

# TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY



Dear Parents,

Greetings from Residential Life! Spring has sprung around our campus. We want to welcome students from spring break and wish them luck as they prepare for their final two months of the semester. As summer approaches we wanted to let you know of some things that are happening in Residential Life that might affect your child come this fall.

Room Selection begins Wednesday **March 14<sup>th</sup>**. All freshman and sophomore students are required to live on campus. If your child wants the same bed or hall they have till March 23<sup>rd</sup> to make their selection. After **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** it will be a first come first serve basis. They will have to make a \$100 prepayment online using a credit card. Your child can check their TTU email for more information about room selection.

The on campus Tech Village Commons apartments will begin the second phase of renovation this summer. We will be renovating 8 buildings on the east side. The west side is completely remodeled and is awaiting tenants. **If your child is a sophomore they now can qualify to live in Tech Village. Follow the link at the bottom of the page to learn more about Tech Village Commons or you can call the Tech Village office at 931-372-3271 to schedule a guided tour.**

New for fall 2012 two new learning villages will be added, the **Global Village** (MS Cooper/Pinkerton Halls) and the **Arts and Media Village** (Ellington/Warf Halls). Each "Village" will have study areas, with tutoring opportunities as well as a classroom to be used for classes related to the village theme. Each Village is also designed to provide additional student leadership opportunities through each of the individual Village Councils.

## **Highlights of Programs**

During the year, students that live on campus participate in events that help raise money for local organizations on campus. We are proud of our students who take ownership and are willing to help out in the Cookeville Community. Here is just a **highlight** of the events that have happened this past year.

August - Habitat for Humanity - RA's went around neighborhoods and took surveys from the people living in those neighborhoods about Habitat for Humanity.

November - Pie ResLife - RHA and RA's allowed students to pie them in the face to raise money for the Genesis House.

November - RHA Car Bash - RHA got a car donated and let anyone that wanted to take a swing at it, hit the car for a donation that went to Helping Hands.

December- Tech Village had its annual Christmas gathering where families that lived in the village could bring their child to see Santa

February- Tech Village hosted a night where residents could come meet with a CPA to discuss their taxes and how to file for them.

April- Tech Village will be having a blood drive

April - RHA is working on projects to help raise money for Relay for Life.

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Also every week students participate with recycling on campus. They go around to each residence building collecting the recycling bins. The renovations at Tech Village led to a recycling area that is one of the most used places to recycle in Putnam County.

## Summer Student Orientation

During SOAR sessions, a residence hall will be open for overnight lodging. The cost for students for a double occupancy room is \$25 dollars per student. Guests can choose a double occupancy or a private occupancy room both are just \$25 dollars per guest. These costs include linens for each bed (sheets and pillowcase), a pillow, a towel and a washcloth for each person. Students will be housed with other students of the same gender. Guests will be rooming with another guest.

Just a reminder, that if your child is not graduating in May, they have to be out of their residence hall by **May 4<sup>th</sup>**. If your child is graduating they have till **May 5<sup>th</sup>**. In Tech Village graduating students have till **May 18<sup>th</sup>** to be out of their apartment. All other residents can stay if they are enrolling in classes for the fall.

We wish your child the best of the luck as the semester comes to a close and finals begin. Also we hope your family has a great summer and look forward to seeing your child back in the fall.

Finally I would like to recognize **Julie Graham** my student assistant who is graduating this semester and will be leaving our department. Julie is a wonderful person, very bright and capable who has been invaluable in assisting my reservationist and myself on varied projects. She is very gifted and has a promising career. Thank you Julie for all of your hard work, but most of all for your witness and love of all things purple and gold.

Sincerely,

Richard Barns, Associate Director Residential life



<http://www.tntech.edu/orientation/soardates/> - dates for SOAR

<http://www.tntech.edu/reslife/techvillage/> -Tech Village Commons

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