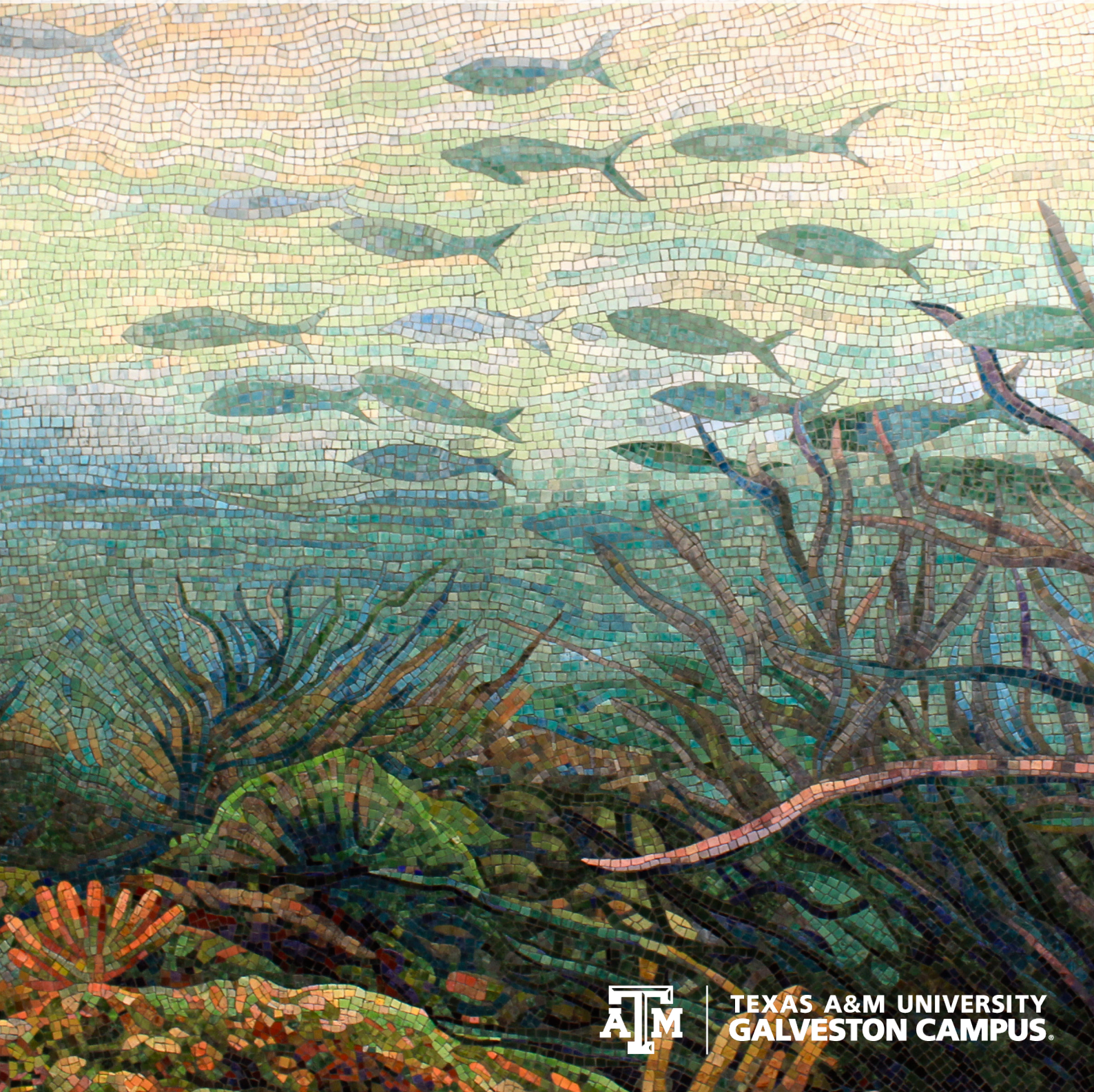


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# HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS

## Your Room Assignment

It is our goal that all incoming students who apply by March 1 are guaranteed a living space on campus. Housing Assignments are sent out in rounds according to your application date. The first round will be sent out in mid-June.

