2016-17 FRESHMAN HOUSING APPLICANTS: ALL ABOUT ROOMMATES... WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

You have three choices when it comes to roommates:
1. You can request to live with a person you already know
2. You can search for a roommate in one of our roommate pairing systems, or
3. You can ask to be randomly matched based on your responses to general lifestyle questions.

There is no right or wrong choice. Some students prefer to know their roommates prior to moving in, while others like the idea of meeting and rooming with a new person as part of the college experience. The choice is yours.

There are TWO ways to search for roommates:
Choice #1: You can search within the Housing Application from the group of other freshman who have completed a 2016-17 Housing Application. Instructions on how to do this are in the Housing Application. In short, you will search for a roommate and have the opportunity to contact potential matches to get to know them better. If both students agree, you can accept each other's roommate request and you will be entered as “confirmed roommates” in the Housing Application.

Choice #2: You can utilize a Facebook app called RoomSync. A link to RoomSync and instructions on how to use it can be found in the Housing Application. If you find a roommate in RoomSync, you will need to exit that app and add the roommate information into the Housing Application in order to become “confirmed roommates.”

General Roommate Info:
1. All room assignments are made based on the date of completed application.
2. Each freshman student can choose ONE roommate. The only exception is for those students who would like to live in a triple room in either Rhoads Hall or Johnson Hall. Students interested in these triples should email VCU Housing at vcuhousing@vcu.edu with their request. Each student must send a separate email identifying the two other student’s name and V number. As space permits, we will honor these requests.
3. You do NOT have to choose a roommate. If you prefer, you can skip all of the roommate info in the portal and the system will match you with another incoming student.
4. When communicating with potential roommates, be sure to use your individual VCU email account, not the general housing email account.
5. We will honor all roommate requests as long as space permits. As rooms become filled, it may be necessary to split roommate matches. In these cases we will do our best to honor building choices to the extent space is available.

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