

Dear Returning Students and Families:

We hope this letter finds you, having enjoyed a successful Fall term at USF. With the start of this new year comes the time for returning students and their families to begin thinking and planning for Fall 2012 housing. It is our hope that this letter can provide you with some information to begin that planning.

National data shows that students who live on campus, are often more involved in activities and programs, have greater satisfaction with their overall university experience and greatly appreciate convenient access to the many campus resources. USF makes every effort to provide as many spaces as available for our returning students. Unfortunately, housing is a finite resource at USF and we are not able to meet the needs of all of our students who desire to live on campus. Returning students are not required to live on campus, however, last year approximately 65% of the returners who wanted housing were able to select a room during room selection.

This year Student Housing will also guarantee housing to students who, though unable to select a room during room selection, are at the top of their respective wait lists. This new process will be called “deferred assignment”. These students are guaranteed that they will have a space on campus in the fall, but will not receive their exact assignment until the early summer. **Please note**, this deferred assignment category will not apply to students who are able to select a room during the selection process, but choose not to do so because they dislike their choice of room.

The following chart indicates which halls you or your student are eligible to apply to live in:

Your Classification	Halls for which you are eligible
Returning students who are under 21 years old <b>** AND</b> have earned 59 academic credits or less*	Phelan Hall, Lone Mountain Hall, Fromm Hall, Pacific Wing, Fulton House, Pedro Arrupe
Returning students who have accumulated at least 60 academic credits* <b>OR</b> reached the age of 21**	Loyola Village, Pedro Arrupe
Graduate students	Loyola Village, Pedro Arrupe

\*Please note academic credits levels must be reached by the close of the Spring 2012 semester.

\*\* Please note age is calculated as of May 19th 2012.

Students who apply for Fall 2012 housing should know their room selection priority will be determined by random lottery. Returning students will also no longer be required to submit a \$300 housing pre-payment with their housing application.

Here is the application timeline information

- Application opens Monday, February 13 at noon
- Applications close February 29 at midnight
- Online Room selection appointment times will be emailed on March 2nd
- Room Selection begins March 6th

IMPORTANT - Please be aware that this year the fee for contract cancellation which will be \$1000 dollars. This amount is approximately equal to what it would cost to cancel an off campus housing as well as roughly the equivalent of one month's room rate on campus.

For those students who are considering living off campus, you may want to visit [www.http://www.usfca.edu/offcampushousing/](http://www.usfca.edu/offcampushousing/) . Student Housing is also enhancing our off campus housing search resources with additional staff during April to facilitate the process of locating off campus housing. More information on these resources will be forthcoming later in the spring.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns!