

WHISPER IN THE WOODS



SUMMER EDITION
2009



Residence Life

Stay on Campus - Stay Connected



WELCOME HOME!
WELCOMING NEW AND
RETURNING STUDENTS

WHAT TO BRING?
A MUST SEE LIST FOR
ALL STUDENTS

CHECK-IN SCHEDULE
MOVE-IN SCHEDULE
FOR ALL STUDENTS

WELCOME TO OUR HALLS

A message from the director of Residence Life

All of us in the Residence Life Office are excited that you will be arriving to campus soon! We have a great professional and student staff that is ready for another wonderful year in the halls. Many projects are underway this summer to enhance your experience in the halls. From facilities upgrades to new programming ideas, we have been working hard to ensure that you are comfortable in the halls and that your experience in the halls helps you to become a better person, both academically and socially. I am especially pleased to announce that by the end of the summer, the Oak kitchen renovations will be 100% complete and every room in Oak hall will have one of the new kitchenettes!

Last year we completed the EBI Benchmarking survey to measure student satisfaction. Now, we are examining the data in order to better serve the needs of our residential population. We will continue to implement changes and improvements with the results of the survey at the forefront of our minds.

In addition to the great plans we have for the year, we hope that living in the residence halls provides you with an excellent opportunity to get to know other students right away and make strong connections within our community. Take some time to get to know your roommate and the other students on your floor. A simple "Hi, I'm _____," is all you need to begin a conversation!

Another great way to get to know your community is to ask your resident or community assistant if you can assist with a program. I encourage everyone to become involved; you can join hall council or the Residence Hall Association to help with programming, attend leadership conferences or provide feedback to Residence Life.

Additionally, participating in clubs and organizations is another great way to meet people. NJIT offers a wide array of organizations you can join. Student Senate, Student Activities Council, *The Vector*, a Greek organization, an academic club or honor society are just a few of the many offerings available to you. Take advantage of them!

Have a successful academic year!



Lynn Riker

Director of Residence Life

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WHAT TO BRING & WHAT TO LEAVE AT HOME!

A list of suggested and PROHIBITED items in the residence halls*

SUGGESTED ITEMS ☑

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Desk Lamps | Vacuum Cleaner |
| CFL Light Bulbs | Clothes |
| Posters, Pictures | Shower Shoes |
| Alarm Clock | Toiletries |
| Power Strip (w/ surge protection) | Headphones (for TV/Stereo) |
| Laundry Bag & Supplies | Batteries/Flashlight |
| Telephone | Microwave |
| Coaxial Cable for TV | Refrigerator |
| Computer | First Aid Kit |
| Towels, Sheets, Blankets | Sewing Kit |
| Toilet Paper | Wastebasket |
| Academic Supplies | Bulletin/White Board |
| Cleaning Supplies | Storage Crates |

PROHIBITED ITEMS ☒

| | |
|---|---|
| Big Screen TV (anything over 42") | Flammable Liquids |
| Refrigerators (any larger than 4.0 cubic ft.) | Electric Wiring |
| Cooking Appliances (ie., toasters, electric cookers - exception Oak Hall) | Water Beds |
| No Pets (except fish) | Empty Alcohol Bottles |
| Large Furniture (sofas, beds, futons) | Candles, Firework, or Other Explosive Devices |
| Halogen Lamps | Amplifiers and Resonators |
| | Live-Cut Christmas Trees or Other Flammable Decorations |
| | Hookahs or other smoking apparatus |

*** A complete list of items can be found on the Residence Life website (www.njit.edu/reslife).**

MEAL PLAN/ROOM RATES

RATES WILL BE POSTED THE WEEK OF AUGUST 3RD CHECK
WWW.NJIT.EDU/RESLIFE FOR 2009-2010 RATES.

CHECK-IN SCHEDULE

Students will **only** be able to check-in during the indicated times below. Please make prior arrangements to arrive during the stated check-in times. We will not be able to accommodate early arrivals.

