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Contest Winners!

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- LEED-ing with Gold



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# 2011 Room-of-the-Year Contest

**N**ow in its fourth year, our annual Room-of-the-Year Contest has gone viral! University Housing and the UGA Residence Hall Association teamed up to take the growing contest into the realm of social media, creatively using Facebook "likes" for votes and promoting the contest on Twitter and other social networking sites.

Residents from all 20 halls were eligible to submit entries in three categories. Winners were determined based on more than 4,400 combined resident votes for three categories cast during a week of online polling.

The results were record-breaking! The grand total of 4,408 individual votes surpassed last year's voting participation by almost 2,500 votes. This year, a total of 82 rooms participated in the contest, compared to 71 in 2010. After a whirlwind voting process on Facebook, the winners for 2011 were:

## **Best Female Room:**

Michelle Fullea and Manuela Pelaez – Russell Hall

## **Best Male Room:**

Matthew Fasnacht and Joel Roebuck – Building 1516

## **Best Tour Video:**

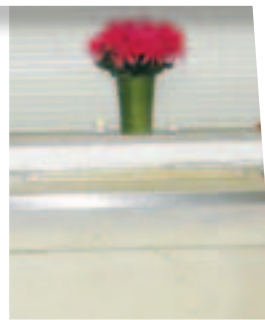
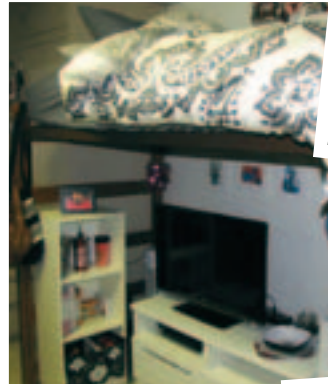
D'Layne Deas and Kendra Henson – Mell Hall

Grand prize winners in each category received first pick of all available residence hall spaces during the Returning Resident Room Sign-Up process. Photos of entries are posted online in the Tour the Halls Section of the website in the corresponding community pages, as well as on our Facebook page. For several students these pages serve as a reference for deciding which hall they register for as incoming freshmen and during returning resident room sign-up, and also to get ideas on how to decorate their rooms.

Thanks to all residents who entered the contest. Their creativity and originality were extraordinary!

To see photos of the winning rooms and the winning tour video, check out our 2011 Room-of-the-Year Contest album on our Facebook page at

<http://facebook.com/ugahousing>.





## *Building 1516 receives honors*

**B**uilding 1516, the newest residence hall at the University of Georgia has been bestowed with two recent honors: LEED gold certification and winner of the “Best Use of Green & Sustainable Construction—On Campus” award by *Student Housing Business*. Building 1516 is the first LEED-certified residence hall at UGA, the seventh building on a university campus in the state of Georgia to be certified at the gold level, and the third to be so designated in Athens, including the Tate Student Center, which received LEED gold certification in 2010.

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System attests that a building was designed and built using strategies aimed at improving performance across multiple metrics: energy savings, water efficiency, carbon dioxide emissions reduction, indoor environmental quality and stewardship of resources with sensitivity to their impacts. LEED-certified residence halls have healthier environments, which in turn contribute to higher productivity and improved health and comfort to residents and staff.

Built by Juneau Construction, Collins Cooper Carusi Architects and HADP Architecture, the new residence hall opened in fall 2010. Judges for the industry publication *Student Housing Business* stated, “Outstanding job of supporting the campus’ commitment to sustainability utilizing both typical and innovative techniques. From design through construction it is clear that sustainability was ‘top of mind’ throughout the process as proven by the measurable energy savings in an inviting living environment.”

Energy saving features in the new residence hall include in-room temperature controls; high-efficiency sinks, showers and toilets that allow a significant savings per year in water; and double-paned, low-energy windows that help rooms maintain constant temperatures, with switches that turn

off the heating and cooling system for the room when windows are left open. Additionally, low-emitting Volatile Organic Compounds in paint, carpet, coatings, sealants and adhesives reduce contaminants effecting indoor air quality, thus reducing the need for air circulation.

