FROM THE OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE

2012-2013 On-Line Housing Lottery

Your son or daughter will soon be making housing plans for the 2012-2013 academic year. We know this can be a stressful time and hope that together we can help guide your son or daughter through the process. We anticipate students will find the new on-line process to be convenient, secure, easy-to-use and accessible anywhere/anytime.

What is Housing Lottery? Housing Lottery is the process by which our currently registered students select living spaces for the next academic year, choose a meal plan (if living in a residence hall) and sign their 2012-2013 housing contract. **Students are required to reside in Wittenberg housing the entire time they are enrolled at Witt.** Typically, that means that the first two years are spent in the residence halls and the remaining years (after earning 60 credit hours) in a Wittenberg-owned rental house or apartment. The goal of the Housing Lottery is to help Wittenberg students, individually or in roommate groups, to identify the living places that best suit them and establish a rank-order list of preferences to be used when housing assignments are made in random order in late March and early April. Students who have reached 60 credit hours may choose to remain in a residence hall and participate in the residence hall lottery, move to Greek chapter houses or participate in the student rental lottery and contract for apartments or houses through our Wittenberg housing program. **Students with less than 60 credit hours must reside in a residence hall and participate in the residence hall lottery.** For the purposes of the Housing Lottery, current students with fewer than 60 credits are sophomores; 60-92 credits are juniors; and 93+ credits are seniors (based on earned credits at the end of the Fall 2011 semester plus all registered credits for Spring 2012, as recorded by the University Registrar as of March 2, 2012). Sophomores are required to live in residence halls. Juniors and seniors can select residence hall rooms or houses and apartments.

The following are important dates this year:

- March 12 - Housing Lottery website goes live
- March 18 - House tours for 5, 4 and 1-bedroom rental units
- March 22 - 5 bedroom rental units assigned
- March 25 - House tours for 2 and 3-bedroom rental units
- March 26 - 4 bedroom rental units assigned
- March 28 - 3 bedroom rental units assigned
- March 30 - 1 and 2 bedroom rental units assigned
- April 4 - Residence hall singles, triples and quads assigned
- April 11 - Residence hall double rooms assigned

Please urge your son or daughter to log onto the WittLink portal and click on “Register/Student Holds”. Any type of restriction, such as an unpaid balance on a student account, Dean of Students hold, library fine, etc. will prevent your son or daughter from proceeding through the on-line housing lottery. If they have any type of restriction, such as an unpaid balance on their student account, Dean of Students hold, library fine, etc., they must contact the appropriate office to correct the restriction(s) before proceeding through the housing lottery system.

**NOTE:** **STUDENTS WITH OVER 60 CREDIT HOURS WILL NOT BE RELEASED TO LIVE WITH PRIVATE LANDLORDS UNLESS WITTENBERG STUDENT RENTAL HOUSING IS FULL. IF THEY CHOOSE NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HOUSING LOTTERY, AND WE STILL HAVE HOUSING AVAILABLE, THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO CHOOSE FROM THE REMAINING HOUSES AND APARTMENTS. Additionally, students who have not selected a residence hall or Wittenberg student rental property housing by the conclusion of the lottery process (unless specifically released by the Residence Life Office) will be charged the cost of a double room in a residence hall ($5,067).**

We hope this information is helpful to you in understanding your student’s housing options. Please visit [www.wittenberg.edu/reslife](http://www.wittenberg.edu/reslife) and click on the “Student Houses and Apartments” link under “Student Rental Properties” or the “Housing Lottery” link under “Important Residence Hall Dates” for further information about the new on-line housing lottery. Your son or daughter will also be receiving detailed information about the entire on-line lottery process via Wittenberg e-mail and the above-noted information sessions.

If you have further questions after viewing the FAQs, please contact:

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