Your housing assignment will be sent electronically to the email provided on your housing application. Remember to check your spam/junk folders just in case it was filtered to the wrong box. Your assignment letter will include your roommate, roommate phone number, building, and room number for the upcoming year. Please take the time to call your roommate. Get to know your roommate beyond social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram).

## Requesting a Roommate

Students can request a roommate of their choice by providing their information on your housing application. Our office will do our best to accommodate these requests as we receive them. If you would like to change your roommate request, or if you have a new preference that you did not note on your application, you will need to complete the following steps:

- 1) Gather your roommate's information, including Name and UIN. Provide them with your information as well.
- 2) Make sure they have been accepted to TAMUG and have submitted their housing application to Residence Life.
- 3) Both parties will email [reslife@tamug.edu](mailto:reslife@tamug.edu) requesting to be assigned with the student whose information you provide in the email.
- 4) All requests must be emailed to [reslife@tamug.edu](mailto:reslife@tamug.edu). Our office cannot process a request without receiving written documentation from BOTH roommates. This assures you that no one can request you as a roommate without your approval.



## PREPARING FOR YOUR ARRIVAL

### Confirming Your Housing Assignment

Once you have received your housing assignment, you must confirm your housing by calling or email Residence Life. The confirmation process is an important part of the assignment process because it provides our office with the most current information and assignments of students who are attending TAMUG and living on campus for the upcoming semester.

To confirm your housing, call **409-740-5013** or email **reslife@tamug.edu** with your name and UIN, stating that you are confirming your housing assignment.

### Residence Hall Linens Program

Residence Hall Association has cosponsored with the Residence Hall Linens program to provide TAMUG students and families with a convenient and affordable way to ensure you will have everything you'll need for your room. From sheets and comforters to storage items- you can purchase many of your items through Residence Hall Linens that will be shipped to your home address prior to move in. Unfortunately, you can not have items shipped to your room prior to the scheduled move in date. Visit **[www.rhl.org/tga](http://www.rhl.org/tga)** to browse the collection for TAMUG students.

### Personal Property Insurance

Now that you have confirmed your housing assignment, our office strongly recommends that you ensure your valuables are protected from unforeseen events, such as hurricanes or fire. Texas A&M at Galveston does not offer property insurance through the university, but we recommend you speak to your parents about the option to add your valuables to their homeowner's policy, or contact an insurance carrier about getting a renter's insurance policy. You can also visit **<http://www.collegestudentinsurance.com/>** to learn more about insurance designed specifically for college students.





## You Should Pack:

- Sheets** (Standard Twin)
- Mattress Pad**
- Towels**
- Pillows and extra blankets**
- Trashcans**
- Fans**
- Toiletries**
- Shower Curtain** (1 per bathroom, 76 inches long for Atlantic & Pacific Halls)
- Cleaning Supplies** (Students clean own bathrooms and rooms)
- Laundry Supplies** (No Quarters Needed!)
- Clothing** (and hangers or other organizing needs)
- Television** (Except Corp Fish)
- Alarm Clock**
- Computer**
- Microwave** (Up to 700 watts)
- Lamps**
- Refrigerator** (up to 1.6 amps)
- Dehumidifier** (HIGHLY recommended any residents with mold sensitivity)



## No, These Items are Prohibited:

**Waterbeds**

**Hotplates/any item with an exposed heating element**

**George Forman Grills or similar**

**Pets, including but not limited to: snakes, gerbils, hamsters, turtles.**

**Candles**

**Wireless internet routers**

**Any weapon, firearm, or illegal items**

**Oil lamps**

**Oven toasters**

**Fire Pits or Grills**

**Alcohol**

**Any equipment**

**Extension cords**

**Nails/screws**

**Kayaks\***

**Surfboards\***

\* Kayaks and surfboards are allowed. Space for racking these items are located outside the residence halls.

