

Hello Eagle Families. This month, we wanted to share the following updates from our student services team that may be of interest to you and your student.

Seasonal Switchover: Cooling & Heating Systems in the Residence Halls

As we get deeper into the fall season and the weather patterns begin to change, we would like to provide some notes concerning the cooling to heating switch over process for our residence halls on campus.

- The residence hall air handling system is centralized for each building; therefore, the entire hall must be switched over from cooling to heating at one time.
- All campus buildings are switched over following the same timeline.
- Facilities Management monitors the local weather forecasts (factoring in highs & lows, humidity, and precipitation levels), watching for the fall weather patterns to stabilize.
- During this period, students should utilize windows, electric fans, blankets, or adjust clothing choices as appropriate. Please remember that air-conditioning units and space heaters (gas, kerosene, or electric) are not permitted, as these pose a fire hazard and may overload circuits.

As the decision to change over the system is made, Housing & Residence Life will communicate with our students about the process.

End of Fall Hall Closing Reminders and Winter Break Housing

All residential facilities except the Berkshire Apartments and Nebraska Hall will close for Winter Break from Sunday, December 17* at 12 pm through Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 3 pm. Students who will need housing during that period will be able to apply for accommodations that are assessed at a nightly rate and charged to their student account. Additional information about Winter Break housing will be released in November.

Students returning for spring housing will not need to completely move out of their space over the break, but will not have access to their rooms during the winter break.

*December 18 at 12 pm for students participating in graduation ceremonies.

Priority Registration for the Spring 2018 Semester

Students will begin registration for the spring 2018 semester later this month. All currently enrolled students received an email notification from the Office of University Registrar the first week of October. Academic Advisors may have also provided additional information to students. For more information about registration, please review the following registration page:

<http://www.american.edu/provost/registrar/studentervices/registration.cfm>

Conditions of Financial Aid

As students consider their registration for the upcoming semester, it is important for them to review the terms of their financial aid awards. Students may review their award letter on their student portal and should familiarize themselves with the number of credits and the grade point average that will be

evaluated at the end of the spring semester in order to award their financial aid for the subsequent year. For additional information, please review:

<http://www.american.edu/financialaid/satisfactory-academic-progress.cfm>

Thanksgiving Break –

As noted in the University Academic Calendar, on November 21, Tuesday classes will be cancelled and Friday classes will meet. The Thanksgiving Holiday for students is November 22-26, 2017. University offices closed will be closed November 23 and 24, 2017.

Fall Commencement

Fall Commencement will be held on Sunday, December 17, at 10 a.m. in Bender Arena. Students who receive degrees in August 2017 and eligible degree candidates for December 2017 are invited to participate. For additional information about the ceremony and other scheduled events leading up to commencement, please review:

<http://www.american.edu/commencement/fall/index.cfm>