

What's So Special About Special Interest Housing?

Living in a residential community makes it possible for students who share similar interests and lifestyles to live together. This year we are offering three special interest housing programs. Please read the following descriptions carefully. If you are interested in joining one of these special communities, please let us know on your *Housing Assignment Preference Form*.

Healthy Lifestyles

The Healthy Lifestyles floor is comprised of a group of students who want to live in a residential community with other students who embrace the concept of "wellness" (maintaining a balance between the physical, emotional and spiritual aspects of life). On the Healthy Lifestyles floor, residents agree to create and maintain an environment that is substance-free (no smoking, drinking, drugs or any related influences) and conducive to academic pursuits. The R.A. and members of the campus Wellness Committee work closely with the residents of this floor to plan weekly social activities; establish living agreements which encourage respect for all floor members; and engage in pursuits which help residents to learn more about themselves and others.

Volunteers in Action (V.I.A.)

This floor is ideal for students who already enjoy volunteer and community service activities, as well as, those students who are interested in these types of activities but have not yet had the opportunity to get involved. The Center for Service & Citizenship works closely with the Resident Advisor of the V.I.A. floor to support the residents' service ideas and projects. Participating in this program allows students to contribute their talents to a variety of worthwhile causes while developing skills and experiences which greatly enhance class work and contribute to building a strong floor community.

Quiet Floor

The Quiet Floor consists of students who value a living environment that is conducive to academic pursuits. Students living on this floor mutually agree to refrain from creating disturbances at any time of day that might interfere with the ability to study and/or sleep in their rooms. Students choosing to live in this environment also share an interest in creating and participating in a community of scholars that transcend any particular course of study. Toward that end, students may work with their Resident Advisor to develop educational programs and relationships with faculty that transcend the walls of the classroom.