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## Modified Quiet Hours and Academic Drop-in Centre Help Sessions

As many of you are aware, midterms for several large first-year courses have been scheduled for **Saturday, October 14, 21, 28** and **November 18**. For this reason, the Quiet Hours in residence will be extended for the following Fridays - Oct. 13, 20, 27 and November 17, and will begin at 11:00 pm rather than the usual 1:00 am. Please be mindful of this change and have consideration for your friends who are writing midterms on those Saturdays.

The Academic Drop-in Centres in Mountain Hall, East Residences, and Lennox Room 285 will be open **Monday to Thursday, from 7:00-9:00 pm**, each week, and staffed by Academic Leaders. In many cases, the ADCs will also be open on the Friday evenings before these Saturday midterms.

Just a reminder for those who live in the North area residences (Johnston,



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Mills, Maids, Lambton, Watson & L/A), your I-card will give you access to the Lennox-Addington ADC during the times when the Centre is open. Watch for listings of course study sessions, posted in the windows of the ADCs.

The Academic Cluster Leaders, along with Prof. Joe Prokipcak, will be hosting a large Chemistry 1040 Help Session on Wednesday, October 11, 5:30-6:30 pm in Rozanski Room 103. Be sure to bring your questions.

Good luck with your midterms!

## Guests over Hallowe'en

Just a reminder that guests are not permitted the weekend prior to Halloween (similar to the practice during Homecoming) and Halloween Monday. This means guest restrictions are in effect from:

**6:00pm Friday October 27th until 8:00am  
Wednesday November 1st.**

During this time guests (including those from other residences) will not be permitted to visit you in residence. This information is highlighted on page 7 of the **Residence Community Living Standards**. Please contact [reslife@uoguelph.ca](mailto:reslife@uoguelph.ca) or a member of the Residence Life Staff if you have any questions.

Have a safe and happy Halloween

## Student Multi-Media Assistant Position

Love photography and videography, social media, and going out to residence events? Residence Admissions and Marketing is looking for a student Multi-media Assistant. Find out more and apply by October 13 at <http://housing.uoguelph.ca/content/multi-media-assistant>

## Not returning to residence in January?

If you are in res now **and** will not be registered at UofG for Winter semester, you **may** be eligible for a refund of your \$500 residence deposit. You must contact our office ([housing@uoguelph.ca](mailto:housing@uoguelph.ca)) via your [@uoguelph.ca](https://www.facebook.com/uoguelph) account by 4:30 p.m. on Fri. Nov. 3, 2017 in order to cancel your contract and determine your eligibility for a refund. If we are notified after this time, the deposit is not refundable.

Deposit refunds/credits will be processed in February. Please see sections 7 & 19b of the online Residence Contract for more info. International students who are concerned about negotiating a Canadian refund cheque in their home country should contact us about alternatives immediately. Residents who are graduating, going on co-op, exchange or Study Abroad for Winter should contact us immediately.

**Please note:** if you plan to move out of residence *before* the end of classes, you need to be aware of **correct check-out procedures** [see <http://housing.uoguelph.ca/current-residents/moving-out/withdrawing-residence-mid-semester> ] and the **charges and refunds** involved [described at [http://housing.uoguelph.ca/?q=about-us/residence-contract#17\\_0](http://housing.uoguelph.ca/?q=about-us/residence-contract#17_0) ]

## October Programming Calendar

October is here and our Thanksgiving break is almost upon us. Congratulations on making it through the first 3½ weeks of the Fall Semester! If this is your first year of university (as it is for many of you), you get double the congratulations for navigating your transition thus far. Living away from home for the first time can be exciting, but also challenging, as you adapt to your new surroundings and figure out what your new life is going to be like. It is our wish as a Residence Life team that you are starting to feel at home here in

Residence with us and, should you need anything to help you in your transition, that you reach out to a staff member who is there to help and support you.

Looking back on September, we had a very busy month, hopefully filled with O-Week activities, Homecoming Pump-Up events, Manager Meet and Greets, the Roommate Gameshow, and more. This month, we'll look to continue providing you opportunities to have fun, develop relationships with your peers, and get as engaged and involved in campus and residence life as possible. Here's a sneak peek of what's coming up in October:

**RA Chats** – If your RLS member hasn't connected with you already, they will be looking to connect with you 1-on-1 over the next few weeks to check in on how your transition to the U of G is going. They'll want to know about school, how things are going in the community, if your experience has been as expected, and more, so stay tuned for that connection.

**Thanksgiving Dinner** – For those of you not heading home for the Thanksgiving holiday, IHC will be hosting a FREE Thanksgiving dinner this coming Tuesday evening in Peter Clark Hall (basement of the University Centre), from 5-7 pm. Consider dropping by to enjoy a hot, home-cooked meal and connect with others who stayed on campus for the weekend.

