



VCU

Residential Life and Housing

New Student Orientation
2023



Here at VCU we have
Residence Halls
not “dorms.”

Today's Topics:

- Residence Hall Staff
- Safety in the Residence Halls

- Residential Hall Policies
- Roommates
- Amenities
- Renter's Insurance
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Staffing



**Resident Assistant
(RA)**



**Area Administrative
Assistant**



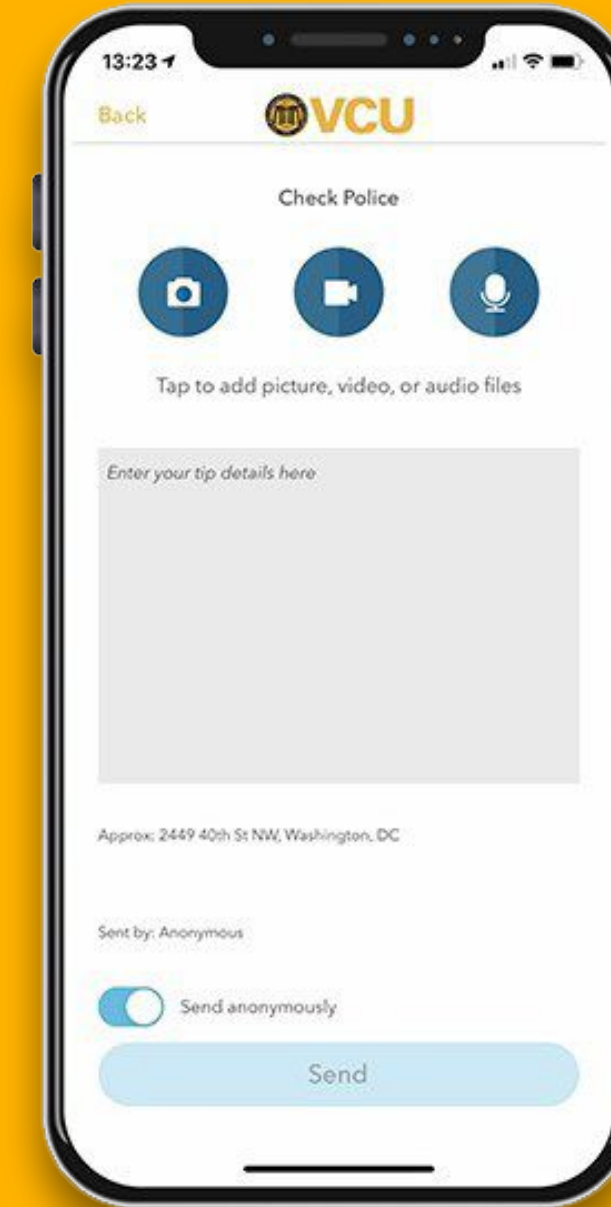
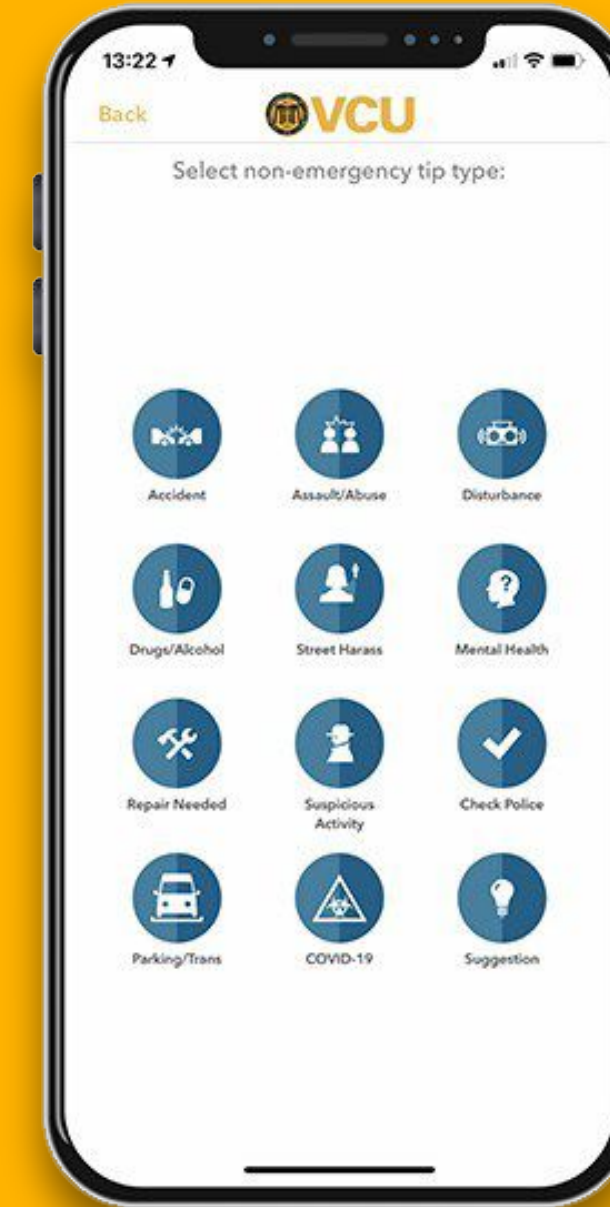
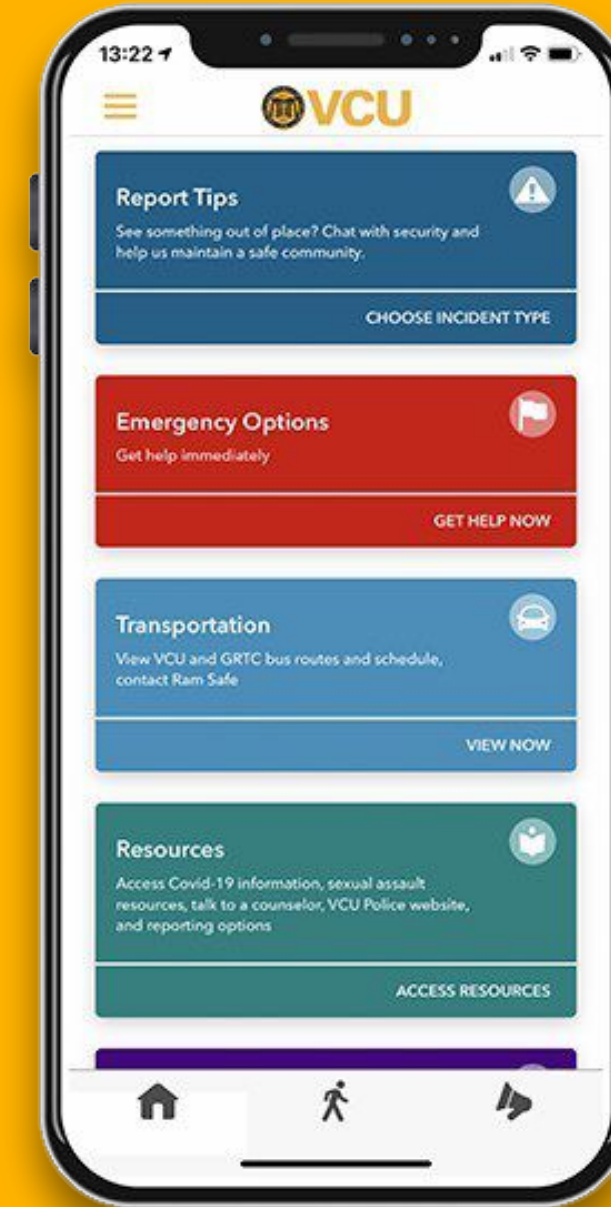
**Hall Director
(HD)**



