Thank you for tuning in to our family webinar featuring On- and Off-Campus Housing!

The webinar will begin at noon (EST).

A recording of this webinar will be available at masonfamily.gmu.edu.
Housing Selection

- Application was available February 4-8
- Eligibility
  - Current on-campus residents returning as full-time undergraduates
  - Spring 2013 is 6th or fewer semester on-campus
- Groups of 6, 4, 3, & 2 have already selected
- Individuals will select March 21-22
- All students who select must pay their own $300 non-refundable deposit to confirm their space
Housing Guarantee

- Mason has adjusted its housing policy to a two year guarantee to more realistically and effectively serve our students.
- Demand to participate in Housing Selection exceeds the supply of beds available to be selected, even with our rapid expansion.
- Some students were waitlisted for Housing Selection.
- We will continue to prioritize finding housing for these students. We anticipate being able to house everyone from the Housing Selection waitlist for 2013-2014.
Housing Selection - Waitlist

Initially, ~350 students were told they are on the waitlist.

- Groups and individuals with the highest average seniority

~75-100 will be brought back into the Housing Selection process for individual selection.

- Received notification in the past week if they are selecting
- Will receive selection instructions on March 15
- Individual selection is March 21-22. Deposit due March 27.

Remaining waitlist students will submit housing preferences and deposit April 1-5.

- Have priority to receive housing as spaces open up over the summer.
- Many students will decide to live off-campus, others will wait to receive placement. Anticipate completing placement in August.
- No guarantee they will be placed in their preferred room-type/location.
The Waitlist

- Students waitlisted from Housing Selection have priority to receive space.

- May 2nd at 10am – waitlist opens up for other eligible students
  - Must be full time undergraduate for 2013-2014
  - These students will be placed after all remaining Housing Selection students are placed.
  - They are not guaranteed an assignment.
  - Will pay $300 deposit when submit application.

- Incoming transfer students have a separate application and waitlist
Room Change Requests

- Students who selected during Housing Selection who want to change their assignment may submit a request in June.
  - Application Available June 3 – 28
  - Priority deadline June 14

- Changes will be made on a space available basis.

- Person for Person Swaps
  - Students who want to swap with another student may submit paperwork at any time over the summer
  - Must swap officially, even if it is just bedrooms within a suite. We must have accurate records of who is assigned to each room to ensure the safety of all residents.
Housing Website

New website will be launched in March.
Contact Us

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» Follow us on Facebook and Twitter at MasonOHRL
What You Need to Know Before Living Off Campus

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Off-Campus Overview

- Considerations before searching
- Questions when searching
- Walk-thru of off-campus housing locator and roommate finder at och.gmu.edu
- Signing a lease
- So now that I live off campus…
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## Don’t Forget About Utilities

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What is your budget? Before you start searching for off-campus housing, you need to evaluate how much you can afford to spend on housing and related expenses. A great first step is filling out a budget worksheet. Keep in mind which items are fixed costs (must have; you cannot change) and which costs are discretionary (you can change if and how much to spend on these categories).

**INCOME**

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Subtotal: One-Time Income $ ______

Subtotal: Monthly Income $ ______

=Total Income: $ ______

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<td>Gifts (birthdays, etc.)*</td>
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Subtotal: One-Time Expenses $ ______

Subtotal: Monthly Expenses $ ______

=Total Expenses $ ______

TOTAL Income - Expenses (Don’t forget, expenses can’t be more than your income, so cut back on discretionary items as needed to balance your budget.) $ ______
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<td>Cost</td>
<td>Washer/Dryer in Building</td>
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<td>Length of lease available (academic year vs. 12-month)</td>
<td>Kitchen</td>
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<td>Quality of the apartment/house (newness, appliances, etc.)</td>
<td>Dishwasher</td>
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<td>Furniture Provided</td>
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<td>Having my own bathroom</td>
<td>Pool</td>
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<td>Space for ___ People to Live</td>
<td>Fitness Center</td>
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<td>Business Center</td>
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Questions When Searching

