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## Hello Members of the Class of 2013!

We hope you are enjoying the summer as you prepare for your first year at Dartmouth. This newsletter contains important information that you will find useful prior to your arrival in September. There are instructions on where to pick up your room key when you arrive on campus, a reminder of what we suggest you bring to campus, what should stay at home, and some helpful tips on getting to know your roommate(s).

### Housing Assignment Information

Your housing assignment and, when applicable, roommate information for the 2009-10 academic year was emailed to your Dartmouth.edu account along with information regarding your campus mailing address.

It includes your residence hall and room assignment, the type of room (double, single, triple, etc.), any special room features and room rent charge per term. Where applicable, the name, address, e-mail address and phone number (when available) of your roommate(s) are provided.

Many first-year students are assigned to double and triple rooms, others to singles and a few to quads. We had more singles available than students who requested them, so some students who indicated a preference for one or more roommates were assigned to singles. This fall, Dartmouth College will be at full housing capacity. Room changes will not be possible.

### Campus Mailing Address

Your housing assignment letter also notes your Hinman Box number ("HB"). This will be your address for your entire time as a Dartmouth undergraduate. The Hinman mailboxes are located in the Hopkins Center, and the Hinman Post Office will begin accepting mail for you as of **September 1, 2009**. You will receive the combination to your Hinman Box when you pick up your key to move into your residence hall room.

**Helpful Hint:** When sending packages by Fed Ex, UPS, etc, leave out the word "box" in Hinman Box. Often these carriers mistake the Hinman Box for a post office box, to which they do not deliver.

### Picking up your Room Key

Dartmouth's official opening for the Class of 2013 is Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Students arriving on this date may pick up their key at their assigned cluster from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Traffic will be tight, so be prepared to unload your items at the curb and then quickly move your car to a satellite parking lot. Professional and student workers will be available to give you your key, help direct traffic, and help move your belongings to your room. Directional signs will also be posted to help you find your building and the parking lots.

Should you arrive between noon and 4:30 p.m., please go to the Undergraduate Housing Office, located in the basement of North Massachusetts Hall, to pick up your key. Arrivals later than 4:30 pm should contact the Safety and Security Office at 5 Rope Ferry Road (603-646-4000) to gain access to your room.

**Unless you have permission to arrive earlier, you will not be housed until September 15<sup>th</sup>. We cannot make exceptions to this policy, so please plan accordingly.**

If you have questions about any of the materials or information, please contact the Housing Office at (603) 646-3093 or [residential.life@dartmouth.edu](mailto:residential.life@dartmouth.edu)

### Arriving at Dartmouth

Over the past few years, the College has experienced an increasing number of first-year students who attempt to move into or leave their belongings in their rooms without permission before the official opening date. The only first-year students with permission to move in before September 15<sup>th</sup> are students participating in DOC trips E, F, G, H, I or J, pre-season athletes approved for early arrival by the Dartmouth College Athletic Department, and students participating in the Native American or International Student pre-orientation programs. **All other students are not expected until September 15<sup>th</sup>, and the College will strictly enforce this expectation.**

Likewise, students will not be allowed to drop off belongings early, even if they do not plan to stay in their rooms. Any student who arrives early without permission may be subject to residence hall discipline. If you find that you need to arrive in Hanover before September 15<sup>th</sup>, please email our office at [residential.life@dartmouth.edu](mailto:residential.life@dartmouth.edu) and we will provide you with the names and telephone numbers of local hotels, motels, and inns.

### Your Residence Hall Room

All first-year rooms are cleaned and inspected before the official start of the school year; however, the College's year-round calendar creates exceedingly tight maintenance schedules. Dartmouth's summer term ends September 2nd, so room preparation will be "down to the wire" for the fall. Students who arrive on campus for Dartmouth Outing Club Trips E, F, G, H, I, or J may find that their rooms have not yet been cleaned when they drop off their belongings before their trips. We assure you that if your room is not ready when you head off on your trip, it will be prepared before your return. We appreciate your patience!

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# Your Roommate(s) at Dartmouth

## Living Together

Now that you know with whom you will be living in the fall, the next step is to make contact! You may want to call or e-mail your new roommate(s) so that you can introduce yourself. If you can't get in touch with your roommate(s), don't worry; you'll have a chance to meet them when you arrive in September, and there will be many opportunities for you to talk in the weeks following.

If you are able to reach your roommate(s), you might want to discuss what personal items (stereo, refrigerator, TV, etc.) you each hope to bring for your room. In the booklet "Welcome Home" that you received from us in June, page 8 contains recommendations of items to bring to campus, as well as things to leave at home. As a refresher, there is an abbreviated version of this information below. You may also want to talk about when your roommate(s) plan to arrive on campus. Is s/he a preseason athlete? Will s/he be participating on a DOC trip? Is s/he participating in a special pre-orientation program? If so, you may not be arriving on the same day.