Late Arrivals

If you cannot make it for your scheduled check-in time, notify the Residence Life Office of your expected arrival date. Notification will reserve your space and stop the office from calling to see where you are.

| FIRST YEAR STUDENTS | HONOR'S FIRST YEAR STUDENTS | UPPERCLASS STUDENTS |
|---|---|--|
| <p>Saturday, August 29, 2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. <p>YOUR SPECIFIC CHECK-IN TIME IS INCLUDED IN YOUR ASSIGNMENT LETTER</p> | <p>Thursday, August 27, 2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Last Names A-L 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Last Names M-Z | <p>Sunday, August 23, 2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. <p>Monday, August 24, 2009 - Monday, August 31, 2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. |

WE SUPPORT GREEN

GOING GREEN IS MORE THAN THE LATEST “TREND”, IT’S A PARADIGM SHIFT IN THE WAY WE THINK ABOUT OUR ENVIRONMENT AND HOW WE LIVE!

All students are encouraged to join in our efforts to “Be Green!” In our halls we are continuing our campaign to **reduce energy consumption, increase recycling efforts, educate the community, alter behaviors and increase participation in green initiatives.**


Look out for more information regarding our greening efforts throughout the semester and ways in which you can help our campaign to “Be Green!”

TAKE THE GREEN CHALLENGE



WE’RE ASKING ALL STUDENTS TO TAKE THE GREEN CHALLENGE

PARTICIPATION IS EASY!

1. USE ONLY **COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHTBULBS (C.F.L.)**
2. BUY ELECTRONICS WITH THE **ENERGY STAR LOGO** 
3. BRING **RE-USABLE MUGS, UTENSILS & DISHES** *INSTEAD* OF DISPOSABLES
4. **REDUCE, RE-USE & RECYCLE**

BE GREEN “EVERYONE’S DOING IT”

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

HOUSING INFORMATION

HOUSING CANCELLATION POLICY

- Students that decide to cancel housing for the fall 2009 - spring 2010 academic year prior to **August 21, 2009** will be charged a \$750 cancellation fee.
- For cancellations after August 21, 2009, residents may cancel their contract by contacting the Residence Life Office in person or in writing. Residents cancelling their contract must complete an official check out and that will determine the final date of the resident's occupation of the residence hall space. **Residents canceling their contract will be charged to the final date of their official check-out plus one half of the remainder of their contract.**

SMOKING POLICY

Smoking is prohibited in all areas of the residence halls.

ROOM CHANGES

THE DATE FOR ROOM CHANGE IS: **September 16, 2009, 2:30-4:00 pm** in Cypress Hall Kitchen Lounge. Anyone wishing to do a room change should be aware of the following:

- First-year residents must reside in Redwood/Cypress Halls.
- All room changes must be **mutual switches**.
- There are no vacant spaces or rooms.

HEALTH SERVICES

- ARE YOUR HEALTH/IMMUNIZATION RECORDS COMPLETE?
- HAVE YOU SUBMITTED PROOF OF MENINGITIS VACCINATION?
- HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR RECORD TO STUDENT HEALTH SERVICE?

Students with incomplete records will receive a **'health hold'** and may not be permitted to move into the halls or take classes.

SUBMIT ALL RECORDS TO:
NJIT-STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES
ESTELLE & ZOOM FLEISHER ATHLETIC BLDG.
323 MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD.
NEWARK, NJ 07102
OFFICE # 973-596-3621
FAX # 973-596-0047

VISIT: [HTTP://WWW.NJIT.EDU/HEALTHSERVICES/](http://www.njit.edu/healthservices/) FOR MORE INFORMATION

MICROFRIDGE UNITS: Each unit consists of a 2.1 cubic ft. refrigerator, a 0.7 cubic ft. freezer, and a 0.6 cubic ft. microwave. These may be rented from Campus Specialties. Rental cost is \$199/academic year. Only one unit allowed per room. You can contact Campus Specialties at 1(800) 525-7303 or register for a rental at www.campuspec.com.

CABLE SERVICE: Cable (including HBO) is included in each residence hall room. You must supply your own coaxial cable for connection.

LAUNDRY SERVICE: Washers and dryers are available in each residence hall. The cost per wash or dry is \$1.25. Be sure to bring your own laundry basket, detergent, bleach, fabric softener and dryer sheets.

PHONE SERVICE: Students who would like a phone line installed in their room should contact 'Verizon' at (800) 427-9977. Please note that each room has only one phone jack; therefore, roommates will have to share the phone line and bill. Each residence hall has at least one phone in the public areas.