Hall Staff

Safety in the Residence Halls

- Information Desks are staffed 24 hours/day
- Single entrance to all residence halls
- Card Access
- Guest Policy
- Health and Safety Inspections
- Smoke Detectors/Fire system
- Text Alerts: alert.vcu.edu/signup
- LiveSafe Mobile App



Immunization & Student Health

- VCU Student Health Service is open to all students and insurance is not required to be seen at VCU Student Health.
- It is recommended all students be fully vaccinated against influenza and COVID-19 (primary series and boosters). Documentation for these vaccines may be submitted to the Student Health Web Portal.
- Full-time students should complete the electronic VCU Certificate of Immunization Form posted to their student health web portal **AND upload proof of required vaccinations.** Failure to do so **WILL** generate a registration hold that will prevent students from registering for the next semester.
- Residents must follow Student Health's guidance on isolation and quarantine. Residents are highly encouraged to go home to isolate or quarantine except in cases where public transportation would be required for travel.



Residence Hall Policies

Student Code of Conduct

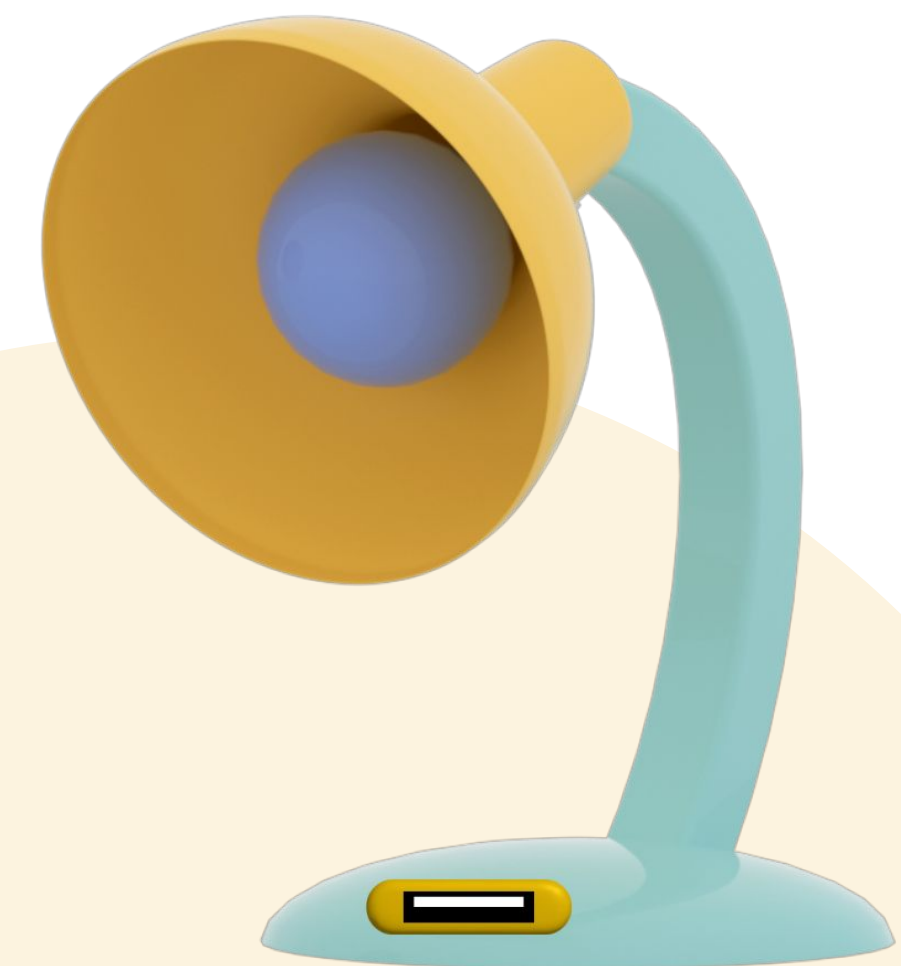
Guide to Residential Living



The screenshot shows the VCU Residential Life and Housing website. At the top, the VCU logo and name are displayed, along with the slogan "WE ARE THE UNCOMMON." and a "GIVE TO VCU" button. Below the header is a search bar and a navigation menu with links for HOME, HALLS, APPLICATION, LIFE ON CAMPUS, ABOUT, CONFERENCE SERVICES, HELP CENTER, and CONTACT. The main content area features a large image of a student reading on a couch in a residence hall room, with the text "Guide to Residential Living" overlaid. Below the image is a heading "HELLO, AND WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!" followed by a section titled "Letter from the Executive Director" which begins with "Dear Resident," and a paragraph of welcome text.

Guide to Residential Living

Prohibited Items List



Renter's Insurance

- Renter's Insurance is highly recommended, as VCU is not financially liable for damages or loss that occur to the personal property of students.
- Check to see if your student is covered by your homeowner's insurance policy.
- Renter's Insurance through GradGuard is offered in the housing application.