**CHEM\*1040 Mock Midterm** – Building on the *Chem Profs in Res* program happening on Wednesday, October 11, we will be hosting our first ever *CHEM\*1040 Mock Midterm* program on Thursday, October 12, from 7-9pm in Eccles, South Residence. Close to 100 students will sit for a 90-minute mock midterm before being provided the solutions and given a chance to review questions with academic staff. Talk to your RA for registration information!

**Take A Paws** – Here come the puppies! For the first

three Saturdays after Thanksgiving, the St. John's Ambulance Therapy dog program will be joining us in residence from 7-8:30pm. Locations are as follows:

- South-area: October 14, Mountain SSL
- East-area: October 21, East FPL
- North-area: October 28, Lambton Games Room

Registration will be live shortly through gryphlife. ca. There are only 100 spots/night so make sure to reserve your time with the pups. □

**Centre for International Programs Information Sessions** – Ever thought about studying abroad for a semester? If so (or if you are thinking about it now) consider attending the information session happening in your areas:

- LA FPL – Tuesday, Oct. 24
- East FPL – Wednesday, Oct. 25
- Mountain SSL – Thursday, Oct. 26

All sessions go from 6-7pm and fulfill the attendance requirement needed from the CIP before they will provide you with log-in information for the exchange system.

**Halloween Haunt** – On Friday, October 27, Interhall Council (IHC) will be running a bus trip to Wonderland, to take part in the annual Halloween Haunt activities. In addition to all the rides available, Wonderland transforms into a pretty incredible Halloween-themed park, so make sure you don't miss out. Tickets will be sold by your local Hall Council and will begin shortly. Make sure to connect with your community RLS member to find out what time "Selling Table" hours will be.

**Trick or Eat** – Each year, over 1000 Gryphons dress up in costume on October 31st and “Trick or Eat” through local neighborhoods, collecting non-perishable food for those in need in our community. Your RLS member will be chatting with you after the break to share this opportunity with your community and see who is interested. Trick or Eat will run from about 4:45-8:30pm.

In addition to what’s mentioned above, your Res Life member will likely be hosting at least 1 Meeting this month, along with a planned community activity in the next few weeks, as we aim to provide you with as many opportunities as possible to have fun, meet other Gryphons, and integrate yourself within the Guelph community. Happy Thanksgiving Gryphons! Congrats on a successful first month!

## Residence Community Integrity Board

### WE’RE RECRUITING!

The Residence Community Integrity Board (RCIB) is an unbiased panel of students responsible for reviewing outcome decisions made for peers found in violation of Residence Community Living Standards. RCIB members meet as a panel with students to review the outcome of their violation and work together to assess whether the outcome decision made was appropriate.

#### WE ARE SEEKING:

- Full-time students (must maintain 65% average)
- Diverse representation of our residence communities
- Civic-minded student leaders
- Residence students who would be able to commit to up to 5 hours/month

#### WHAT YOU GAIN:

- Innovative and valuable training
- Experience for future RLS positions or careers in law, politics, social work, etc.
- Ongoing leadership development opportunities
- Recognition and formal letter of reference

## Are you living in a double, triple, or quad room?

If there is a vacancy in your room, it could be filled at any time. Please ensure that the unoccupied section of the room remains unoccupied and available for a new resident. We are moving students to accommodate transfer requests into other rooms (possibly yours), and this will happen without advance notice. So please don’t leave your belongings on “their” desk, bed, etc. -- they’ll appreciate it!

## Restricted Areas

Residents are not permitted in restricted or unauthorized areas. For example, students who are found on, or attempt to access, restricted areas such as a roof of residence, restricted balconies or window ledges, or attics, may be evicted.

## Student Ambassadors Wanted!

Are you enthusiastic? Do you LOVE U of Guelph? Become a University of Guelph Ambassador!

Being an ambassador requires a small amount of your time. Ambassadors volunteer to assist the Admissions Office with on-campus special events for prospective students. They help on event days by directing visitors, showing your residence room, and Upper year students can get involved in giving tours.

The two Fall events are:

**Sunday, November 5, 2017** - Fall Preview Day

**Sunday, November 12, 2017** - Science &  
Engineering Sunday

Mandatory Training will take place on Wed. Oct. 18  
and Thurs. Oct. 19 - all participating ambassadors  
must attend ONE session.

If you are interested in applying to be an ambassador,  
please go to this website for more information and for  
the online application.

**[www.uoguelph.ca/admissions/ambassadors](http://www.uoguelph.ca/admissions/ambassadors)**

Deadline to apply is **October 9, 2017**. If you are  
accepted to the program, you will receive an email  
from the coordinator after the application deadline.

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## **Headphones Winners!**

Congratulations to **Azra** and **Victoria** who each won  
Beats By Dre headphones for completing the First  
Week Survey. Thanks to everyone for your time and  
we look forward to learning more about what you have  
to say about your residence experience.