- What is the length or term of the lease?
- What utilities are included?
- How much is the security deposit (and what do I have to do to get it back)
- How many parking spaces are included?
- Payment with one check or multiples?
- Is there a maintenance person on call 24/7?
- What is not allowed?
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# Signing a Lease

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<th>Language in Lease</th>
<th>What to Look for Before Signing</th>
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<td>Lease Term</td>
<td>How long you are under contract</td>
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<td>Rent and Charges</td>
<td>Amount and where to pay it</td>
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<td>Liability Insurance</td>
<td>Are you required to purchase</td>
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<tr>
<td>Release of Resident</td>
<td>What are the terms for me to end and the landlord to end as well</td>
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<td>Resident Replacement and Subletting</td>
<td>Is this allowable under the contract</td>
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<tr>
<td>Multiple Residents</td>
<td>Who is responsible for obligations (all or one individual)</td>
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<td>Security Deposit</td>
<td>What are the deductions listed</td>
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What it Means to Sign

- You read it, understand it and agree to it
- If there is any difference between lease and conversation, what is written controls it (Get it in writing!)

Move-in and Move-out

- Many have check-lists of current conditions
- Take pictures of any and all details
- Schedule walk through five days within moving in and three days within moving out
Life of an Off-Campus Student

Off-Campus Students

Groundhog's Day Breakfast
George's Restaurant
Wednesday, February 2, 2011
8:00am - 10:30am

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George's Restaurant
3rd Floor, JC
Open 24 Hours Starting
DEC. 11-16
& MAY 6-11

Come join us for an Off-Campus
Study Lounge with free coffee,
snacks, and giveaways.

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Check out off-camp.gmu.edu/ for more information.

HIGH 5 FOR OFF-CAMPUS STUDENTS

SPPRING 2013

JANUARY 25
FEBRUARY 5
FEBRUARY 15
FEBRUARY 25
MARCH 5
MARCH 25
APRIL 5
APRIL 15
APRIL 25
Still Looking Around?

Off-Campus Housing Tour
Friday, April 5
1:00pm – 4:00pm

Visit on-site with five different apartment communities!

http://studentvoice.com/gmu/offcampushousingtouurregistration
Furniture Solutions for Off Campus Living

George Mason University
Off-Campus Student Programs and Services
What if CORT could save you 44 hours of hassle and aggravation associated with moving and over $5,000?
The plans to get furniture....
The cost comparison for purchase vs rental

**Purchase**
- 7 piece bedroom set $703
- 5 piece living room set $708
- 5 piece dinette set $129

**Total cost of furniture:** $1,539

**Rental**
- Monthly Furniture Rental $99
- Damage Waiver 12% - $12
- Total Monthly Charges - $111

**Annualized Rental and Waiver - $1,331**
The cost comparison for purchase vs rental

**Purchase Delivery Costs**
- 1 day local truck rental - $230
- 1 night hotel stay - $129
- Gas at 15 mpg $4.00/gallon - $27
- Tolls - $10
- Refreshments and pizza to keep moving team moving - $45
- Total move in: $441
- Total move out: $441
- Total Cost $2,422

**Rental Delivery Costs**
- $195 – delivery and pick up fee
- Total cost of delivery & Furniture: $1,526
The cost comparison for purchase vs rental

**Time Spent - Purchase**
- Time Shopping – 12 hours
- Assembly time – 22 hours
- Day off taken to handle the move – 8 hours
- Drive Time to and From rental truck firm – 2 hours
- Total Hassle as measured by hours of aggravation required: **44**

- Value of your time? - $100/hour
- Total cost of time: $4,400

- Total Furniture Purchase plus Hassle Costs: **$8,362**

**Time Spent - Rental**
- 1 hour

- Value of your time $100/hour
- Total cost of time $100

- Total cost of delivery & Furniture: **$1,626**

- **TOTAL SAVINGS: $6,736**
In Conclusion

CORT can offer you savings of both money and time

A safe and reliable way to receive quality furniture for your students school year

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Thank you for tuning in today!

Our next webinar is scheduled for April 2 at noon (EST) and Career Services and Alumni Affairs will be discussing how you can help build your student’s career success at Mason...and beyond!

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