Amenities



Rhoads, Brandt, Honors, and Gladding Residence Center

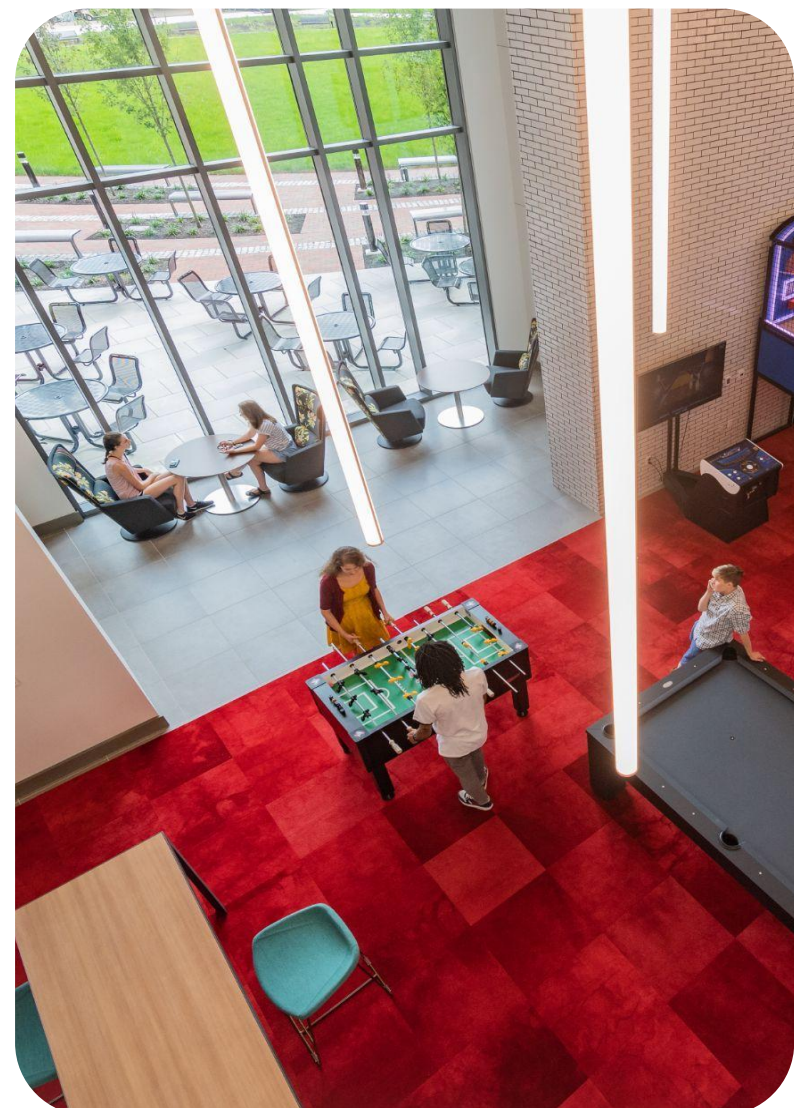
- Furnished Rooms
- Resident Community Space
- Inclusive Laundry
- Microfridge in each bedroom
- Wi-Fi and ethernet

Gladding Residence Center III

- Furnished Rooms
- Resident Community Space
- Inclusive Laundry
- Microwave and Refrigerator in each suite
- Wi-Fi and ethernet

West Grace South

- Furnished Rooms
- Resident Community Space
- Inclusive Laundry
- Refrigerator and stove in each apartment
- Wi-Fi and ethernet



Streaming Services

Rhoads, Brandt, Honors, Gladding Residence Center III, and West Grace South

Streaming Service:

Cable is not provided. Residents can access movie services at movies.vcu.edu, and any personal streaming services on a computer or mobile device, or on TV via a student-provided Roku device, Apple TV, or smart TV connected to the wireless network.

Gladding Residence Center ONLY

TV Service:

Watch cable TV with no additional equipment required, via a student-provided coax cable.

All Residence Halls

All halls have internet movie services available to stream at movies.vcu.edu. Apple TV, Alexa, Rokus (any model) are allowed on the wireless network.

