Dear Morganite:

The Office of Residence Life & Housing (ORLH) at Morgan State University is an integral part of the educational and social development of our students. Additionally, we provide a safe and comfortable living environment which enhances the academic success and achievements of our students.

At Morgan State University, students who are a part of the residential community are afforded a variety of opportunities and support for academic and personal development. We accomplish this through both structured and informal programs, and leadership opportunities throughout the academic year.

The term "residence hall" is a source of pride for those who work in The Office of Residence Life & Housing. It is based on the idea that in-class instruction is only a part of the college student's academic experience. Research has shown that 60% of a college student's time is spent outside of the classroom.

The foundation of our Residence Life program is student academic success. We provide an educational setting that integrates classroom and interpersonal development into a holistic learning experience. We also provide a living-learning environment that is conducive to the educational growth and personal development of the student.

Members of Morgan State University's residential communities hail from all walks of life, with students and staff from a wide variety of socioeconomic backgrounds, religious affiliations, races, nationalities, sexual orientations, ages, abilities, cultures and interests. For most students, residence halls are an introduction to group living. This can be a wonderful and rewarding experience that residents value for the rest of their lives. MSU Residence Life & Housing staff members are there to assist residents through the process of developing the skills needed to serve as positive, productive community members and leaders through the exploration of new ideas and ways of life.

Choosing to live in a Morgan State University residence hall gives you the opportunity to take part in the creation of an environment in which people:

- Know each other.
- Respect personal opinions and beliefs.
- Respect, appreciate and celebrate individual differences.
- Feel safe to experience personal growth and transformation.
- Actively contribute to a positive group living experience.
- Achieve academic success and grow intellectually.

Because the demand for campus living is often greater than our capacity, we suggest that you visit the ORL&H website and click the link to apply for housing which is inclusive of paying a non-refundable $200 application fee as soon as possible. Additional information about the application process can be found at: [http://www.morgan.edu/residencelife](http://www.morgan.edu/residencelife). The housing application for 2016-17 will become available on Monday, March 2nd. If you have questions, feel free to call The Office of Residence Life & Housing at (443) 885-3217, or send an e-mail to reslife@morgan.edu.

Sincerely,

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