The Office of Student Development is excited that you are attending Belhaven University and considering living in the residence halls! I am confident that you will find Belhaven to be made up of a community of people who are concerned about the education you receive, both inside and outside the classroom.

Many advantages exist for those who choose on-campus housing:
- **Cost:** Off-campus living expenses can be costly due to location, eating habits, and transportation.
- **Convenience:** Remain close to a variety of institutional resources.
- **Community:** Stay involved by gaining lifelong friendships.
- **Contentment:** Increase satisfaction with your overall college experience.

As an alum myself, I am thrilled to have you on campus and hope this letter provides clarity for those that are new to Belhaven. If you have any questions, contact us at 601.968.5969 or sdevelopment@belhaven.edu.

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Assistant Vice President of Student Development and Dean of Students

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**MOVE IN**
- New Students: Friday, August 24, 2018 at 8:30 AM
- Returning Students: Friday, August 24, 2018 at 1:00 PM

No early arrivals are permitted due to staff training.
Fall athletes should check with their coaches for specific arrival information.

**MOVE OUT**
- Residence halls close at 5:00 PM on December 13, 2018.
- The halls will reopen on January 5, 2019 at 8:30 AM.

**RESIDENCE LIFE STAFF**

Your Resident Assistant will be one of the first people you meet at Belhaven. They are here to help you adjust to college life, be a mentor and guide, and answer questions you may have throughout the year. They are excited to meet you and can’t wait for your arrival!

**Check out the photos and bios of all the RAs on our website.**

In every residence hall, you will find a professional Resident Director. He or she is responsible for the daily management of the building, as well as assisting residents with their college living experience.

**Photos and bios of our Resident Directors are also online.**

**RESIDENCE LIFE POLICIES**

A complete description of Residence Life policies can be found in Belhaven’s student handbook, *The Kilt*. As a resident student, you will be responsible for knowing and adhering to all University policies. Mandatory hall meetings will be held for residential students on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 to further explain policies. Belhaven University is an alcohol and tobacco free campus.

All full-time freshmen and sophomores (under 54 credit hours), single and under the age of twenty-one, are required to live on campus, with the exception of those students who live off campus at the permanent address of their parents or legal guardian. Campus housing is for undergraduate students (ages 17 – 26) enrolled in the traditional program. The University reserves the right to deny on-campus housing and recommend alternative housing options.
WHAT TO BRING

- Bath towels and wash cloths
- Bedside lamp (no halogens)
- Cleaning supplies
- Cooking supplies
- Fan
- Flip flops (shower shoes)
- Hangers
- Iron and ironing board
- Laundry basket and detergent
- Microwave (900 watts maximum). Microwaves are provided in University Village.
- Pillows and bed linens
- Refrigerator (5 cubic feet maximum). Refrigerators are provided in University Village.
- Rug/carpet for the floor (Helen White rooms already have carpet)
- School supplies (notebooks, pens, etc.)
- Shower caddy
- Surge protector
- Umbrella and/or rainboots

WHAT NOT TO BRING

The following items are prohibited in the residence halls:

- Candles or incense
- Electric blankets and heating pads
- Grills, griddles, toasters, rice cookers, crockpots (these items may be used in kitchens, but not in your residence hall room)
- Halogen lamps
- Hoverboards
- Multiple outlet converters (surge protectors are allowed)
- Personal routers
- Pets (except for fish in 10 gallon tanks)
- Space heaters
- Weapons, dangerous chemicals, or explosive devices
- Window air conditioning unit

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is there cable and internet access in the residence halls?
High speed wireless internet access is provided across campus and in every residence hall. HD television service with DVR access is provided in every room. If you choose to bring a television, it will need to have HDMI capability in order to use cable.

How much does laundry cost?
There is no additional cost for the laundry machines.

May I personalize my room?
While the personalization of rooms is encouraged (rugs, curtains, posters, etc.), the following guidelines must be followed. The use of nails, screws, tacks, or other potentially damaging items on residence hall furnishings, doors, and walls is prohibited. Damage-free adhesive mounting strips and hooks, as well as painters tape, are the ideal materials that may be used for hanging items. University furniture is not to be removed from residence hall rooms.

Is storage available?
Storage space, other than inside your residence hall room, is not available.

What size sheets do I need for my bed?
Helen White has standard twin mattresses; all of the other halls require extra-long twin sheets.

Can I cook in the residence halls?
Cooking is not permitted in standard residence hall rooms. However, all standard residence halls have a designated community kitchen, including a microwave and refrigerator, that residents are free to use. In University Village, each apartment comes with a fully furnished kitchen. Students will need to provide their own cooking supplies.

Should I purchase renters insurance?
Belhaven encourages students to purchase insurance for belongings brought to school.

Are bicycles permitted on campus?
Yes, and multiple bike racks are available across campus for students to store them. The office of security loans out a limited number of bicycles for students to use at no cost.

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