In addition to the building being very well insulated, energy recovery units in the attic temper the fresh air coming in so that the temperature difference between the inside and outside air are more consistent; both of these measures, along with a “cool” roof and reflective concrete sidewalks, reduce overall energy costs of the building. In addition to cost and energy savings, building components were chosen to extend the life expectancy of the materials. For example, the copper roofing has a 75-year life expectancy, and the exteriors were installed in a manner to improve service life and the ease of maintenance. All these features collectively have accounted for as much as a 33 percent reduction in utility costs per square foot, compared with residence halls of the same square footage.

Ten percent of the materials used to construct the residence hall are made of recycled content, and another 10 percent originated from within 500 miles of the construction site, reducing air pollutants created from transporting the materials from great distances. In addition, approximately 90 percent of the companies contracted to construct the building were local businesses.

Three other projects besides Building 1516 and the Tate Student Center addition that were recently completed or currently under design and construction by the university are LEED-registered and tracking certification at the silver or gold level: the College of Pharmacy addition, the Georgia Museum of Art addition and the Richard B. Russell Building for the special collections libraries. Once certified, these buildings will establish a half-million square feet of documented LEED space in the university’s facilities inventory.



For more information about University Housing’s Building 1516, go to <http://housing.uga.edu/residence/tour/reed/building-1516>.

# RHA - The Resident Newsletter

The Residence Hall Association has been up to a number of great, new things this semester. We kicked off our semester by attending the Georgia Residence Hall Organization state conference (GRHO). During this conference RHAs across the state of Georgia submit bids for awards to be voted on by school representatives. At this conference, the University of Georgia was recognized in a number of different areas including: *School of Year*, *Advisor of the Year* - Tamara Burke, *Emerging Student Leader* - Amber Painter, *Best Roll Call*, and for hosting a Top 3 Program.

We have also been given the great opportunity to send out our monthly newsletter, *The Resident*, to our entire on-campus population of an estimated 7,600 residents. When this academic year started, *The Resident* consisted of a one page publication that merely touched on a few things we had been doing during that given month. However, RHA has spent the past few months trying to better integrate its daughter organizations, The National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) and Residence Hall Studios (RHS). In doing so, we have used our newsletter as an opportunity to highlight and expand on our publication. Now, instead of a single-page newsletter, we have expanded to four pages to include the happenings of both NRHH and RHS, including blurbs from the Presidents/Executive Director to add a more personal touch. We have also included a trivia portion, which allows us to highlight one on-campus production monthly. The first 10 to 15 residents to respond correctly to the trivia question receive a free ticket to our highlighted event. For example, in February we highlighted *India Night* and purchased 15 tickets for winners to attend the event. If you would like a better look at the evolution of *The Resident*, it can be found on the RHA website ([rha.uga.edu](http://rha.uga.edu)).

As you can see, the Residence Hall Association has been busy this semester and looks forward to doing even greater things in the semesters to come!



For more information about UGA's Residence Hall Association, visit [rha.uga.edu](http://rha.uga.edu).



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**Dinner and a Movie**

RHA presents "Dinner and a Movie: Take 2!" Last year, the executive board started the tradition of "Dinner and a Movie" which this year's board is all too happy to continue.

On February 16, 2012, join us at the Georgia Center which is on campus between the Coliseum and Myers Community. We will screen the film, *Crazy, Stupid Love* which was decided upon in our Facebook group through a movie poll where it won by a landslide.

The doors will open at 6:30 PM that Thursday evening to allow you to get in and grab a great seat, and we will start the movie at 7:00 PM. Please be on time so that the movie remains uninterrupted.

A delightful dinner will be served once the movie has begun. And as at every RHA program, free t-shirts will be given out before the night ends. Bring a friend or bring a date, after all the whole program is free to residents!

Bring your student ID with you so that we can verify your residency on campus. Dress comfortably and casually for this awesome evening with RHA!

**Mini Exec 'N' Rec**

"Each year, the Residence Hall Association (RHA) executes three events to prepare our individual Community Council Executive Boards to best serve their communities, as well as the organization as a whole. The principle event, Exec 'N' Rec, occurs mid-September, as soon as councils have been formed. It is coupled with our Exec 'N' Rec Social in which our Councils get a chance to bond alongside each other, uniting the councils into the whole of RHA. In the Spring, RHA hosts a Mini Exec 'N' Rec to reenergize the Councils and get them ready to take the experience they gained during the first half of their term and take their leadership to a whole new level during the second semester. Together they form a system that helps students to understand and perform their duties, as well as invest in the Residence Hall Association, truly making it their own." - Ben Bradshaw, SALT Bid

The time has come for Mini Exec 'N' Rec! On February 11, 2012, RHA will host a miniature training session with the theme "RHA: There's an App for That!" to rejuvenate hall council across campus. Students from these councils are given the chance to teach others what they have learned and are also given another chance to learn for the Executive Board. We cannot wait to see how far our councils have progressed this year!