COMMUNITY POLICING

The Public Safety Community Policing Unit is comprised of six officers. Each of the four residence halls along with the fraternities and sororities are assigned at least one officer who serves as their main contact for the department.

The goal of this unit is to facilitate better communication between Police Officers and the campus community. Community policing officers regularly attend RA/CA staff meetings and give public safety related presentations, in addition to hosting a Coffee with Cops study break each semester in the campus center.

THE COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICERS:



Officer Gerry Ramos

Email: gerardo.a.ramos@njit.edu

Campus Focus: Cypress Hall

Hobbies: Working out, reading

Safety tip: Be more attentive to your personal belongings. Put valuables out of sight. Don't leave items such as GPS systems or iPods lying around in the cabin of your vehicle, as they can make easy targets for theft.



Officer Eric DiFrancesco

Email: difrance@adm.njit.edu

Campus Focus: Laurel Hall

Hobbies: Playing sports, working out, carpentry, spending time with family.

Safety tip: Be aware of your surroundings, and when walking off-campus, travel in pairs. Try not to walk or jog alone. Take a friend or neighbor along for company.



Officer Ruben Cortes

Email: ruben.cortes@njit.edu

Campus Focus: NJIT Sororities

Hobbies: Installing radios and car alarms, fixing up things around my house (general handyman), gardening

Safety tip: Choose busy streets and avoid going through vacant lots, alleys, or other deserted areas. At night, walk in well-lit areas whenever possible.



Officer Meghan McCarthy

Email: meghan.k.mccarthy@njit.edu

Campus Focus: Oak Hall

Hobbies: Going to the gym, traveling, going to the beach, playing Wii, bike riding

Safety tip: Reduce your chances of being a target or victim of a crime by staying off your cell phone and iPod while walking and running on city streets.



Officer Ray Aiello

Email: raymond.aiello@njit.edu

Campus Focus: NJIT Fraternities

Hobbies: Working out, playing golf and bowling

Safety tip: Always lock your car and take the keys, even if you'll be gone only a short time. And trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in a situation, leave.



Officer Jay Bodas

Email: bodas@njit.edu

Campus Focus: Redwood Hall

Hobbies: Running, reading, teaching myself to speak Hindi, spending time with family and friends.

Safety tip: Keep NJITPD's emergency line 973-596-3111 programmed under the number "9" in your cell phone. This way, you can hit 9 + SEND and get help without any delay in an emergency.

FIRST YEAR CONNECTIONS CORNER

What is First-Year Connections (FYC)?

First Year Connections is one of the many exciting living learning communities that provides academic support, social networking and leadership opportunities **specifically for first year resident students!**

FYC students share classes, live together, and attend educational workshops, participate in community service and attend social activities together.

For more information about the FYC program visit the Redwood or Cypress Hall Office and ask the Residence Coordinator how you can become involved.



Residence Hall Association Welcome Home

Meetings Monday Campus Center 235 at 11:40

RHA, who are we?

We are a group of students who want to make sure that student concerns and ideas are heard and implemented on campus. RHA is not only a structure of support for residents, but also a great way to build leadership skills and meet new friends. Last year RHA was able to make several resident ideas a reality, as well as run a fundraiser for the wildlife fund. After a very successful year, the RHA executive board is wasting no time. They meet once a week during the summer working to make RHA more efficient. We have a new e-mail account, new website, new forum, new amendments, new programs and events and much more! Get ready to start the year right by going to an RHA meeting held **every Monday at 11:40 a.m. in the Campus Center Room 235.**

If you have any questions or comments, visit our website at web.njit.edu/~rha or e-mail us at RHANJIT@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you around on campus and in the meetings.

**RHA MEETS EVERY MONDAY AT 11:40 a.m. IN CAMPUS CENTER ROOM 235
FIRST MEETING DATE TBD**

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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| Admissions | 973-596-3300 | Health Services | 973-596-3621 |
| Bookstore | 973-596-3200 | Honors College | 973-596-5780 |
| Bursar | 973-596-3148 | Laurel Hall Desk | 973-596-5792 |
| CAPE | 973-596-8290 | Library | 973-596-3206 |
| Campus Center Desk | 973-596-3605 | Oak Hall Desk | 973-596-5636 |
| Computing Services | 973-596-2900 | Public Safety | 973-596-3112 |
| Counseling | 973-596-3414 | Redwood Hall Desk | 973-596-3040 |
| Cypress Hall Desk | 973-642-7161 | Registrar's Office | 973-596-3236 |
| Center for First Year Students | 973-596-2981 | Residence Life Main Office | 973-596-3039 |
| Dean of Student Services | 973-596-3466 | Murray Center for Women & Technology | 973-596-4885 |
| EOP Program | 973-596-3690 | | |
| Financial Aid Office | 973-596-3479 | | |

