

# HOUSING HIGHLIGHTS

## UNO'S on-campus housing updates



UNIVERSITY OF  
**Nebraska**  
Omaha



## THE BENEFITS OF HOUSING PROGRAMMING & EVENTS

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Together, Maverick Village and University Village Resident Assistants put on approximately 75 different events and programs over the past year. The main focus of these events and programs is to enhance residents' college experience as much as possible. Programs from this past year include: How to Get Involved On-Campus, Make Conscious Decisions, Life Skills, Wellness Wednesdays, Origami Night, and more.

In addition to RA programs, Hall Councils put on a bunch of events as well, the most memorable being this semester's Halloween Party. There was pumpkin painting, a giant game of twister, pizza, and a costume contest. Now we're looking forward to the events and programming of the next semester.



# DON'T FORGET!

Before you leave for break, make sure you:

- ☒ Lock any bedroom windows and/or patio door
- ☒ Close your blinds
- ☒ Lock the main apartment door
- ☒ Discard any old food and trash
- ☒ Make sure your heat is set at 68 degrees to save energy
- ☒ Turn off all lights to help save energy
- ☒ Shut off all appliances
- ☒ Clean out mailbox
- ☒ Pay all rent for fall and make sure you're set for spring (check MavLink)
- ☒ Say goodbye to roommates and wish them a happy holiday
- ☒ Enjoy your break

## HOUSING RENEWALS

The Housing Renewal Process starts soon. In order to stay in University Village or Maverick Village next year, you must:

### RENEW CURRENT SPACE

Please come to one of the two housing renewal nights. Free pizza and drinks provided.

**Maverick Village** | February 5<sup>th</sup> | 7 pm to 9 pm  
**University Village** | February 12<sup>th</sup> | 7 pm to 9 pm

During these sessions, students will:

1. Renew their current space online.
2. Complete a housing contract.
3. Pay their \$50 activity fee for the next year.

### DIFFERENT SPACE, SAME VILLAGE

Please come to one of the two room selection nights. Free pizza and drinks provided.

**Maverick Village** | March 5<sup>th</sup> | 7 pm to 9 pm  
**University Village** | March 12<sup>th</sup> | 7 pm to 9 pm

During these sessions, students will:

1. Select a new room online.
2. Complete a housing contract.
3. Request roommates.
4. Pay their \$50 activity fee for the next year.

### DIFFERENT SPACE, DIFFERENT VILLAGE

Check out MavLink and fill out an application at any time. If moving to University Village or Maverick Village, room preferences and roommate requests are part of the contract. Students applying to Scott Village, Scott Court, or Scott Hall will be e-mailed a housing contract and will work with the staff at those facilities for assignment and roommate requests.

# GETTING INVOLVED

One of the best parts of living on-campus is that there are tons of opportunities to become involved and get to know other students on-campus. If you're looking for ways to get connected, here are some suggestions:

## 1

Attend RA events and Hall Council programs. Several evenings each week there are events and activities put on by Hall Council members or Resident Assistants. This is a great chance to meet other people and have fun. Check the clubhouse and housing bulletin boards and MavSync for more information on these events.

## 2

Get involved in Hall Council at UV or MV. The UV Hall Council meets Monday nights at 7pm in the UV clubhouse, and the MV Hall Council meets Wednesday nights at 7pm in the MV clubhouse. These are open meetings and anyone can attend. Both plan at least two events per month and discuss policies and issues that impact the villages. There are opportunities for leadership as Building Representatives, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

## 3

UNO organizations put on events nearly every week. From Maverick Productions to athletic events, there's really always something happening on campus. MavSync and omavs.com are the most up to date sources of information for these events.

## 4

Ask your RA! RAs are selected for their ability to form relationships and connections with others. These individuals truly care and want to do everything they can to assist in making sure your on-campus living experience is positive!

## PARENTS

If you notice your son or daughter is having a tough time, or doesn't feel as though they have been able to connect, have a conversation with them about the importance of getting involved on campus. Ask them about any events they have attended, their roommates, or about the relationship they have with their RA.



## MEET YOUR RESIDENT ASSISTANTS (RA)



### **Kelsey McAlpine**

Grade: Senior  
Hometown: Omaha, NE  
Major: Graphic Design  
Village: Maverick  
Building: Wellness Learning  
Community Building I

#### **Best part of being an RA?**

Getting to meet new people, and always knowing where the free food is at. ;)



### **Danielle Stappert**

Grade: Sophomore  
Hometown: Norfolk, NE  
Major: Pre-Nursing  
Village: Maverick  
Building: C

#### **Best part of being an RA?**

I've met so many people! I love getting to socialize and make connections around campus. It's also a never-ending learning experience. I'm acquiring new creative problem-solving and management skills.



### **Abbey Young**

Grade: Sophomore  
Hometown: Lincoln, NE  
Major: Exercise Science  
Village: University Village  
Building: 7 Low

#### **Best part of being an RA?**

The best part of being an RA is getting to meet all of our residents. So many more people say "hi" to me as I walk across campus now that they know I'm an RA.



### **Micaela Adam**

Grade: Sophomore  
Hometown: Alliance, NE  
Major: Biology  
Village: University Village  
Building: 7 High

#### **Best part of being an RA?**

Building relationships with the residents and building community within the building. Also, the friendships with the other RAs, because they are the only ones that understand what we go through.

**WANNA BE AN RA?** Positions will be listed on <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/unomaha> in January.

## MAINTENANCE UPDATES



Thank you for your cooperation during last month's maintenance updates!