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**Win Tickets to UGA India Night 2012**

Hey Everyone!

In keeping with our tradition of supporting the local arts, the Residence Hall Association (RHA) will be giving away 10 tickets to current housing residents to attend India Night 2012 held by the Indian Cultural Exchange at UGA on Saturday, February 18, 2012! Please keep reading carefully for more information about this opportunity and how you may enter to win.

**How to Enter:**

Who: Any current University Housing resident

What: Winners will each receive 1 ticket to India Night 2012 held by the Indian Cultural Exchange at UGA

When: Saturday, February 18 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Where: The Classic Center, Downtown Athens

How: Be one of the first 10 people to email the correct answer to the following trivia question along with your first and last name, contact phone number, residence hall and room number. Direct all emails to [rha@uga.edu](mailto:rha@uga.edu) before 11:59 PM on Wednesday, February 8.

Please, only enter if you are able to attend the event on February 18, 2012.

**QUESTION: According to UGA MSP, what percentage of minorities identified with a race or ethnicity in 2010?**

Winners will be notified between February 9 and 10. This ticket only covers admission to the event.

We look forward to hearing from you!

# Update - 2012 Returning Resident Room Sign-Up

**R**eturning Resident Room Sign-Up 2012 is well underway in The Dawg House! The Dawg House is our online housing application system that was designed to better serve our students and their housing needs. To ensure all residents were notified about Returning Resident Room Sign-Up 2012, all residents were sent informative e-mails; question & answer sessions were conducted in all seven residential communities and the Tate Student Center; and posters were hung in all residence halls.

The result? More than 2,700 current resident students requested to participate in Returning Resident Room Sign-Up 2012 and registered online before the January 22, 2012, deadline. After this deadline passed, students were notified of their status in the process, whether they were able to select a space on campus or were assigned to the waiting list.

## UGA Housing Capacity

There are approximately 7,100 spaces in the 21 residence halls available for undergraduate students next year. Prior to Returning Resident Room Sign-Up, spaces are set aside for new incoming students in order to comply with the University of Georgia's first year live-on requirement. Since 2003, UGA has mandated that all first-year students live on campus – a policy that was adopted in response to the national research that consistently indicates that students who live on campus

during their first year are more satisfied with their collegiate experience, more involved on campus, and more likely to continue their enrollment than students who live off campus. In fall 2012, we anticipate that the incoming first-year class will reach 4,900 students.

UGA Housing is also required to reserve spaces for students who are enrolled in our academic-residential programs, such as the Franklin Residential College housed in Building 1516, the Language Communities in Mary Lyndon Hall, and the Honors Magnet Program in Myers Hall. Detailed descriptions of these programs can be found at the Academic Initiatives section of our website.

The popularity of these programs coupled with the number of spaces needed for first-year students leaves a small number of available spaces for returning students, requiring many of our interested current residents to be assigned to a waiting list.

## Waiting List

Students who have been placed on the waiting list may monitor their position simply by visiting The Dawg House where they initially enrolled to participate in this process. Of course, residents are always welcome to call or e-mail the University Housing Assignments Office for information about the waiting list. We will continue to select people from this waiting list as spaces become available throughout the spring and summer. We hope to move through the entire waiting list as quickly as possible.

## Other Options

Students who participate in any of the academic programs cited earlier, including the Franklin Residential College and the French and Spanish Language Communities, are guaranteed spaces in the residence halls where these programs are based. More information on these programs can be found at the Academic Initiatives section of our website at [www.housing.uga.edu](http://www.housing.uga.edu).

The Housing Assignments Office continues to make every effort to provide housing for as many students as possible and will continue working to place those residents who currently populate the waiting list. Students on the waiting list should check their UGA e-mail accounts regularly, as that is our primary means of official communication. All students and parents are welcome to contact the Housing Assignments Office at (706) 542-1421 or [housing@uga.edu](mailto:housing@uga.edu) to discuss any questions or concerns.

## New for 2012-2013:

**ECV flexibility!** As we have done in the past three years, we will continue to provide returning students with some flexibility in living in East Campus Village.