Residence Hall Mail & Packages

- **Mail is delivered to each Mail & Package Center on campus and processed by RLH staff.**
- **Mail & Package Center Locations:**
 - Rhoads/Brandt
 - Gladding Residence Center/Gladding Residence Center III
 - 207 N. Laurel Street
- **Mail and packages must be addressed properly for timely delivery.**
- **When a package is ready for pickup, the resident will receive an email from reshallmail@vcu.edu.**
 - A delivery notification from a carrier (USPS, UPS, FedEx, DHL) or a vendor (Amazon, etc.) does not mean that the package is available for pickup, it must be processed first.
- **Questions?**
 - Visit housing.vcu.edu/help/mail or email reshallmail@vcu.edu.

Residence Hall Mailing Addresses

Student's Full Name
Room #, **Brandt Hall**
710 W. Franklin St.
Richmond, VA 23220-4106

Student's Full Name
Room #, **Rhoads Hall**
710 W. Franklin St.
Richmond, VA 23220-4106

Student's Full Name
Room #, **Gladding Residence Center**
711 W. Main Street
Richmond, VA 23220-5508

Student's Full Name
Room #, **Honors College**
207 N. Laurel Street
Richmond, VA 23220-4126

Student's Full Name
Room #, **West Grace South**
207 N. Laurel Street
Richmond, VA 23220-4126

Brandt, Rhoads, GRC & GRC III packages & mail are delivered directly to each hall.

Honors & WGS packages & mail are delivered to the Residence Hall Package Center on campus.

Residence Hall Schedules

Brandt, Gladding Residence Center, Gladding Residence Center III, Honors, & Rhoads

Fall Break: Closes Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 10 a.m. and re-opens on Sunday, November 26, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Winter Closing: Residents must vacate their residence halls within 24 hours after their last final exam or by Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 10 a.m., whichever comes first, as stated in their housing contract.

Spring Break: Closes Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 10 a.m. and re-opens on Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 10 a.m.

West Grace South

Remains **open** for **Fall Break, Winter Closing, and Spring Break.**

All Halls

Spring Year-end Closing: Residents must vacate their residence halls within 24 hours after their last final exam or by Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 10 a.m., whichever comes first, as stated in their housing contract.

