

## Parent Newsletter, Western Housing

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A Western Residence Update – November 2017

Dear Parent,

Welcome to the Parents' Newsletter from Western Residence!

By now, your student has had a good opportunity to fully experience all that Western Residence has to offer. We hope that the experience has been positive and enriching, and that your student will consider residence for the 2018-19 academic year.

### Exclusive Residence Offer for Students with High Academic Achievement

Western values and recognizes students with [high academic achievement](#). If your student is currently in first year, and came directly out of high school with a 90% or higher final admission average, they will receive an *exclusive* residence offer for the next academic year (2018-19). Your student will have the opportunity to *pick a residence building, live with their friends* and even *choose their specific suite*.

Information for submitting building choices and sending the prepayment has been sent to your student. As long as your student submits their building preferences by Friday, **November 17, 2017**, they will be **GUARANTEED their top building choice**, on a first-come first-served basis. In addition, your student will enjoy **free RezNet** service for one year (valued at \$395) and will receive an additional **\$200 food credit** on their meal plan.

### On-Campus Living After First Year

Did you know that all of our residences accommodate a number of upper-year students? Your student can opt to live in any one of our nine residences. [Alumni House](#) and [London Hall](#) are two residences designed for upper-year students, offering an optional meal plan, suite-style accommodations, and a convenient location for easy access to the city.

Upper-year students often take on volunteer positions, part-time jobs, or internships with institutions based in the city, and London Hall's location at the corner of Western and Sarnia Road makes the commute much easier. *Alumni House*, another suite-style residence, is located conveniently at the Richmond Street entrance. Alumni House also offers a recently renovated workout room and study lounge. Shops and restaurants of Richmond Row are a short bus ride away.

Application for upper-year residence for all returning students will open **November 13** on the [myHousing Portal](#). Students will be able to choose their preferred building, their suitemate(s) and their specific room, on a first-come first-served basis. If the application is submitted before December 22, students will receive \$200 food credit on their meal plan for 2018-19.

### Student Leader Positions in Residence

Residence is not only a place for sleeping, eating, and studying; it also offers various [student leadership opportunities](#) that can enrich your student's learning experience. Each year, we hire students for leadership positions such as *Residence Dons*, *Residence Advisors*, *Rez Sophs (Orientation Leaders)*, *RezNet Support Team*, and *Residence Tour Guides*. Help your student to get familiar with these opportunities and remind them to watch out for the recruitment announcements coming up this month.

Here's just one sneak peek: *Residence Orientation Leaders*, also known as *Rez Sophs*. This position provides upper-year students with a rewarding experience for their personal development, while supporting incoming first-year students with their transition to university. *Rez Sophs* provide mentorship through friendship and social interaction, such as floor socials and campus activities. By becoming a *Rez Soph*, your student will receive exceptional training, and join a supportive RezLife community with endless opportunities to meet new people at Western. *Rez Sophs* will be given priority for part-time employment opportunities in the Western Housing Department. The skills developed through the *Rez Soph* experience will also be reflected on your student's Co-Curricular Record at Western.

## Various Supports in Residence

First term is halfway through, and final exams are approaching. To help your student best handle the pressure of studying for exams and adjusting to campus life, you may want to recommend to your student to take advantage of the [various resources](#) available in residence and on campus.

During this time of the year, *Academic & Leadership Programmers (ALPs)* in each residence will organize 'Prof Meet & Greet' events, and 'Exam Prep Group' opportunities. On campus, the *Student Development Centre* will also hold workshops on developing study skills, writing multiple-choice exams, managing time, and more.

Our *Residence Counsellors* are also available for free, confidential counselling to talk about topics ranging from managing stress to general health and wellness. Encourage your student to email [needtotalk@uwo.ca](mailto:needtotalk@uwo.ca) to book an appointment.

Stay informed with all that is happening in residence by following us on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#). Alternatively, you can always call 519-661-3547 or email us at [housing@uwo.ca](mailto:housing@uwo.ca).

We would love to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

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