

ABOUT HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS – FALL 2019

Each year students receive news of their housing assignments with a myriad of feelings ranging from joy and excitement to disappointment, anger and anxiety. The information in this posting may be of assistance in this matter. Please take the following into consideration:

- Housing assignments are processed and emailed out in several batches. The first set of new student housing assignments are the first week in July. Students who did not receive their assignment at that time may not have fully completed their housing application by the June 15 deadline. Additional batches of assignments will be sent out in the coming weeks to students who completed the application after the deadline. Please contact Residence Life if you have questions on your application status.
- Receiving a housing assignment often brings with it a range of emotional responses. If a student experiences an emotional response, they are not alone! Receiving a housing assignment is a tangible sign that the transition to college is about to begin. Often students report feeling a level of discomfort. This discomfort typically fades fairly quickly once students settle into their rooms and classes begin.
- It is common for students to worry “what if things don’t work out with my roommate(s)?” It is important to have an open mind and honestly communicate with a new roommate about expectations in the living environment. Area/Residence Directors and Resident Assistants are available to consult with students about how to have these conversations and/or navigating conflict with roommates. If all else fails students, there is an open room change process which will begin in mid-September. This process is open to residents interested in living in another room and/or hall. Students interested in applying for a room change should see their Area/Residence Director (professional staff member in the residence hall) for a Room Change Request form.
- All residence halls, except North Hall (an upperclassman residence hall), house populations of new students in varying proportions. There is no “freshman” hall. Communities of both new and returning students are housed in all other halls.
- Students uneasy or disappointed about their assignment are strongly encouraged to remain open minded and embrace the opportunity to meet new people and engage in their hall community. Honest and assertive communication usually helps get roommate relationships off to a promising start. A phone conversation is often more productive than texting or emails. Taking a positive attitude into the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead will facilitate the transition to college.
- A positive roommate and residence hall experience is the product of lots of hard work at developing relationships, communicating, resolving conflicts, taking personal responsibility, and living cooperatively with others. It has been proven time and again that it has little to do with the actual room or hall assigned.
- Students who are feeling stressed or anxious about their assignment may find it helpful to discuss their concerns with a staff member. The following resources are available to all students:
 - **Resident Assistant** – available on every floor
 - **Area Director/Residence Director** - residencelife@framingham.edu, office in each hall
 - **Office of Residence Life** – residencelife@framingham.edu, 508-626-4636
 - **Counseling Center Staff** – 508-626-4640
- Finally, it may help to know that returning students have increasingly more options to choose halls, specific available rooms, and roommates for the next academic year through the seniority based returning student room selection process.