Partnering For Success

Roommates

- Roommate Agreements
- Healthy Communication is key

Roommate Conflicts

- Remember, it's normal!
- Students can reach out to the RA or HD for assistance



Leadership Opportunities

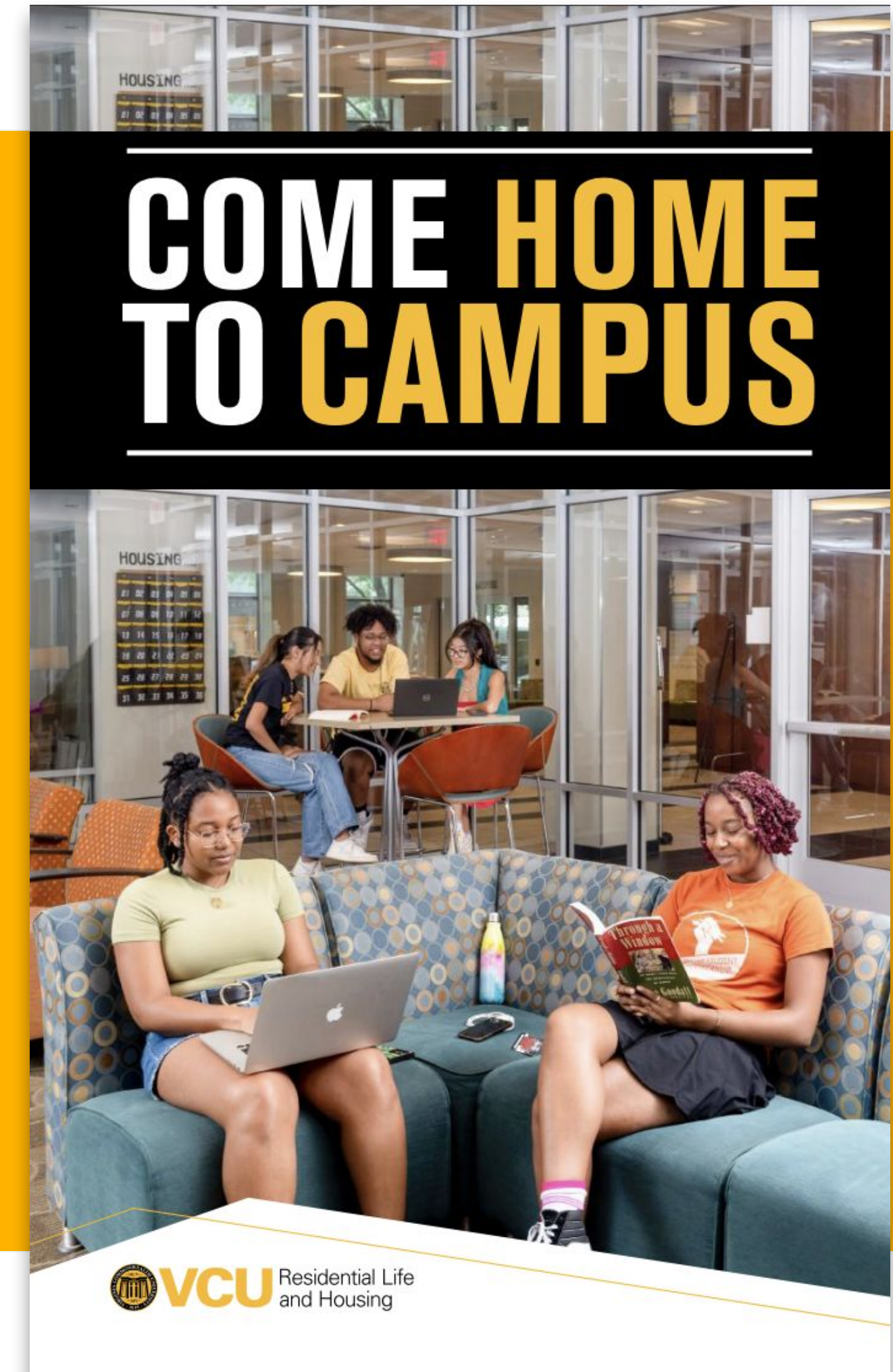
- **Community Council**
- **Residence Hall Association (RHA)**
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH)**
- **Residence Hall Student Worker Positions**
 - **Conference Assistant**
 - **Desk Assistant**
 - **Diversity Ambassador**
 - **Facilities Assistant**
 - **Front Office Assistant**
 - **Mail Assistant**
 - **Resident Assistant**



Housing After the First Year

Returning students who wish to live in on-campus housing after their first year can apply for housing when the process opens in January. Students are encouraged to review all their housing options, which will be listed in an informational booklet sent to their home address over winter break.

Currently, the demand for on-campus housing is greater than the supply and on-campus housing is not guaranteed. Rising sophomore students are given preference in the housing assignment process.



