

William Paterson University

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## Residential Community Civility Statement



"We help to prepare our students to actively participate in effecting change in their own lives, their communities, and to function competently in a multicultural, global society."

To view the full document, please go to [www.wpunj.edu/reslife](http://www.wpunj.edu/reslife)

William Paterson University Office of Residence Life. We ask our residents to:

- promote a positive community
- be open to growth and development
- contribute to the community's overall success



## Welcome To Campus Living

The Office of Residence Life looks to provide an atmosphere that enhances the academic success and personal growth of our students. We provide opportunities for students to develop through participation in programs, and assuming responsibility for themselves and their living environment. We work to foster a community that values diversity and promotes mutual respect. It is our intention to provide co-curricular experiences that are essential to the development of our current and future students.

To ensure that the mission of the Office of Residence Life is achieved, our philosophy is:

- To provide students with information to help them become successful problem solvers and make responsible decisions. Information is provided through various forms of communication, including web-based and other social media outlets.
- To offer programs that challenge students to identify important problems, questions, and issues related to the areas of development, such as citizenship, diversity, health and wellness, and personal discovery.
- To encourage students to explore their personal values, beliefs, and ethics to help increase their self-awareness and identity development.
- To afford opportunities for students to develop leadership skills through which they learn to work collaboratively and develop meaningful relationships.
- To actively prepare our students to participate in effecting change in their own lives and their communities and to function competently in a multi-cultural global society.
- To provide programs and learning experiences through extracurricular and co-curricular activities to help students become well rounded, engaged, successful students.

## Living in Community

Whether you live in one of our traditional residence halls or an apartment, you are part of our residential community. Living on campus is your chance to be part of an environment rich in diversity with ample opportunities for engaging with other students.

It is our hope that all members of our community approach living on campus with the knowledge that getting connected with other students and resources on campus is the foundation of a positive residential experience.

At William Paterson University, we believe that there are six key concepts that are critical to the on-campus living experience.



Gathering near High Mountain residence halls.

**CONNECT** - It is our hope that all residents will connect with their neighbors and offer a warm welcome to each other

**ENGAGE** - Going beyond the surface level and interacting with others, as well as campus resources is an essential part of a successful experience.

**COMMUNICATE** - What we say and how we say it are two critical components to community living.

**RESPECT** - All members of our community deserve a safe and comfortable space to call home.

**CONTRIBUTE** - The strength of our community depends largely on the members willingness to invest in it.

**CARE** - A good reflection of a strong community is one in which everyone looks out for each other.

Contact us: [athome@wpunj.edu](mailto:athome@wpunj.edu) or call 973-720-2714

## Stay Connected

Looking to send a note or package to your student...

Mail should be sent to the below addresses for each hall. Please be sure you have the correct building name for your student.

All mail items should be addressed as below:

### Student Name

**WPUNJ**

**P.O. Box (listed below)**

**Wayne, NJ (zip from below)**

### Century Hall

P.O. Box 923

Wayne, NJ 07474-0923

### High Mountain East or West

P.O. Box 939

Wayne, NJ 07474-0939

### Hillside Hall

P.O. Box 921

Wayne, NJ 07474-0921

### Matelson Hall

P.O. Box 922

Wayne, NJ 07474-0922

### Overlook North or South

P.O. Box 944

Wayne, NJ 07474-0944

### Pioneer or Heritage Apts

P.O. Box 888

Wayne, NJ 07474-0888

### White Hall

P.O. Box 940

Wayne, NJ 07474-0940



## University Connections

The University Connections program was developed by the Office of Residence Life to further assist residential students in successfully transitioning to living on campus. This program aims to support students both academically and socially by providing services and events in a variety of areas.

### PALS

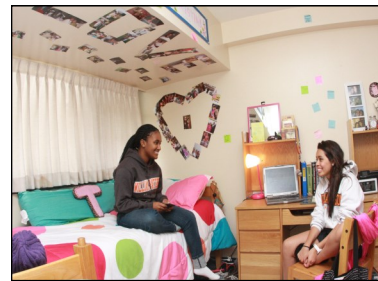
PALs are ambassadors who are charged with carrying out the mission of the University Connections program. PALs work in the residence halls to promote academic success and engagement with campus life. PALs help our resident students to establish a sense of belonging on campus and to make William Paterson feel like their home. They work to create a fun and vibrant environment which encourages academic success, leadership, and civility.