EVENTS CALENDAR

- SUN, AUG 23: UPPERCLASS MOVE-IN
- THURS, AUG 27: HONOR'S MOVE IN
- SAT, AUG 29: FIRST-YEAR MOVE IN
- SAT, AUG 29, 7P: RHA PRESENTS THE 'PRICE IS RIGHT' (CAMPUS CENTER)
- MONDAY, AUGUST 31: FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
- WED, SEPT 16, 2:30-4P: ROOM CHANGE (CYPRESS KITCHEN LOUNGE)

ROOMMATES 101

A WORD ABOUT ROOMMATES

Having a roommate can truly be a great experience. Many lifelong friendships have developed over the years simply as a result of being roommates. However, we've all heard the horror stories of the significant other that winds up being the third roommate or the roommate that blasts music while you are trying to sleep, or worse yet, the roommate that 'borrows' your last can of soda or favorite pair of jeans.

Sharing your space with a roommate is a new concept for some, while others will welcome new or continuing roommates for another year. Either way, it is important to establish parameters early on, in order to have a successful healthy roommate relationship.

The limitation of space alone requires consideration by roommates. Communication is the key and a little consideration goes a long way. To facilitate a healthy living environment, roommates will fill out a roommate agreement, in which the areas of living together will be covered. Talking about such issues as borrowing items, bed times and room cleanliness will prevent frustration later.

All first year residents are required to fill out the roommate agreement, and it is extremely important to be honest and open during the process of completing the agreement. Your RA/CA can assist with completing a roommate agreement. They will also go over the roommate agreements during their initial floor meetings. In all cases, we recommend that all residents view and complete a roommate agreement/contract. For more information please visit: www.njit.edu/reslife/studentinfo.php.

HIGHLANDER WELCOME DAYS SCHEDULE

WELCOME HIGHLANDERS!

The first two weeks at NJIT are all about getting you connected to NJIT traditions. From the “Price is Right” to Tech Games 2009, we want to see you getting involved and making new friends.

A full schedule of opening weekend activities will be posted on-line shortly.