Residence Hall Move-in

Move-in Dates

Friday, August 18

Saturday, August 19

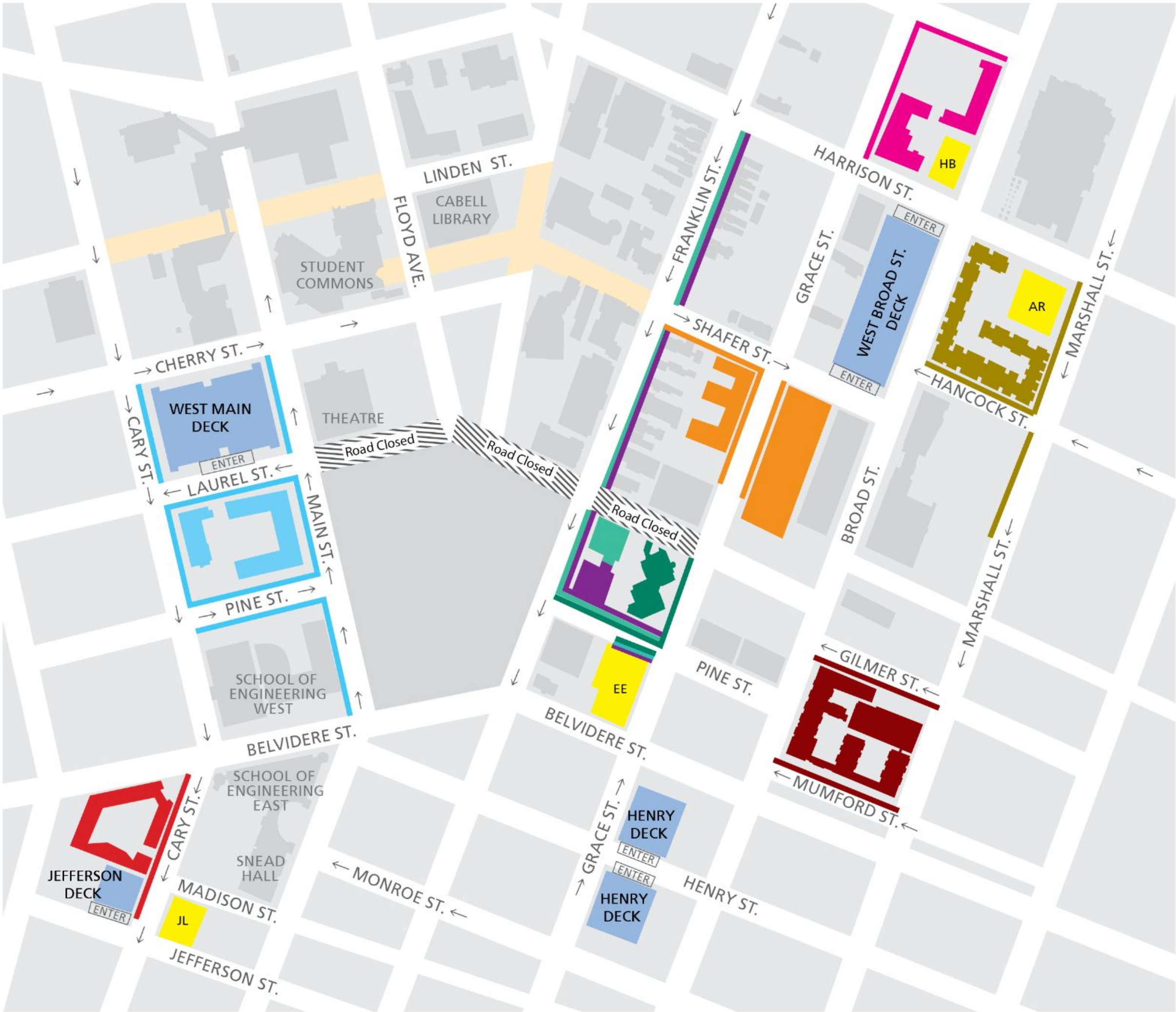
Students will receive information about signing up for a move-in time slot later this summer.

What to expect...

- Color Code Signage for each building
- Unloading Zones for drop off and unloading
- On-campus parking deck for long-term parking
- Wait times and lines for elevators
- Limited carts will be provided



Unloading & Parking



- Ackell
- Brandt
- Broad & Belvidere
- Cary & Belvidere
- Gladding Residence Center & Gladding Residence Center III
- Grace & Broad
- The Honors College
- Rhoads
- West Grace North and West Grace South
- 5-Hour Parking
- Overflow Unloading Zone

Move-in Tips

- Make move-in easy by bringing your own hand truck or cart
- Be selective about what you bring – the more you pack, the more you have to move
- Communicate and coordinate with roommates to make sure you do not bring duplicate items (no need for two TVs)
- Remember to bring your VCUCard or a state-issued ID with you to check in
- Streets and curbs are for unloading only
- Label all items with name, room number, and contents
- Do not leave items unattended at any time
- Move-In is hard work; remember to stay hydrated!

Do's & Don'ts

Do's:

- Label your belongings
- One vehicle per resident
- Bring a cart/dolly
- Be prepared to be outside (sunscreen, comfy shoes, clothing to move-in)
- Limit the number of guests to the recommended 3 people

Don'ts:

- NO trailers or U-Hauls
- NO pets (unless service animal or approved comfort animal)
- NO outside mattresses
- DO NOT arrive before 9 a.m.
- DO NOT bring unnecessary guests