With the holidays approaching, we're sure many of you may be making delicious meals for your friends and family. Please remember to be careful and avoid putting grease, food

particles, and other types of waste down the kitchen sink drains. If you are using the sink, please use your sink strainer. If you do not have a strainer, contact maintenance, and we will provide one for you.

With cold weather upon us, it's important to check the operation of your furnace. If your heat is not working properly, or you do not know how to operate it, please contact the front desk and submit a work order. We will fix it or give you a free lesson as soon as possible.

#### **HAVING MAINTENANCE TROUBLES?**

Below are links to the work order forms:

Maverick Village:

[maverickvillage.unomaha.edu/workorder.php](http://maverickvillage.unomaha.edu/workorder.php)

University Village:

[universityvillage.unomaha.edu/workorder.php](http://universityvillage.unomaha.edu/workorder.php)



The UNO Counseling Center is here to assist students in developing as whole, healthy individuals. Our staff of licensed mental health counselors and licensed drug and alcohol counselors are experienced in helping students navigate a wide variety of concerns including: life transitions, stress management, symptoms of anxiety and depression, grief and loss, relationship concerns, and more.

In addition to providing individual counseling, we are involved on campus with outreach presentations, prevention education, consultation, and emergency intervention. We regularly conduct trainings on topics such as suicide prevention, stress management, healthy relationships, and drug and alcohol education and prevention.

We are available for consultation with the UNO community and parents if they are concerned about a student. Due to confidentiality, the counseling staff cannot disclose whether a student is a client, but we welcome parents to call and consult if they are concerned about their son or daughter. We can provide guidance on ways to begin conversations and offer further resources.

A licensed counselor is on call 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year if an emergency situation were to occur. This availability is essential in our working relationship with housing and helping support students in distress.

Located inside the Wellness Center in HPER 102, the UNO Counseling Center is a safe space for LGBTQ students and veterans. Students may be nervous about calling to make an appointment; we understand this, and it can help to know what to expect.

Students can call or stop by our office to make an appointment. Our office assistant helps students in setting up an initial counseling intake, which will consist of meeting with a counselor to talk about main concerns and to make a plan as to how to address the student's needs.

We provide short-term counseling, and if a student has goals that may be more long-term, our staff values getting students connected with a practitioner who can meet their needs. Sometimes a community referral may be the recommendation of the UNO counselor. All services provided within the office are free and confidential.

## MACHURH CONFERENCE

University Housing sent students to the Midwest Affiliation of College and University Residence Hall (MACHURH) regional conference at the University of St. Louis. The conference allowed students to network, learn about new programming ideas, and explore leadership opportunities, all while representing UNO on governing boards at the regional level.

Resident Assistant Kayla Timm presented a program session and won the Top Ten Program award for "Circles of Difference." UNO also took home third place for Spirit. We are very proud of our students and are now working to implement some of the new programming and activity ideas we learned.



## NEED TO MAKE A PAYMENT?

Written by, Denise Wieczorek, Business Manager



### PAYMENTS MAY BE MADE:

1. Via mavlink with credit/debit cards
2. By mail with personal checks or money orders

### PAYMENTS MAILED TO:

University Housing  
Attn: Business Manager  
6608 University Drive South  
Omaha, NE 68182

### IN-PERSON PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE AT:

Maverick Village or University Village Clubhouse, Front desk  
Payments can also be made at Cashiering/Student Accounts located in the Eppley Administration Building. You may bring checks, cash, credit/debit cards, or money orders.

Please make checks payable to University of Nebraska at Omaha. Be sure to write student's NU ID on all correspondence and NEVER send cash through the mail.

## CENTRALIZED BILLING AT UNO

Written by, Denise Wieczorek, Business Manager

The University of Nebraska at Omaha has a centralized billing system. This means that you can access your bills via your mavlink account or a parent may access your bills after setting up a guest account to your mavlink account. Any charges incurred for tuition, fees, and University Housing will appear on one statement. All other types of billing like lock outs, damages, records, and other charges will be billed directly from housing to the student and will NOT be on mavlink. Payments made to University Housing are applied to tuition and fees first on the centralized bill. Unpaid bills are subject to late fees.

If you are awarded scholarships or financial aid, it will be credited to your UNO Student Account and will be applied against your tuition, fees, and housing. This is dispersed once in the fall and once in the spring. It is important to know that all scholarships and financial aid applied to mavlink go towards tuition and fees first, and then is applied to housing.

Make sure you to check your mavlink regularly, especially if you are on a monthly payment plan. For questions related to charges or payments towards Housing that can be found on your centralized bill, please contact: Denise at 402.554.4000.

## STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

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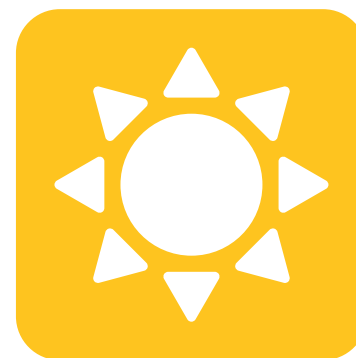
Any student removed from campus housing for student conduct reasons will still be held liable for the terms of their contract.

Violating student conduct policies does not provide students the ability to end their housing contract.

Students looking to end their housing contract forfeit their \$200 deposit for the administrative cancellation fee.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

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What if I need to cancel my residency, but it's after August 1st?

1. You would forfeit your \$200 deposit for the administrative cancellation fee.

2. You would be billed 50% of remaining balance of contract (based on the

payment plan you selected and the day you cancel).

## MACHURH CONFERENCE PHOTOS