## Not essential. However, if you'd like to bring the following, you can:

- **Bike with Lock**
- **Ethernet Cords**
- **Dishes**
- **Posters**
- **Message Board**
- **Pots/Pans** (for cooking in Atlantic & Pacific Lobby, or Rooms in Albatross/Polaris)



# CAMPUS NECESSITIES

## Wireless Access

Our campus provides ethernet and wireless internet through MyResNet.

MyResNet is a residential network provided by Apogee to provide residence with reliable, high-speed access and 24/7 customer support. The Basic Plan is designed for TAMUG students at no additional charge-providing the 2 Mbps of download speed. Students also have the option to upgrade for additional services for a fee.

Students may begin signing up for their account after they arrive for Move-In weekend. You will need your school email, room number, along with other basic information to complete your set up.

## Digital TV

Apogee and Texas A&M University at Galveston have partnered to bring you digital TV service. Digital TV service provides better picture quality, additional HD programming and improved audio.

Verify that your TV has the proper QAM tuner (internal or external). Without a QAM tuner you will not receive TV service. You can check to see if the TV has an internal tuner by searching the specifications section of your TV manual. If you no longer have your TV manual, locate the make and model of the TV and lookup the specs online.

If your TV does not have an internal QAM tuner, an external QAM tuner will need to be purchased in order to receive channels.

1. Ensure that all cables are connected securely.
2. In the menu or set-up options on the TV, verify that the TV is set to CABLE or CATV.
3. Run a channel scan. This setting is normally located in the menu or set-up option however it varies depending on the TV make and model.

## Receiving Mail on Campus

Students living in the residence halls will be provided with a mailbox, located in the Sea Aggie center. To receive mail, the sender will need to address it as follows:

### Shipping Address for Students (Fed-Ex, UPS etc.)

Texas A&M University at Galveston  
1001 Texas Clipper Road  
(student's name and drop number)  
Galveston, Texas 77554

### Mailing Address for Students (regular postal service mail)

Texas A&M University at Galveston  
P.O. Box 1981 Drop # for Student  
Galveston, Texas 77553-1981

## Parking On Campus

If you're planning on bringing your personal vehicle to campus, you will need to purchase a Student Permit from Parking Services. For more information about prices and how to purchase your pass, please visit <http://www.tamug.edu/police/index.html> or call University Police at 409-740-4545.



## SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

We value the diversity of our students and realize that often, many students are entering the college environment with previous medical history that may require accommodations, such as allergies, learning disorders, or physical handicaps.

There are several resources provided by Texas A&M at Galveston that students who may need to request any special accommodations. Any student in need of any special accommodations should contact the Career and Counseling Center at (409) 740-4736 to obtain more information about how we can help you.

### Living in Galveston Island

Galveston is located in an humid climate that may impact students who are sensitive to allergies, including indoor and outdoor pollutants. Due to the humid climate that our campus is in, there may be times where condensation is created in the residence halls made from concrete/cinderblock construction, as they tend to provide a cool and smooth surface that maintains a relatively static temperature that can foster condensation. This type of condensation can create mold growth.

We assure you that our facilities are tested for air quality and toxic mold, and we have found only commonly-existing mold spore that occurs nearly everywhere on the coast. None of it has been *Stachybotrys Chartarum* (commonly known as Toxic Black Mold). This type of mold requires materials high in cellulose and low in nitrogen to grow (plant debris or wood). Any wood in our residence halls have been pressure and chemically treated for this very reason. Most of the mold that we find are exactly the same as what would grow in your bathroom at home.

If you are a student that has any allergy or sensitive to mold, we strongly recommend the use of a de-humidifier. They are very useful in cutting down on any sort of condensation and are fairly affordable. Several of our students and staff members also take over the counter allergy medicine to help as well. If you find any mold while staying in your room, a simple 1% bleach solution will clean mold as it shows up. We also stress the importance of maintaining a clean room and having these conversations with your roommates and suitemates once you move into your room assignment.

