



Celebrating Campus Community

Residence Life News for Returning Residents

The Residence Life staff hopes your summer has gone well aside from the pandemic. We have been working hard each day to create plans and policies that will allow us to welcome you safely back to campus.

Campus life will look a little different this year due to COVID-19. The Residence Life staff has worked this summer to develop protocols, policies, and other aspects of living on campus that will allow you to have a great experience while being mindful of safety precautions.

In addition to the pandemic, news regarding ongoing racial injustice and discrimination have continued to impact our communities, our nation and the world around. The Residence Life staff endeavors to create an inclusive environment that embraces and values all members of our campus community. As we prepare for the fall semester, we are enhancing Residence Assistants and full-time staff training with a focus on diversity, equity and inclusion. This includes gaining a better understanding of issues affecting groups and individuals who experience marginalization. An emphasis has also been placed on identifying ways to provide support and create safer spaces for marginalized groups and ways to weave inclusivity into all aspects of campus life. We look forward to you joining us and working with us to build a community that strives to see the humanity of all people.

Building Update

Because of the need to set aside quarantine and isolation (Q/I) space for the coming year, the college made the decision to use Stringfield Residence Hall. Many of you requested Stringfield during the time we collected information for the virtual housing sign-up process and with this recent development, all

returning residents have been assigned to Vann and Brewer Residence Halls. There will be one RD for Vann and Brewer, Kayla Quinn, since she would have overseen Vann and Stringfield. This gives her the opportunity to still supervise the staff she chose for the academic year.

Using one residence hall for Q/I prevents the college from using floors in different buildings where residents live. Stringfield's location was ideal for access to the Health Center and BDH since meals will be delivered for anyone in Q/I.

Thank you for understanding this was the best decision based on current health guidelines from the CDC and the American College Health Association.

As you are packing, a few things to bring for this year include the following:

- face coverings to use when exiting your room
- hand sanitizer
- disinfecting wipes and other cleaning products for your room and bathroom
- first aid kit and thermometer

Additionally this year, because of the possibility you would need to move to a quarantine or isolation space (Q/I) for up to 14 days, you are encouraged to have a bag of necessities ready to go. The Q/I rooms and will be set up with linens and sheets plus other convenience items. Things to have ready to move should the need arise include:

- several sets of comfy clothing and undergarments (think leggings, pjs, t-shirts)
- water bottle
- throw blanket
- pillow
- personal hygiene items such as toothpaste and toothbrush, feminine products

The Health Center will provide any resident who needs to move to a Q/I room with a last-minute packing list, including things like your computer, medications, charging cords, glasses/contacts, etc.

Move-In Information

For returning residents, move-in starts on Wednesday, August 5th for Orientation Crew, Student Advisers, and Theater production residents who can move in that day.

Full move in begins on Thursday, August 6th. Residents in Brewer and Vann will use a Sign-Up Genius similar to how move out was conducted in May for those of you who moved out then.

During your check-in time you will receive your key, sign your housing contract, and sign your room condition report. Below are things to remember for check in

- Check for Brewer and Vann will be Vann 129, you can enter through the Vann door near Johnson hall.
- Only the resident should come to Vann 129 to receive their key. The helpers can begin unloading items from the car.
- Face Coverings must be worn at all times, by students and helpers, unless in your room with the door closed.
- Please do not arrive early.
- You are allowed two helpers to assist you for 4 hours after your check in time.

If you have any questions on the day of move in you can contact Kayla Quinn at kmquinn@meredith.edu and (919) 780-0574 for Vann and Brewer. If your housing plan has changed please contact Residence Life at reslife@meredith.edu.



Don't forget your hand truck! Having something with wheels can make moving big boxes easier and is one way to make your move a smooth process.

What is My Room Assignment?

In the room assignment email, you will find your room assignment and who your roommate is as well as your suitemates' information (if applicable).

Can I see my room before move-in day?

The residence halls are not available to enter as they are being readied for your arrival. The Meredith College Marketing Department created a wonderful 360° tour of the residence halls in February that will show you more details and ideas for your room than we have had before! The tour can be found on the Admissions Virtual Page, or here, [Residence Halls Virtual Tour](#).

Information about Brewer and Vann Residence Halls



Brewer and Vann residence halls will house sophomores, juniors and seniors this year. For those of you who are not familiar with the dimensions of the courtyard buildings, information is listed on the Residence Life website. All three buildings are similar on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors. The 4th floors of each building are different with rooms differing in size with some rooms being singles and the rest are doubles.

See photos and more room information on our updated web site!

<https://www.meredith.edu/residence-life>

As a reminder, all furniture in the room must stay in the room, even if you have a private room.

Loft Kit Rental

If you live on the 1st, 2nd or 3rd floors of Vann, Stringfield or Brewer, you can opt to loft your bed. Information about lofting and prices will be emailed to you at your Meredith email address before the end of July. Photos of lofted beds can be viewed on the Residence Life web site.

Personal Blenders Allowed!

This year, residents are permitted to have a personal blender in their room. A personal blender is an appliance that blends a drink in a cup and not one that has a pitcher to pour out of. Examples of personal blenders are such as these:



Fire Safety on Campus



The presence of candles in the residence halls is a life and safety hazard. Open flames are prohibited in residence halls per the North Carolina State Fire Code; it is not a Meredith specific regulation.

To deter residents from having candles in their rooms, the fine per candle is \$50. Residents will be informed of this during floor meetings and Orientation activities. You can help with fire safety efforts by leaving candles at home.

Open flames are prohibited in residence halls per the North Carolina State Fire Code; it is not a Meredith specific regulation. The Health and Safety fine per candle is \$50. Leave candles at home.

**If you are not returning to Meredith College for any reason, let us know. You can find complete Leave of Absence and Withdrawal information on the Registrar's web site.



If you have any questions about your room assignment or moving on campus, the Office of Residence Life can be contacted at either reslife@meredith.edu or 919-760-8633.

We are working remotely most days of the week. Voicemail messages will be returned as quickly as possible. Emails will be responded to within 48-hours.

Regular summer office hours are:
Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. – noon

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We look forward to seeing you soon!



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