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Congratulations on your success! As a returning student, you are planning what comes next: what classes to take, which professors are best, and how to make the most out of your future.

On-campus living creates an environment to help you succeed. Not only are you steps away from all your academic resources, but living among your classmates makes it easier to have study groups or simply share resources.

However, the college experience is much more than just grades. It is a time for self-discovery and self-expression. Each student is unique with different needs and preferences. That’s why VCU offers a variety of on-campus housing options. Regardless of your selection, we have you covered.

On-campus housing is more than just a place to sleep: it is an integral part of the VCU experience. By offering communities designed to compliment and encourage a wide variety of lifestyles, Residential Life and Housing can assist you in positioning yourself for future success.

"Living on campus has been a great experience. Not only am I steps away from classes, but it has given me multiple opportunities to meet a diverse group of people." –Isaiah Harvin
## AMENITIES

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GENERAL UPPERCLASSMEN APARTMENT OPTIONS

Grace & Broad Residence Center Apartments
• four-bedroom (single) units with two baths

Broad & Belvidere Apartments
• two-bedroom (single) units with one bath
• three-bedroom (single) units with two baths
• four-bedroom (single) units with two baths

Ackell Residence Center Apartments
• two-bedroom (single) units with one bath

Contracts run from 8/1 – 7/15.

UPPERCLASSMEN LIVING-LEARNING PROGRAM OPTIONS*

Grace & Broad Residence Center Apartments (VCU LEAD and VCU INNOVATE)
• four-bedroom (single) units with two baths

West Grace South Apartments (VCU ASPIRE)
• two-bedroom (double) units with two baths
• four-bedroom (single) units with two baths

West Grace North Apartments (VCU Globe)
• two-bedroom (single) units with one bath
• two-bedroom (double) units with two baths
• four-bedroom (single) units with two baths

Contracts run from 8/1 – 7/15.

*See pg.6 for Living-Learning Program details.
### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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<td><strong>HOUSING APPLICATIONS</strong>&lt;br&gt;Signing up by noon on 2/10/17 enables you to participate in the room selection process.</td>
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<td>2/14-2/15</td>
<td><strong>SAME-ROOM SIGN-UP</strong>&lt;br&gt;Only pre-selected students living in Broad &amp; Belvidere, Ackell Residence Center, Grace &amp; Broad, and participants in ASPIRE, Globe, LEAD and Innovate are eligible for same-room sign-up. An email was sent in early January, letting students know if they are eligible for same-room sign-up.</td>
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<td><strong>ROOMMATE PULL-IN</strong>&lt;br&gt;Anyone who has chosen a room through same-room sign-up can pull students into their apartment or room, up to the number that would fill all vacant beds. Only students who have completed a housing application by the priority deadline (2/10/17) can be pulled in. We strongly encourage all students to make every effort to fill their entire unit through the roommate pull-in process. Students who do not fill an entire unit may be moved to consolidate space.</td>
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<td><strong>RETURNING ASPIRE SIGN-UP</strong>&lt;br&gt;The Returning ASPIRE Sign-up is for current ASPIRE students who are returning next year to the program. Eligible students will receive an email with sign-up instructions. For more information, please see the program coordinator.</td>
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<td><strong>RETURNING LEAD &amp; INNOVATE SIGN-UP</strong>&lt;br&gt;The Returning LEAD Sign-up is for current LEAD &amp; Innovate students who are returning next year to the program. Eligible students will receive an email with sign-up instructions. For more information, please see the program coordinator.</td>
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### ALL PROCESSES START AND END AT NOON
HOW LOTTERY WORKS

Students that completed an application by the deadline and did not participate in same-room sign-up or roommate pull-in will have the opportunity to participate in the housing lottery.

LOTTERY IS DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS: RISING SOPHOMORES AND RISING JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Both groups will receive a lottery number via email on March 13. That number will tell you in what order you will be able to select your room. Rising sophomores will have times on March 15–16. Rising juniors and seniors will have times on March 17.

Numbers correspond to a specific time period when you can log into the VCU housing portal to select your room from our available inventory. If you are part of a roommate group, your group will select based on the best lottery number of those in that group. Anyone in the group can log-in at the corresponding time and choose for the group.

When you log into the system, steps will be provided to pick your room. If you are part of a roommate group, upon selecting a room, you will assign each member of your roommate group a space in the unit.
INNOVATE

For most students, finding a job after college is the main goal. However, for some, creating the job or the product that they dreamed of is the main objective. The mission of the da Vinci Center’s Innovate program is to provide students with the knowledge and the amenities they need to become future entrepreneurs and leaders in their communities.

Housed in the Grace & Broad Residence Center, students live and learn together, fostering a culture of collaboration and team work. During the two-year program, students are equipped with a human-centered design foundation that is essential for future entrepreneurs. Also students of Innovate will have many opportunities to participate in trips, workshops, meet with regional as well as national investors and work on real client projects. These along with an amazing faculty/staff make Innovate a great stepping stone to an entrepreneurial future.

Visit davincicenter.vcu.edu/programs/vcuinnovatellp/ to apply.
VCU LEAD is a leadership-focused living-learning program for undergraduate students of sophomore status or above. Its vision is to cultivate world-class innovative leaders who transform lives and impact communities. As Julie, a current LEAD student describes, “LEAD is where you find, distinguish, and apply your leadership voice and helps connect your experiences to your overall life goals and aspirations!”

Open to students from any major or background, LEAD participants integrate their learning through a dynamic 10-credit leadership curriculum combined with participating in leadership pathways that compliment their major and interests. Pathway experiences can include service, internships, study abroad, undergraduate research, entrepreneurship and peer leadership opportunities. In addition, LEAD students get unique opportunities to network with local leaders and connect through lectures, plunges/trips, and social events. The program is designed students to get involved and impact not only others and themselves, but also build relationships that can offer them even more.

Visit students.vcu.edu/vculead to apply.
It’s no secret that employers and graduate programs from all areas want candidates who know how to work successfully with people from all over the world. The most successful candidates are those who know how to engage with the world as it is; an increasingly complex place that is swiftly becoming more interconnected. That is where VCU’s Globe comes into play. VCU Globe is a global education living-learning community that opens the windows to the complexity of globalization and fosters intercultural learning through sustained and structured interactions between program participants, international students, and community members in Richmond. Located in West Grace North Residence Hall, this unique program gives students opportunities to interact with people from around the world, participate in special celebrations, work together in teams, and be instrumental in bringing international diversity to VCU and Richmond as a whole. Globe is also designated as a Peace Corps Prep Program, meaning students who complete all program requirements plus a foreign language through the 200-level also receive a certificate of completion from the Peace Corps. Even with all this fun in mind, the real aim of VCU Globe is to give students majoring in any discipline the chance to be part of something special that will be invaluable on their resumes.

Deadline to apply is January 12, 2017. Visit global.vcu.edu/vcuglobe to apply.
VCU ASpiRE is a living-learning program where students learn outside the classroom through impactful service. ASpiRE members connect with local community organizations like Peter Paul Development Center, Hands Up Ministries, and Richmond Public Schools to positively change communities in mutually-beneficial partnerships. Many students feel their experience with VCU ASpiRE was both inspiring and practical. It allowed them to find their own strengths and career aspirations while being able to balance their school load.

This is accomplished through the opt-in service model. This model allows students to easily meet the required service hours without having to worry about logistics. Service opportunities range from impact areas of community-building, health/wellness, environmental sustainability, accessible/affordable housing, and education/workforce development.

Students who successfully complete the program’s academic (9 credits) and co-curricular (100 hours) requirements receive a professional co-curricular transcript to share with employers and graduate schools that details all of the service activities.

Visit aspire.vcu.edu/apply to apply.
WHY SHOULD I CONTINUE TO LIVE ON CAMPUS?
On-campus living provides great opportunities for upperclassmen. Students have the convenience of apartment style living with the same social and academic advantages of hall life. Each upper-class hall has 24-hour security, around the clock maintenance, group lounges for study, and a team of hall staff dedicated to providing a positive experience.

HOW DO I APPLY TO LIVE ON CAMPUS?
Returning students must complete a 2017–18 Housing Application between 1/20/17 – 2/10/17. Our application can be found by visiting housing.vcu.edu, and clicking on Housing Application. The deadline for returning students to be eligible for on-campus housing is noon on 2/10/17.
WHEN DO I HAVE TO SIGN MY HOUSING CONTRACT?
When you apply for housing online, you will sign your contract at the end of the application process, which means you will sign your contract prior to picking a room. Instead of signing a contract for a specific room, you will sign a general contract when you apply.

AM I REQUIRED TO HAVE A MEAL PLAN?
Meal plans are not required for students living in upperclassmen halls.

