

Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs

Dear Parent,

Please know that when it comes to you and our students, Morgan State University is committed to transparent and clear communication. Recently, President David K. Wilson conveyed Morgan's plan to renovate existing housing and build additional housing over the next several years. A goal of this plan is to provide sufficient living and learning spaces on campus to accommodate our growing new student population and to support an increased number of returning students on campus.

Our record enrollment growth over the past two years has required that we reserve the greater portion of our on-campus residential spaces for incoming freshmen. We anticipate, however, having sufficient upper-class student housing in our inventory of university-managed off-campus properties. In the event that you may have any concerns regarding your student's transition to university-managed off-campus housing, please allow the following to lessen any potential reservations you may have:

- Each university-managed off-campus property has a complement of security services provided by Morgan State University or its embedded security services provider,
- The Office of Residence Life & Housing provides the same level of staff oversight as it does for on-campus properties (Resident Directors, Resident Assistants, and Desk Attendants),
- Our university-managed off-campus properties support the natural maturation and progression of our students in an apartment style environment,
- Direct transportation services are provided to and from these facilities and the campus on a routine basis with easy-to-access schedules posted online,
- Selecting a meal plan is <u>optional</u> for students living off-campus,
- Academic support services are available, either virtually or in person, for students living in university-managed off-campus housing,
- Off-campus students have the option to remain at the property over the holiday break,
- Internet, cable television, transportation, and other facilities-related amenities are provided at off-campus housing sites, and
- Financial aid assistance is available for students to utilize in paying for university-managed off-campus housing just as it is with on-campus housing.

1700 E. Cold Spring Lane • Holmes Hall, Suite 231 • Baltimore, Maryland 21251-0001 Tel: 443-885-3527 • Fax: 443-885-8298 We strongly encourage all students to apply for housing as soon as possible. The earlier a student applies, the greater the probability that they will be assigned to one of the four housing options they selected on the application. A timely application submission is also important to avoid being placed on the housing waitlist. Additionally, it is imperative that students and parents closely follow all instructions provided when completing the housing application. To receive a timely notification of your student's check-in day and time, students should make satisfactory financial arrangements to include tuition, fees, room, and board as soon as possible. Lastly, students are required to be registered full-time (12 credits). Addressing each one of these requirements as soon as possible will better result in having a positive outcome throughout the housing process.

Moving forward we will continue to communicate important information about the housing process to our students and parents via our department's websites, direct emails, and social media. Below, please find important links related to a quick and timely completion of the housing process:

- 1. Office of Residence Life
 - a. <u>Housing application instructions</u>
- 2. Office of Financial Aid
 - a. <u>How to apply for financial aid</u>
 - b. How to review the Award Letter
 - c. <u>Types of aid</u>
 - d. Parent Plus Loan
 - e. Institutional Aid
- 3. Office of the Bursar
 - a. <u>Schedule of Tuition and Fees</u>
 - b. <u>Payment plans</u>
 - c. <u>How to pay online</u>
- 4. Office of the Registrar
 - a. <u>Academic Calendar</u>
 - b. <u>Priority Registration</u>
- 5. Billing FAQ

We look forward to partnering with you to ensure a smooth housing process for your student.

Sincerely,

Kevin Banks, Ed.D.