## Talking

So, you've discovered who your roommate(s) will be—now what? Starting that first conversation can be difficult.

**To help make the process of getting to know your roommate(s) a bit easier, here are a few questions and topics you might want to discuss when you first talk:**

- Why Dartmouth?
- What are your interests?
- What areas of study are you considering?
- In what activities do you plan to get involved?
- What is your hometown/country like?
- Are you going on a DOC trip?
- What is your family like?

When you are talking with your roommate(s), talk openly and honestly. Be careful not to make judgments based on what you learn initially. If you are concerned or unclear about something they tell you, ask them to clarify. Your goal is to build a good roommate relationship—if a great friendship develops as well, that's wonderful, but many students have great roommate relationships without being best of friends.

## Setting Expectations

During your first few weeks on campus, you and your roommate(s) will have the opportunity to sit down and come to an agreement about the many day-to-day elements of living with another person (community and personal property arrangements, housekeeping within the room, visitors to the room, etc.). Your Undergraduate Advisor (UGA) will assist you with this process and will help you if you ever need to work through a conflict. It's a good idea to check in with your roommate(s) periodically about whatever agreement you came to and see if any changes are necessary. Remember, you and your roommate(s) are continually changing, and it's important that you communicate these changes to one another and be ready to incorporate your new experiences into your roommate relationship.

**You may want to begin thinking about some of the following topics:**

- Your sleep and study schedules
- Visitors in the room/overnight guests
- Cleaning and neatness
- Watching TV and listening to music in the room
- Sharing clothes and other items

## WHAT TO BRING TO CAMPUS

**REMEMBER**—all residence hall rooms contain a bed frame and mattress, dresser, desk, desk chair and bookcase for each student. Individual hard-wired Ethernet computer service is available for each student and each room has free local and domestic long distance telephone service and access to broadcast television. In addition, each room will have a mirror, towel racks or hooks and window shades or drapes on all of the windows.

### Recommended items to bring with you:

- ✓ **Bedding** (mattresses are 36" x 80" and require extra-long twin sheets)
- ✓ **Linens (towels, etc)**
- ✓ **Surge protector/power strip**
- ✓ **Alarm clock**
- ✓ **Laundry bag/basket**
- ✓ **Iron** (UL listed only and automatic shutoff preferred)
- ✓ **Pictures, posters**
- ✓ **Lamps** (low watt or compact fluorescent bulbs preferred)
- ✓ **Refrigerator** (no larger than 3 cubic feet, Energy Star preferred)
- ✓ **Bicycle and good lock**
- ✓ **Small storage units** (include units for food storage)
- ✓ For **television and telephone** information, please see our website at: <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~orl/shortcuts/ptv.html>

**While My Space and Facebook are fun, on-line profiles are only one impression of your future roommate(s) -- and you! Please keep an open mind and communicate in other ways to start building that roommate relationship.**

**Questions about any of the items listed, or an item that does not appear on either list?**

**Contact Residential Operations at (603)646-1203**

## WHAT TO LEAVE HOME

We recommend that students not bring any additional room furniture from home. All student rooms come equipped with furniture that **must** remain in the rooms.

The following items are prohibited from the residence halls due to fire-codes, state law, and College policy. If these items are found in student rooms possible sanctions include housing or life safety fines and disciplinary action. This list is not exhaustive.

### Prohibited items which **MUST** be left at home:

- ✗ **Two prong extension cords**
- ✗ **2.4 GHz cordless telephones** (they interfere with the wireless network)
- ✗ **Pets of any kind** (except fish in a properly maintained tank of 10 gallons or less)
- ✗ **Any appliance with a heating element** (including microwave ovens, toasters, toaster ovens, rice cookers, hot pots)
- ✗ **Cinder blocks**
- ✗ **Electric, propane gas, or charcoal grill and fuel**
- ✗ **Candles and incense (for fire safety reasons)**
- ✗ **Air conditioners or electric heaters**
- ✗ **Weapons**
- ✗ **Halogen lamps of 100 watts or more (any style)**
- ✗ **Any type of loft**
- ✗ **Flammable liquids or gases**
- ✗ **Double-sided tape and adhesive gum**



# Enhancing Your Dartmouth First-Year Experience

The First-Year residential Experience (FYRE) is a year-long, structured, residentially based program for all Dartmouth first-year students. It is designed to develop close bonds with your floormates and learn valuable information about life on campus. Participating in FYRE means that you will live in a cluster of buildings that house about 300 of your '13 classmates. There you will have the opportunity to participate in activities, discussions, Dartmouth traditions, and trips designed to meet the needs and interest of first-year students.

## FYRE's Mission

- Facilitate the transition and adjustment to the Dartmouth community for first-year students through access points to academic enrichment opportunities, support services, and campus involvement.
- Sustain a residential learning community that promotes the social, emotional, ethical, and physical well-being of its members.

