available to assist students in the residence halls and apartments, as well as in the main office.

## PROFESSIONAL STAFF

**RESIDENCE DIRECTORS (RDs)** are full-time professionals who live in the residence halls and are responsible for a building. RDs implement policies and procedures, facilitate residence hall programming, advise hall councils, administer conduct hearings, and provide on-call coverage year-round, including evenings, weekends, and holidays on a rotating basis. RD offices are located in the building for which they are responsible.

**AREA DIRECTORS (ADs)** are full-time administrators who live in University housing and are responsible for multiple buildings. ADs supervise graduate assistants and resident assistants in the management of multiple building communities. The AD is responsible for implementing programs and events and supports our undergraduate and graduate students on and off campus. ADs provide leadership amongst the live-in professional staff, in addition to the responsibilities of an RD. Their offices are located in the buildings for which they are responsible.

**MAIN OFFICE ADMINISTRATION** is responsible for overseeing the daily operation of the University housing system on the Queens campus. This includes serving as a liaison to facilities management; developing programming and engagement opportunities; selecting and training staff; managing off-campus housing and managed properties; and supervising student, graduate, and professional staff in the residence hall communities. The Office of Residence Life is managed by one support staff member, three Associate Directors, and the Director of Residence Life.



## OUR COMMUNITY

Our community is home to students from across the country and around the globe. This creates an opportunity for the rich exchange of culture, ideas, and new perspectives. Resident Assistants engage our students in programming and events to build community, camaraderie, and support within our buildings.



## TRADITIONS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Whether it is our move-in block party or the giant icebreaker for new students, resident students look forward to traditional events that bring our community together. Families join in the fun at our annual harvest-themed Family Weekend carnival, sporting events, and more. In the spring, students participate in Battle of the Buildings, a resident student competition between the halls in which students show off their talents, athleticism, creativity, knowledge, and school spirit for residence hall bragging rights.

WHO WILL TAKE HOME THE TROPHY THIS YEAR?



# FACULTY-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM

Student and faculty interaction outside of the formal classroom setting is considered an essential characteristic of a vibrant intellectual community.

The Faculty-in-Residence program at St. John's University provides faculty members with the unique opportunity to live in a residential community with students. Faculty-in-Residence integrate learning in and out of the classroom by serving as role models and

teachers who strengthen the academic, intellectual, and social culture of our residential community.

Faculty-in-Residence helps foster an academic environment by planning events during the semester for resident students in each assigned hall. These events are intellectual, creative, and social learning opportunities.



## HENLEY ROAD RESIDENCE:

### **Ceceilia Parnter, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor and Program  
Coordinator,  
The School of Education

### **Lequez Spearman, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor,  
Division of Sport Management,  
The Lesley H. and William  
L. Collins College of  
Professional Studies

## HOLLIS HALL:

### **Joseph M. Serafin, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor and Chair,  
Department of Chemistry,  
St. John's College of Liberal  
Arts and Sciences



# THEMED COMMUNITY OPTIONS

The St. John's University living experience is enhanced and maximized by themed community options. The goal of these communities is to bridge the academic and residential experience and link students, faculty, and administrators with common interests and academic focuses. While living in themed communities, students experience an intellectual and scholarly climate. They discuss various topics and help one another with their course work. Resident students report higher levels of satisfaction, and first-year residents are more likely to return sophomore year.

**OPT-IN COMMUNITIES:** Students may indicate their preference to live in these communities on their application via the housing portal. Participation is based on availability.

## Gender-Inclusive Housing (GIH)

GIH is designed to provide students from all class years with a safe, affirming, and inclusive living community in all of our residences. This living option allows two or more students to share a bedroom, suite, and/or apartment inclusive of their gender identity, sex, or gender expression. GIH is not recommended or intended for students in a relationship to live together.

The community is intended to support students of the following identities and lived experiences:

- Transgender students
- Nonbinary students
- Gender Queer students
- Students who are currently transitioning
- Those who do not conform to society's expectations of assigned gender birth
- Those who do not wish to be identified by any sex or gender identity

- Those in the process of discovering their gender identity
- Students who appreciate and respect people with the aforementioned identities and life experiences and would prefer to live in an intentional and affirming community.

## 24-Hour Quiet Floor (Century and Hollis Halls)

The 24-Hour Quiet Floor is a unique, co-ed community that aims to provide a more subdued residence hall atmosphere for students who thrive in a quieter setting. With resident assistant support, a dedicated lounge with enhanced technology, and floor-specific community expectations, the 24-Hour Quiet Floor is an ideal place to focus on a positive learning and living environment.