WHAT IS THE COST OF ON-CAMPUS HOUSING?
The proposed rates will be posted to our website in late January-early February. All rates become final after approval of the Board of Visitors, which usually occurs in the spring. The cost of on-campus housing is equal to, or lower than, most surrounding locations that offer similar quality amenities.

DO I HAVE TO MAKE A $250 DEPOSIT/PREPAYMENT?
No, prepayments or deposits are not required for returning students.

WILL I BE ABLE TO CHOOSE THE ROOM I WANT?
Priority for selecting your room is based upon
• Whether you wish to stay in your current room if available
• You are member of a roommate group and are pulled in by another student
• The lottery number you receive

CAN I CHOOSE A ROOMMATE?
Students going through the same-room process will select roommates during the roommate pull-in process. Students are encouraged to create a roommate group in order to select multiple roommates at one time.

CAN I CHANGE MY ROOM ASSIGNMENT AFTER I CHOOSE A SPACE?
No. Once you select a room, you will not be able to log back in and change your assignment. Room changes will be allowed after the first three weeks of classes during the fall semester. Once you choose a room, you are committing to living on campus for the duration of your particular contract.

CAN I CHOOSE AN ON-CAMPUS SPACE AND THEN CANCEL IT?
You should not think of on-campus housing as a backup. Once you choose a space you will be unable to cancel it. If you select a space or are pulled into a space from a Roommate Group, your space has been reserved and you are locked into a contract. Please refer to the housing contract for more details.

CAN I LIVE ON CAMPUS FOR JUST THE FALL?
Very few specific situations exist where students may be released from their contracts. For information, please refer to housing.vcu.edu for the 2017-18 housing contract.
WHAT IF I DON'T FILL OUT A HOUSING APPLICATION BY NOON ON 2/10/17?
Current students who fail to complete a housing application by noon on 2/10/17 will lose their priority status and will be unable to pick a room until after lottery.

WHAT IF I WANT TO LIVE WITH A STUDENT OF A DIFFERENT GENDER?
Students have the opportunity to choose to live in Open Housing with students of a different gender. To do so, a student must fill out an Open Housing application by February 1 and a housing application by February 10. All members of a group seeking this option must complete both a housing and Open Housing application. Visit our website for more details.

WHAT IF I AM GRADUATING?
Students graduating in fall 2017 will need to vacate their rooms by 12/20/17. Students in 12-month halls graduating in spring do not need to vacate after graduation; their contract will continue until 7/15/17.

I AM A STUDENT IN THE ASPIRE, GLOBE, LEAD, INNOVATE OR PROGRAM. HOW DO I SIGN-UP FOR A ROOM?
Students participating in any of these programs have specifically defined room selection processes and dates that differ from the general process. Below are the sign-up dates for each Living-Learning Program.
• 2/21/17-2/22/17: ASPIRE
• 2/23/17-2/24/17: Globe
• 2/28/17-3/1/17: LEAD & Innovate
For more information about Living-Learning Programs housing selection process, see the program coordinator.

CAN I STAY ON CAMPUS OVER BREAK?
Upperclassmen students living in 12-month buildings will be able to stay over Thanksgiving, winter and spring breaks.

AM I REQUIRED TO PULL-IN A ROOMMATE?
No, but we encourage students to pull-in a roommate/s in order to fill their chosen room or unit. Information on how to pull-in roommates will be provided in step-by-step instructions at each phase of the selection process. For example, if you choose to live in a four-bedroom apartment, you will be able to pull-in three roommates in order to completely fill the unit, if space is available.

Individuals not completely filling their room after each room selection period will be subject to consolidation by Residential Life and Housing.

APARTMENT SHOWCASE TOUR TIMES
1/31/17 5:00-7:00 PM
Take a tour of West Grace North, West Grace South, Broad & Belvidere, Ackell Residence Center and Grace & Broad Residence Center.
IMPORTANT DATES

1/20: Applications open
1/31: Apartment Showcase
2/10: Applications close
2/14-2/15: Same-room Sign-up
2/17-2/20: Roommate Pull-in
2/21-2/22: Returning ASPIRE Sign-up
2/22-2/23: Incoming ASPIRE Sign-up
2/23-2/24: Returning Globe Sign-up
2/24-2/25: Incoming Globe Sign-up
2/28-3/1: Returning LEAD & Innovate Sign-up
3/1-3/2: Incoming LEAD & Innovate Sign-up
3/13: Lottery numbers notification
3/15-3/16: Rising Sophomore Lottery
3/17: Rising Junior/Senior Lottery

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