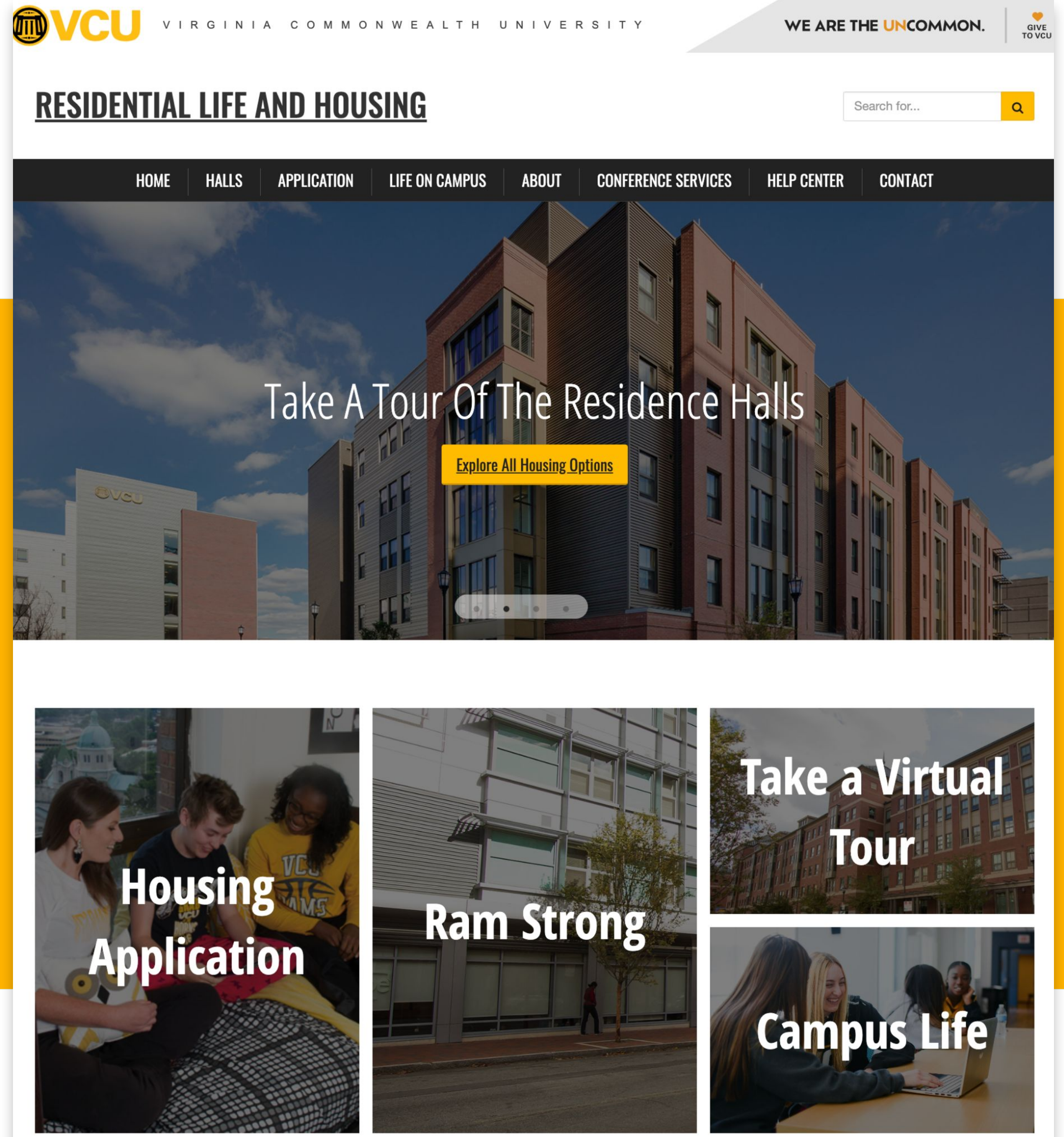
Our Website

The Residential Life and Housing Website is your resource for important information, policies, helpful tips, and more!



HOUSING.VCU.EDU

check it out!



The Help Center

















The Help Center is Located at the bottom of each page of the housing website.



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HELP CENTER

 Mail	 Maintenance Request	 Laundry	 Internet & Wireless Devices
 Watch/Stream TV and Movies	 Mold Prevention	 Pest Control	 Locked Out and Keys
 Heat and AC	 Guest Policy	 Move-out and Move-in	 Hall Schedule
 Campus Safety	 Room Change	 Transferring and Graduating	 Resources



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