**SCHOLARLY LIVING COMMUNITIES:** Students are able to participate in one of our scholarly communities by acceptance into one of the programs listed below. By opting into one of these scholarly communities you have the opportunity to live together in a studious environment with fellow cohort members. Here you find a group of like-minded first-year students who share not only many of the same classes, but also commitment to academic achievement.

All communities are housed in traditional-style rooms in Donovan Hall.

- Catholic Scholars Community
- Honors Community
- Ozanam Scholars Community
- Pharmacy and Health Science Community
- Tobin Business Honors Community



# HEALTH INSURANCE AND FORMS

## HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

Health insurance coverage is required for all resident students.

The St. John's University Health Plan is designed especially for the students of St. John's University.

It includes coverage for preventive/wellness and immunization services, sickness, accident, and prescription drugs

- Effective August 15 through August 14 (of the following year)
- For a full description of the plan, please visit [universityhealthplans.com](http://universityhealthplans.com)
- Fall semester invoices automatically include the cost of the plan\*

*\*If you have your own health insurance plan, you may be able to waive the University's insurance. Before completing the waiver, please check with your insurance carrier to be sure that you have coverage while living on campus. The online form can be found on [universityhealthplans.com](http://universityhealthplans.com).*

The University's insurance is mandatory for all F1/J1 international visa students and cannot be waived. For more information, please contact Student Financial Services at 718-990-7592; [studentfinancialserv@stjohns.edu](mailto:studentfinancialserv@stjohns.edu).

## MANDATORY HEALTH FORMS—ALL STUDENTS

The New York State Public Health Law 2165 requires students attending colleges and universities in New York State who were born on or after January 1, 1957, to be immunized against measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) with two doses of vaccine.

In compliance with New York State Public Health Law 2167, all New York State colleges and universities must provide information about meningococcal disease and vaccination availability to all enrolled students. A response form to receipt of meningococcal disease and vaccine information is required declining vaccine by the student or student's parent or guardian (if student is under age 18), or documentation of vaccine given after age 16 is required. All new students must submit documentation of both the MMR immunizations and the Meningitis Response Form to the Office of Health Services no later than May 15 for the summer and fall semesters and December 15 for the spring semester. A current physical examination and medical record forms are strongly advised to be completed and submitted through the MEDICAT student portal found in your SignOn account. You may submit personal copies of your records or have a health-care provider complete the health forms found at [www.stjohns.edu/healthforms](http://www.stjohns.edu/healthforms).







# BECOME A RESIDENT JOHNNY

## HOW TO APPLY FOR UNIVERSITY HOUSING

Housing is limited, so it is important that you complete the following steps to apply.

### STEP 1: DEPOSIT

New undergraduate (first-year and transfer) and graduate students must pay a \$400 housing deposit by **May 1**. The date of receipt of your housing deposit determines the priority order for housing self-selection.

*Note: New entering law students (1L) must pay a \$500 housing deposit by **April 1** for first priority for housing self-selection.*

### STEP 2: APPLY AND SIGN HOUSING AGREEMENT

After they submit their deposit, students receive instructions to log in to the St. John's Housing Portal\*, our online housing system, to complete their housing application, housing agreement, and student profile and to search for possible roommate matches. For new undergraduate and graduate students, this part of the process must be completed by the published deadline on the housing selection webpage,

[www.stjohns.edu/housing](http://www.stjohns.edu/housing), in order to be eligible for self-service online room and meal selection.

### STEP 3: SELECT YOUR ROOM, ROOMMATES, AND MEAL PLAN

After completing step 2, students receive an email with a Housing Portal Appointment time. On or after their scheduled time, students may log in to the housing portal to review available spaces, select a room and/or roommate(s) (optional), and choose a meal plan (if applicable). Please be certain to complete this step by the published deadline on the housing selection webpage, [www.stjohns.edu/housing](http://www.stjohns.edu/housing). After this date, students with incomplete applications are assigned by our office to a room space and a meal plan based on availability and the preferences indicated in their application.

*\*The St. John's Housing Portal is best viewed using a Google Chrome browser.*

**The Alma Mater  
"Old St. John's"**

Thy children here today, galore,  
Old St. John's! Our dear St. John's!  
And true will they be ever more,  
Old St. John's! Our dear St. John's!  
Thy colors bright, the Red and White,  
We'll wave aloft from morn 'til night,  
Victorious, we'll show our might,  
Old St. John's! Our dear St. John's!  
From fervent hearts we breathe our prayer,  
Old St. John's! Our dear St. John's!  
As we commend thee to His care,  
Old St. John's! Our dear St. John's!  
That He will guard thee by His might,  
And be thy shield in every fight,  
Thou champion of sacred rite,  
Old St. John's! Our dear St. John's!



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