- All 2012-2013 residents of Building 1512, Rooker and Vandiver Halls will have 11.5 month contracts ending in August 2013.
- All 2012-2013 residents of McWhorter Hall will have nine-month contracts ending in May 2013.

**The Dawg House!** Our new online housing application system, The Dawg House, is now being used for the Returning Resident Room Sign-Up process. The Dawg House may be accessed through the Housing website at [housing.uga.edu](http://housing.uga.edu).



## Spring Special Events

Each year, UGA Food Services celebrates spring with diverse and exciting special events.

In January, the dining commons sparked a fire of excitement with the **Firehouse Favorites Dinner**. Menu items included Bison Chili, High-Energy Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetable Stuffed Zucchini, and Smoldering Creme Brulee. We even had a special guest appearance from the Athens-Clarke County Fire Department!

Then, in early February, students enjoyed a Chinese New Year feast. Decorations at this event transformed the dining commons into a **Chinese New Year Celebration Dinner**. Peking Duck, Tea Leaf Eggs, Hot and Sour Soup, and Green Tea Ice Cream were a few of the menu items featured during the dinner.

Our **Food: The Social Network Dinner** celebrated food, social media, and the fellowship both bring. Students had fun with a number of social activities including a real-life Angry Birds game, a photo booth with real time uploads to Facebook, and karaoke. We also launched UGA Food Services' mobile web app which allows customers to connect with UGA Food Services and register for the meal plan from their mobile device.

The **National Nutrition Month® Nutrition Exposition** held the first week of March in each dining commons helped motivate meal plan patrons to make healthy lifestyle changes through nutrition and fitness assessment activities.

Coming March 21st, we will host a dinner fit for a champion during March Madness. At our **Final Four in the Big Easy Dinner** students will enjoy the unique flavors of Cajun cuisine as we celebrate the Final Four Championship hosted in New Orleans.

We'll wrap up the year with our **End of the Year Beach Blast** on April 26th. From California to Jamaica, Coney Island to Hawaii - how good are your party hopping skills? Each year students try to make it to all four of our end of the year celebration meals.



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## ASLME is a new Sign Language Community

The American Sign Language Multicultural Experience (ASLME) is a new living-learning community starting on UGA's campus fall, 2012. The ASLME community will be housed in Reed Hall, giving up to 25 students a chance to connect with others while learning about Deaf Culture and improving their signing ability. The community will engage in a number of activities collectively for the campus community, seeking to expose more students to the intricacies of American Sign Language (ASL) and Deaf culture. In order to build an impactful relationship with other students, participants are required to have previous ASL experience, either in or out of the classroom, and while not required, it is suggested that students be concurrently enrolled in an ASL class at UGA. ASL classes fulfill the language requirement for students attending UGA!

Creation of the ASLME was the brainchild of Victoria Goll, a third-year Biology major who sought to create a community whose primary mission was "to promote the usage and practice of American Sign Language and an understanding of Deaf and hearing cultures." Her personal struggles motivated her to find support from the UGA community and create a place where students could learn more about the experiences for the hard-



of-hearing and deaf in our society. For Victoria, learning about Deaf culture and American Sign Language helps students become better communicators, adding immensely to the experiences they get as students at UGA.

Any student interested in participating in the ASLME program may email [hsgaslme@uga.edu](mailto:hsgaslme@uga.edu) for an application or contact Judith Oliver ([judiasl@uga.edu](mailto:judiasl@uga.edu)), Diana Fruth ([dfruth@uga.edu](mailto:dfruth@uga.edu)) or Austyn Barbarin ([Austyn@uga.edu](mailto:Austyn@uga.edu)) for more information about the program.



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- East Campus Village Community . . . . .(706) 542-2041  
(Building 1512; McWhorter, Rooker and Vandiver Halls)
- Hill Community . . . . .(706) 542-5934  
(Boggs, Church, Hill, Lipscomb and Mell Halls; Oglethorpe House)
- Myers Community . . . . .(706) 542-5217  
(Mary Lyndon, Myers, Rutherford and Soule Halls)
- Reed Community . . . . .(706) 542-3753  
(Building 1516, Morris, Payne and Reed Halls)
- Russell Community. . . . .(706) 542-8331  
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- Work Order Office . . . . .(706) 542-3999**