# Moving In

## Here are some tips for helping with moving your belongings into the Residence Halls:

- 1) Bring a dolly. We do not have limited supplies for dollies; so, if you do not want to wait, go ahead and bring your own.
- 2) Pack your belongings in storage tubs or boxes, and make sure everything is secured tightly and labeled.
- 3) Check In with Residence Life BEFORE you begin unpacking. This will help prevent long crowded lines and going through the process as quickly as possible.
- 4) Utilize the unloading zones in front of each Residence Hall. Parking is available for 15 minutes to ensure everyone is able to use the space provided for move in.
- 5) Wear comfortable clothes and shoes!

### DO:

- ✓ Bring your Student ID with you & have your UIN number for Check In
- ✓ Check into Residence Life before you unload your belongings
- ✓ Ask Check In Crew to help move in your belongings
- ✓ Ask Residence Life for lofting bed supplies
- ✓ Communicate with your roommate before move-in to coordinate common supplies
- ✓ Check to make sure your Television is Digital TV capable

### DON'T:

- ✗ Put your trash in the hallways, common areas, or on the first floor of buildings
- ✗ Park your car in the unloading zones
- ✗ Loft your bed without supplies from Res Life
- ✗ Forget your Student ID at home or with your parents
- ✗ Forget to complete your Room Condition Report (RCR)
- ✗ Drill holes or mount TVs in your room







## When can I Move-In?

\*You must check in at Residence Life in Pacific Hall between 8AM-5PM, prior to move in.



ONLY students participating in events sponsored by TAMUG prior to the start of the Fall semester are permitted to move in early and will have their rooms ready for their arrival. These students are still responsible for completing the move in process, which includes checking in at the Residence Life Office and completing your Room Condition Report.



# FRIDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>

# MOVE IN DAY!

**Save the date!**  
**Fall Move-In begins at**  
**8AM on Friday, August 28th!**

## Check In Process

All residents will have to go through the Check In Process at Residence Life BEFORE they can begin moving their belongings to their room. Before you start unpacking, head to the check in station to receive access to your room. You will need the following:

- (a) Your TAMUG Student ID
- (b) Your UIN
- (c) Make sure you've confirmed your housing. Returning students need to have signed their housing contract.

At the very end of the check in process, you will be given the following:

- (a) Your hard key to your room. (Upon Request)
- (b) Access to your suite/room in your building.
- (c) Your Room Condition Report-Due by September 7th.

Once you complete the process, you can start unloading your belongings into your room.

## Check-In Crew

Check in Crew is a student organization that helps move in new residents into their room. They will be available all through the weekend to help with carrying your items, directing you to the 15 minute unloading zones, lofting your bed, and assisting in making your move in process as quickly and efficient as possible.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **Q. Can I build a loft in my room?**

**A.** No. Our furniture is designed in a way that students are able to loft their beds with the furniture that is already provided in the room. Do not bring your own lofting materials.

## **Q. Can I move furniture out of my room?**

**A.** No. All university furniture must stay in your room throughout the year.

## **Q. What is a Room Condition Report? Why do I have to return it to Res Life?**

**A.** The Room Condition Report is a document for residents to note any pre-existing damage that was found in the room at the time of Move-In. Room Condition Reports (or RCRs) will be given out to residents at the time of Check In, and residents are responsible for returning the completed form back to Residence Life within 72 hours of move in. It is in the student's best interest to make sure any damage is noted on their RCR to prevent being charged at the end of the school year.

## **Q. I moved in and I don't have a roommate, does that mean I'll have the room to myself?**

**A.** No. After the first week of classes of the Fall semester, the Office of Residence Life may consolidate residents by reassigning them to new rooms/suites. The purpose of consolidation is to ensure spaces for incoming students and address areas where students may end up living alone (without roommates) in rooms that are traditionally designated as double rooms/suite. Students living in a room/suite with a vacancy will be contacted throughout the process, where they will either self-identify another person to be a new roommate or be consolidated with another person in their current residence hall.