### Seven Weeks to Success

Seven Weeks to Success was an initiative designed to help first-year students successfully make the transition from high school to college and from living at home to living on campus. Programs offered during these first seven weeks address personal and transitional issues that many incoming students encounter. Topic areas that are included:

- Welcome Week
- Transition
- Leadership & Involvement
- Pioneer Pride
- Personal Wellbeing
- Expression
- Ways of Knowing

A calendar listing all programs and events is distributed to all first-year students each fall.



### Academic Support

PALs will promote an academic environment in the residence halls by hosting study halls. They will engage in regular conversations with students about academics and offer support as needed and appropriate. They will support and promote the variety of opportunities to develop study skills offered by the Academic Success Center in the Residence Halls. They may also collaborate with Academic Advisement Center and Career Development to support students in academic planning, choosing a major, registration and career planning.

## Safety and Security

The safety of our students is the highest priority for the residence life staff. We are here to meet your needs both day and night. During business hours, M-F 8:30-4:30pm, please stop by your hall office to speak to your Resident Director or our support staff.

After business hours, there is a Resident Assistant on duty from 4:30pm-8:30am the next

morning to assist with any emergent or non-emergent issues.

In addition, all residence halls have security desks at the entrance of every building, staffed by student desk assistants and a hired security service for late night hours.

Students are expected to present their University ID upon entry.

Guests (anyone not a WP resident student) must be met at the desk area, and be signed in by the resident. Visitors need to present a photo ID for entry.

Full guest and visitation details are available in the Residence Life Handbook which can be found on the Residence Life website.

## Health and Wellness

The Counseling, Health & Wellness Center is a welcoming and accepting environment that strives to empower William Paterson University students to make informed decisions about their physical and emotional well-being in order to promote lifelong health.

Through primary health care, personal counseling,

health education, prevention services and co-curricular educational opportunities, the Center assists students in achieving success in their academic experience and life goals.

All residential students are required to submit their immunization records, which demonstrate that they have received all required vac-

inations, including meningitis.

Residents can use the new Student Health Portal to submit all required documentation to the Counseling, Health & Wellness Center.

The student health portal is accessible via WP Connect. Detailed directions can be found at [www.wpunj.edu/health-wellness/](http://www.wpunj.edu/health-wellness/)

# Important Policies & Procedures

For the safety and security of all those who live in and visit our residence halls, it is imperative that all residents and guests adhere to the policies and procedures established.

Please refer to the Residence Life Handbook for complete details about all policies and procedures regarding on campus living.



The handbook can be found on the Residence Life website at [www.wpunj.edu/reslife](http://www.wpunj.edu/reslife).

It is imperative that all students and visitors are aware of our policies and procedures.

All residential students need to be aware of the items that are prohibited in the residence halls, such as candles, certain appliances, pets, etc... Possession of dangerous or prohibited items may jeopardize a student's ability to remain on campus.

A complete list of what is prohibited is available on our Residence Life Move In Guide, as well as on the

Residence Life Website.

Students should be prepared should emergency situations arise. It is our recommendation that students are prepared with a flashlight in case of a power outage.

Regarding weather related or other emergencies, all information is communicated via our university emergency notification system. It is mandatory for all residents to sign up, so be sure that you enter all of your contact information accurately to receive all notifications. The system is available on WP Connect, please log in to sign-up.



**Residents in Overlook South**

Looking for ways to get involved on campus... Check out PioneerLife for information on clubs, organizations and events on campus. Go to <https://wpunj.collegiatelink.net>

## Hall Closings & Openings

The residence halls close periodically throughout the academic year. Break periods include:

- Thanksgiving Break
- Winter Break
- Spring Break

All residents are expected to vacate the residence halls

during break periods. International, NSE or 12 month contracted students will be contacted regarding break housing policies and procedures.

Dates/details for break periods, and formal closing of all buildings at the end of the academic year are posted on our Residence Life web-

site. If you need dates in advance for travel arrangements, please contact us at 973-720-2714.

Residents are not required to move all personal belongings home between semesters unless the student has requested a room change. A full checkout from the old assignment is required prior to going home for the break.

## Amenities and Services

### Wireless Service

Our residence halls have wireless access in common areas and throughout all suites and apartments. All rooms are also equipped with ports for Internet access for desktop computers. Support is available for resident students with tech issues through ResNet Office. Wireless support and services are included in the ResNet fee. Students must bring their own Ethernet cord to connect a

desktop computer.

### Philo TV

Philo lets you watch live TV on a wide variety of devices including your laptop, tablet, smartphone, and a traditional TV set through a Roku or Apple TV. With a stellar channel lineup available to residence hall students, the ability to pause and rewind live TV, and 20 hours of your own DVR space, Philo gives you the flexibility and control you need

to stay up-to-date on sports, current events, and the shows that matter to you most.

### Laundry Facilities

Laundry services are in every residence hall and are **free** for all resident students. Student are responsible for properly using all laundry machines and will need to supply their own detergent and dryer sheets.

### Special Needs/ Accommodations

Do you need a medical single?  
Do you require the assistance of a service animal?

First step is contacting the Office of Disability Services. (ODS) You can reach their office at 973-720-2853.

The Office of Residence Life works directly with ODS to support and assist with any special needs or accommodation requests regarding your residential experience.

### Parking on Campus

All students are permitted to have cars on campus. Residential students are expected to park in Lot 2, Lot 6 or the Apartments Lot. Parking permits are required and are obtained online at [www.wpunj.edu/police/parking](http://www.wpunj.edu/police/parking)







# Meet Our Staff

### Follow us on Social Media



William Paterson University,  
Department of Residence Life



@WPUResLife



WPU\_RES LIFE



athome@wpunj.edu

### Have you applied for on-campus housing yet?

If you have not applied for housing on campus and you are reconsidering that decision, Residence Life accepts housing contracts and deposits on an on-going basis throughout the academic year. Spaces are limited, so please contact our office with any questions you may have about the availability of rooms.

You can submit the housing contract on line at - [www.wpunj.edu/housing](http://www.wpunj.edu/housing)

A \$150 non-refundable housing deposit is also required to secure a space in our residence halls. The deposit can be paid online at [www.wpunj.edu/deposits](http://www.wpunj.edu/deposits)

The Central Residence Life Office, which serves as the heart of our operation, is located on the lower level of White Hall. This is the office location for the Director of Residence Life, our two Associate Directors, our two Assistant Directors and support staff. With a combined effort, this team is responsible for the overall management of all residence hall operations, programs and staff.

Central Office main contact number	973-720-2714
Joseph Caffarelli, Director	973-720-2715
Rebecca Baird, Associate Director	973-720-2713
Patricia Whiteman, Associate Director	973-720-2712
Nicholas DiMinni, Assistant Director	973-720-2713
Leslie Kropa, Assistant Director	973-720-2745

Each residence hall/area has an office that serves as the center of communication for the students who live in that area. The Resident Director, support staff and office assistants can be contacted in these locations.

<u>Century Hall</u> - Resident Director	973-720-5310
<u>Heritage Hall</u> - Resident Director	973-720-2600
<u>High Mountain East/West</u> - Resident Director	973-720-5460
<u>Hillside Hall</u> - Resident Director	973-720-3580
<u>Overlook North</u> - Resident Director	973-720-2381
<u>Overlook South</u> - Resident Director	973-720-2381
<u>Pioneer Hall</u> - Resident Director	973-720-2600
<u>White &amp; Matelson</u> - Resident Director	973-720-3530

We are always here to help. Should any problems, questions or concerns arise, please reach out to one of our staff members for assistance. Our offices are open Monday - Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. If any problems, questions or concerns arise after business hours, please get in touch with the Resident Assistant (RA) on duty within your residence hall for assistance. The RA on duty is available every night in the hall office from 8:00pm—10:00pm.

