(2014) Residence Life Survey Qualitative Comments

Information has been separated into “relatable” categories

What else have you learned about yourself while living in the residence halls?

Cleanliness
- Learned how to be a neat person
- I am a cleaner person than I thought
- I do not enjoy community bathrooms, but who does?
- I work better in a cleaner environment
- I don’t like dirty public bathrooms
- I like to keep my side of the room clean

Living/interacting with others
- That I don’t like being alone
- I like community and company
- Its hard living with a million girls
- be kind
- that I enjoy interacting with others from different countries and customs
- I am selectively social
- I study well with others
- that I am very unsocial
- being able to open up to people more
- living with someone and adapting to their habits
- I have learned to live with other people well. Learned to be more open to people and learned a lot about how other people live and how to accept embrace and live with differences.
- be respectful to others
- how to deal with different personalities
- how to live with people different from me
- how to better cooperate with others

Noise concerns
- I like things quiet
- I hate noise
- I need to study in quiet
- I like the quiet halls and floors better. Avoiding lounges and lab areas. It creates noise and drama.

New realizations about self
- Learned how to handle voicing concerns
- That I am a hard worker
- I don’t like stress
- I’m awesome
- what’s appropriate and not appropriate
- learned about time management
- taking care of myself without parents
- that I can live on my own
- I am introverted
- that if you don’t want to be involved in anything, you won’t gain experience and knowledge on things such as diversity
- I am more sociable than I thought
- that people naturally feel safe with me
- not to care about petty stuff
- I wake up early
- when you listen and don’t talk you learn more about your surroundings
- that I really hate stairs
- I can be independent and manage my time wisely
- I’m very open
- I have learned I can relate to people of many different ages and backgrounds
- need to improve on studying
- I learned that I have a lot more self-control than I thought I did

What one thing is Residence Life doing well?

Demeanor, Friendliness, and helpfulness
- accommodating and helping students (student focus)
- such a nice attitude
- having a positive environment
- friendly RA’s
- being friendly and outgoing
- being friendly to everyone
- being nice
- helping out as much as possible

getting to know residents/ maintaining community
- keeping everyone happy
- keeping in touch
- making sure you are comfortable in the dorms
- getting to know everyone in the halls
- involve a sense a community among students
- Controlling the noise and commotion that goes on
- meeting students’ needs
- maintaining a livable community
- They address issues well and accordingly
- Creating a community that gets along well. It is a wonderful place to live and there aren’t many problems.
- getting people together
- the student gatherings
- by keeping and sticking to the rules
- keeping quiet hours quiet

Programs, activities, and events
- They have a lot of activities
- Activities
- letting us know when certain events will occur
- **programs**
- fun activities to do
- fun programs
- **providing activities**
- **events**
- great effort at their events
- making activities available so that our minds aren’t always on school
- Letting us know the 411 on campus events and meetings
- RES life events
- I like the craft events
- food love the food
- provides creative activities, games, and movies, etc.
- activities are interesting and the ones I have attended have been fun
- keeping us involved with the school

**What one thing would improve your residence life experience?**

**Cleanliness**
- **personal hygiene of residents**
- people cleaning up after themselves
- cleaner
- mopping the bathroom floors at least once a week
- bathroom that doesn’t flood when I shower

**BOYS**
- more boys
- allow males to be at the dorms at any time

**Quiet, Noise, Rules**
- maintaining peace, but keeping distance from residents business
- not as much yelling and screaming at late hours
- be quiet after 11pm in the lobby
- more quiet at night

**Programs, activities, weekends**
- how programs are maintained
- more community to stay on weekends
- keeping me on campus
- I would like it if there were even more events
- more things to do
- better weekend events
- more activities

**Miscellaneous**
- Have more times for the shuttle to run, earlier, and on weekdays. Limited RTA availability.
- nothing
- Softer beds
- **Air Conditioning**
- a new room
- treat us more like adults
- more options/ types of meal plans to choose from
- better dorms, everything that works, showers, windows, washing machine, better wifi
- cheaper prices
- experience has been great so far, but if anything changes I would feel comfortable sharing my thoughts
- not sure, maybe more music nights

**If you are not returning to the residence halls, please share your reasons why:**
- Not enough Community
- Getting an apartment with friends, more than one person
- Financial, too expensive

**General Housekeeping Comments and Concerns**

**Positive**
- The housekeepers do a great job
- The staff is super nice all the time
- Cleans well
- Very nice woman
- Love Amber
- Our cleaning lady is bomb
- Housekeeping in murphy is great - thank you
- She does a great job and also is very friendly

**Negative**
- She talks a lot
- Weekends are bare and need attention. Trash overflow and no toilet paper
- She talks too much and bathrooms are still dirty
- Talks to students instead of doing her job and cleaning
- 2nd floor bathroom in grace were disgusting. It often smelled of fish and was very hot. Often I went to another floor to use the bathroom.
- Hair in the drain has been a concern

**What program that you attended did you enjoy the most?**
- Cookies with Keith
- **The movie nights**
- Hot coco and treats in starlight
- Tilted crown
- **The art programs**
- Creative ones
- **Smoothies (tied for most mentioned)**
- Starbucks coffee
- Make a mug (tied for most mentioned)
- Thanksgiving program
- Enjoyed the ty-dying event
- 70's event
- Magician stone
- All of them
- DIY creations
- Welcome week was the coolest
- Women’s circle
- Mock tails
- The scarf making program
- Rhianna’s hunger games themed program. Very well thought out!
- The Halloween walk
- I enjoyed the trip to whole foods
- The inscape readings
- Legacy Village event in august
- Extravaganza

**What was your least favorite program?**

- The mugs got a little old
- Halloween haunted walk
- Crochet and coffee
- Martin Luther king day was very disorganized
- The fall movie thing
- Painting the pottery

**WHY**

Repetitive (Mugs)
Someone almost broke their ankle and someone shattered phone (Halloween walk)
Wasn’t well organized (Martin Luther King)
It wasn’t well organized and was a movie on TV (movie night)
I was unable to paint once they ran out (Mugs)

**What type of programming or topic area would motivate you to actually attend a program?**

- Crafts and programs using creativity (Most mentioned)
- A dance party like a headphone party
- Health/Beauty, Self-perception
- Something involving cooking
- Food
- Gift Cards and prizes
- Getting Help with studies/tutoring
- Games and contests
- Getting to take things home, personalized items
- Sports
- Movies
- Planting
- Music
- Poetry