## **Q. Once I move in, can I request to be switched to a different building?**

**A.** Depends. Once our office has completed the consolidation process and if there are any openings available, when will process requests on a first come, first serve basis.

## **Q. I'm having issues with my roommate/suitemates, who can I talk to?**

**A.** Living with a new person is a great opportunity to learn more about others. We expect all roommates to make a good-faith effort to be respectful of one another's right to live and study in their assigned spaces and discuss any concerns with one another as they arise. Though Residence Life does its best to match students based on specific preferences, we recognize the reality that some matches will not work. Should a roommate conflict escalate, students should first talk with their Community Leader and attempt to resolve any concerns with their assistance. If a mutual decision is made that the roommates can truly no longer live in the same space respectfully, relocation will be considered a last resort and will be completed through the Housing Coordinator for your hall after the first week of classes.

# Make Friends, Get Involved, Have Fun: STUDENT LEADERS IN THE RES HALLS

Living on campus is more than just a place to sleep! There are several resources and opportunities provided in the halls to meet new people, build your leadership skills, and have fun while living on campus.

**Check out the following pages for you to get involved and make the most of your on campus experience!**



## Community Leaders

Community Leaders will be available throughout Move In weekend to assist with directing students to their new halls, parking, check in, and answering any questions you may have about campus resources.

Our Community Leaders are also assigned in every hall, to assist students throughout the year with their adjustment to campus life. From roommate mediation to programming, the Community Leaders dedicate their time to creating a safe, inclusive, and developmental environment for every resident on campus.

## Hall Olympics

### Which hall has what it takes to win?

Hall Olympics is a year long program coordinated by Community Leaders, that involves friendly competition between residents in each hall. Whether you're competitive, want to show your hall pride, or if you just want the chance to win the free Championship T-shirt- Hall Olympics is gets residents involved in different events throughout the semester to win prizes and score points for their hall.

The hall with the most points at the end of the year will receive a free Hall Olympics 2015-2016 Championship T-shirt and an end of the year cook out before finals!!!



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# RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

## RHA, what's that?

Residence Hall Association of TAMUG is a student organization created to serve every student who lives on campus. The purpose of RHA is to unite as a body for the organization combine resources to improve the social and cultural development of students who live in the residence halls.

Some of our annual events include the Dodge Ball Tournament, Fall Festival, Spring Easter Hunt- and we also co-sponsor Hall Olympic events by giving the winning hall their championship t-shirts! RHA will also elect members and sent them to regional and national conferences to connect with other universities and students within the national RHA organization.



## Why become an active member of RHA:

1. Make New Friends
2. Vote On Free Programs and Events for Students
3. Attend Regional/National Conferences
4. Serve As Your Hall Representative
5. Voice Your Opinion
6. Have Fun Where you Live!

Whether you want to just be member, voice your opinions about issues, or be the Hall Representative for your hall- getting involved with RHA will connect you to other new students to form friendships, bring new ideas that will improve you residential experience, and to have fun!

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# CHECK-IN CREW



We are an organization here at TAMUG dedicated to giving new students an early jump on becoming campus leaders. We strive to help new students realize all the potential leadership/involvement opportunities that are available to them.

Checkin' Crew provides an opportunity for new students to come to campus early and meet upperclassmen, other motivated new students and learn information about the campus. Then at the end of the week they will help to greet and guide the rest of the freshmen class to campus!

Checkin' Crew runs from August 24th - 29th and has a small fee of \$65 per student. If you would like to be a part of Checkin' Crew please fill out the application at <http://www.tamug.edu/reslife/Getting%20Involved/Checkin%20Crew.html> and return it to:

Checkin' Crew  
Office of Residence Life  
200 Seawolf Pkwy  
Galveston, TX 77554

Once we have reviewed your application, we will email you with our decision and further instructions!

**If you have any questions, please contact any of our Executive Staff:**

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