



## HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE

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Dear Parent,

As we enter the second half of the fall semester, your son will likely begin thinking about where he would like to live for the 2020-2021 academic year. With this in mind, I am writing you to outline our residential housing policy, and the educational philosophy behind it, to help facilitate a conversation between you and your son.

As a residential college, Hampden-Sydney College provides housing to more than 95% of our students each year. In fact, with the exception of those students who commute/have housing accommodations, **students are required to live in College-owned housing during each of their four years at Hampden-Sydney College.** We believe that our residential model – where students live, learn, eat, and sleep under a common roof – is a critical part of producing “good men and good citizens.”

I certainly understand the strong desire many of our rising juniors and rising seniors have to live independently in off-campus housing. However, since so few of our students receive permission to do so each year, please discourage your son from signing a lease agreement with an off-campus landlord. Please note that students will not be granted permission to live off-campus simply because they have signed leases.

Also, please join us in encouraging your son to review the wealth of information about all of Hampden-Sydney College’s housing policies, the housing selection process and calendar, and the many different housing options available on the Housing & Residence Life webpages (<http://www.hsc.edu/housing-residence-life>). We are in the process of making these online resources easier to navigate, and we’ll continue to add and update information as the housing selection dates for the 2020-2021 academic year approach. Students who are well-informed about our housing selection process tend to also be the students who are most satisfied with their housing assignment for the subsequent academic year. Thank you for your help!

Finally, here are a few additional items to keep in mind.

- Housing selection times are determined by a student’s credit-hours earned first, followed by cumulative GPA
- Off Campus Lottery Applications will be discontinued due to the construction of a new Residence Hall projects that will open in August 2020 for upperclassmen
- Housing Selection will be relocating to an online portal
- Specialty Housing Selection begins in March after students return from Spring Break
- Regular Housing Selection takes place in late March
- Housing assignments are contingent upon course registration for the fall 2020 semester

Sincerely,

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