## Living in FYRE

FYRE presents many opportunities for you to be involved in your residential experience, including:

- Regular discussions about key topics related to your first-year experience
- Campus resource connections
- Exciting social activities in the residence halls
- Residential leadership roles through Cluster Programming Board or Student-Initiated Programs

## Accolades for FYRE

First-year students in the FYRE program say they:

- Form lasting friendships as part of a close-knit community
- Regularly talk about common experiences with other first-years
- Actively participate in activities in the cluster and across campus
- Know what is happening on campus and how to get involved
- Know how to be successful in many areas of campus



## FYRE Staff

The FYRE clusters have staff who will help you create the best first-year experience:

- **Undergraduate Advisor (UGA)** An upperclass Dartmouth student on your floor who acts as a resource, source of support, and event planner for your community
- **Graduate Advisor (GA)** A Dartmouth graduate student who acts as a resource for career, educational, academic, and professional advice
- **Community Director (CD)** A live-in professional staff member who oversees the cluster and acts as a resource and source of support for all aspects of your residential experience
- **Cluster Dean** A first-year dean who works with one cluster to offer the residents advice on transition, academics, campus resources, and personal development

## What to look forward to from FYRE...



### Events and programs:

- Cluster social activities
- Homecoming Sweep & Bonfire
- Popular student performances
- Relaxation & wellness

### Regular floor discussions about:

- Academic advising and success
- Dartmouth social scene
- Living with a roommate
- Diversity
- Student-initiated programs

## Bicycles

Bicycles are the second most common form of student transportation on campus (second only to walking!). Although popular, they are also the most prone to theft and/or removal when they are left unlocked or not stored properly. Protect yourself and others by following these simple procedures:

- **Register your bicycle with the Department of Safety and Security.** This service is free. Only registered bicycles can be stored in the indoor and outdoor residence hall bike racks, including Controlled Storage facilities.
- **Store your bicycle only in designated racks located on the perimeter of all residence halls and many classroom buildings.**
- **Do not park your bike in a hallway, entryway, access ramp, stairway, or any other posted site.** Bicycles that obstruct a means of egress will be removed at the owner's expense and fines may be assessed. Cut locks will not be replaced by the College.

Controlled storage for bicycles is located in several residence halls. There is a \$10-fee per term to store your bicycle in these locations.

Students can also rent bicycle racks from the Office of Residential Life that can be installed on a wall in your room. Arrangements for installation can be made after your arrival by calling the Residential Life Business and Operations Office at (603) 646-1203.

## Energy and Recycling

Dartmouth College has a history of supporting and promoting measures which encourage energy conservation and recycling. This is especially true in the residence halls. Students are expected to incorporate energy-saving and recycling practices into their daily routines. You can help by:

- **Turning off the lights and your computer when you leave your room.**
- **Making regular use of the recycling bins located in each residence hall.**

## Safety and Security at Dartmouth

The safety and security of all students in residence is of utmost concern to the College. As a result of this concern, a number of actions have been taken by the College. Regular patrols by the Department of Safety and Security and other College personnel occur nightly in each College-owned residence hall. All exterior doors to the residence halls remain locked 24 hours per day; students gain access through the use of their ID card. Guests and delivery personnel use telephones located at the main entrances to contact residents to gain entry. In addition, a number of exterior security phones, many with attached locator blue lights, have been installed in various campus locations.

An officer from the Department of Safety and Security also conducts a number of residence hall programs throughout the year. These programs address common types of campus crimes, crime prevention ideas, and crime reporting procedures. This information is also available directly from the Department of Safety and Security at (603) 646-4000.

No living environment can be fully protected at all times, particularly because the majority of crimes against students are committed by other students. However, a number of precautions can be taken to increase the level of security in your residence:

- **Keep your room door locked when you are out or while you are sleeping. If your lock does not work, report it immediately.**
- **If you live on a ground or first floor, keep your window closed and locked when you are not in your room.**

To report any suspicious person or activity  
**Contact**  
**Safety and Security**  
**at**  
**(603)646-4000**

## Sustainable Moving Sale:



September 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am  
College Common Ground

The Sustainable Move-in Sale is a student initiative that collects clean, reusable items from students moving out at the end of the 2009 spring term. By purchasing at the Move-in Sale, you are doing your part to divert items from the landfill in a budget-friendly way.

Much of what you need for your residence hall room this fall will be for sale:

Fridges  
Storage containers  
TVs  
Chairs  
Tables  
Bookshelves  
Drying racks  
Kitchenware

and more...

## WAYS YOU SAVE AT THE RECYCLE SALE:

- **Save Money**  
Buy donated items and save
- **Save Time**  
Everything you need in one place
- **Save Shipping**  
Buy it here!
- **Save the Environment**  
Purchase used items instead of new ones

Send Questions to:  
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