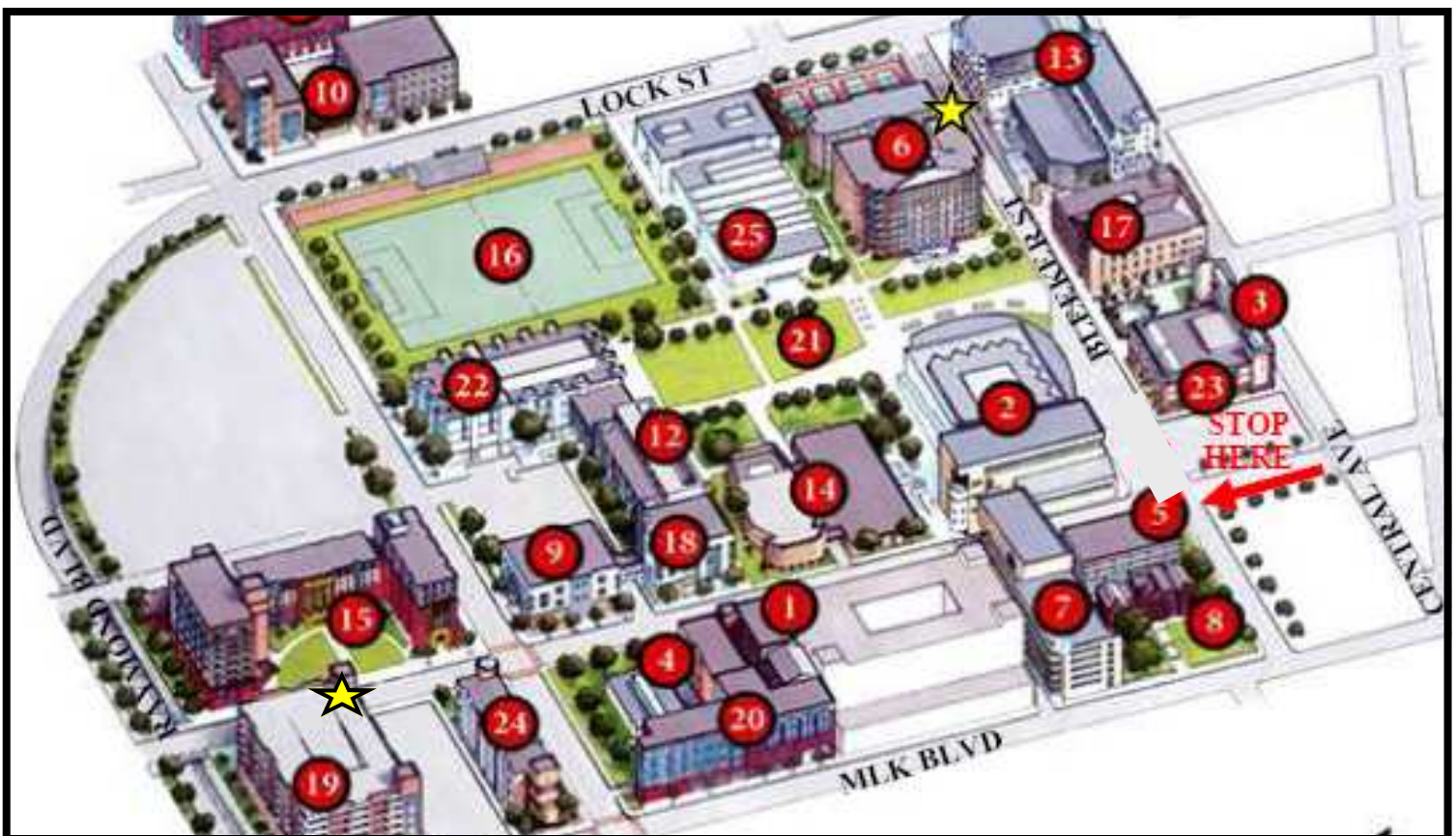
Keep checking for updates! We can't wait to see you on campus and adding your energy to Highlander Country!

MOVE-IN PROCESS

To facilitate the move-in process, when you arrive on campus, please follow these steps:

1. When you reach, Parking Lot #7 (Central Avenue and Summit Street—“STOP HERE” below), you will be asked to wait.
2. Once instructed, drive up BLEEKER STREET to an open parking space (#6 below).
3. Then have the “resident” proceed to either Redwood or Cypress Hall for check-in.
4. While “the resident” is checking-in, student volunteers will help unload your car and move your belongings into your room.
5. When your car is unloaded, please move it to the parking deck (#19 below) to facilitate move in for other residents.

NOTE: Access to Bleeker Street will be restricted throughout the weekend to only quick drop offs or resident move ins.



CAMPUS WIDE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

IF THERE WAS AN EMERGENCY ON CAMPUS, HOW WOULD YOU KNOW?

Sign up with the Campus Wide Notification System (CWNS) TODAY!!

Receive text message alerts on your cell phone to find out about:

- Delayed Openings
- University Closings
- Emergency Alerts
- Safety Bulletins

The screenshot shows the NJIT Highlander Pipeline website interface. At the top, it says 'NJIT HIGHLANDER PIPELINE THE EDGE IN KNOWLEDGE'. Below the navigation bar, there are several content boxes. One box is titled 'NJIT Quick Poll' with the text 'Do you think that Facebook should continue with its plans to feature targeted "social...'. Another box is titled 'Personal Announcements' and says 'You currently have no personal announcements'. A third box is titled 'Campus Wide Notification System' and contains the text: 'The Campus-Wide Notification System (CWNS) will allow NJIT to communicate important information on an expedited basis with students, faculty, and staff via text message, phone and email. More...'. Below this box is a link that says 'Register Devices'.

SIGNING UP IS QUICK & EASY

1. Login to the Highlander Pipeline using your UCID and password at <http://my.njit.edu>
2. Under the My Pipeline tab, follow the "Register Devices" link
3. Select the "Device Manager" icon to add up to two telephone numbers and an additional e-mail address.*
*your njit.edu e-mail address is already in the system

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