



Community Connection

The month of October is here, and with it comes the promise of cooler days! As the leaves change and the excitement builds, don't forget that Homecoming is right around the corner. Homecoming is an exciting time filled with school spirit and events! It's a chance to create cherished memories that will last a lifetime. However, in the midst of all of the excitement, it's essential to prioritize safety. The Office of Residence Life hopes that all students will embrace the Homecoming festivities while keeping their safety and the well-being of the community in mind.

This newsletter, Community Connection, is part of our service to you, offering information about resources and policies while providing you with important information about the community within the Office of Residence Life. What else to expect: Campus Safety, Winter Housing, Resident Spotlight, and much more!



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CAMPUS SAFETY 101

RAVE ALERT

Kean University utilizes Rave Mobile Safety, a leader in mass notification and incident management, to communicate emergencies and share critical information and alerts to the campus community. Alerts and advisories are sent as text messages and emailed to your @kean.edu account. Depending on the nature of the alert, you may also receive a voicemail and/or see posts on Kean University's social media channels.

SAFETY ESCORTS

A Safety Escort may be requested anytime while on campus by calling our Communications Center at x74800. Escorts are provided on a first-come, first-served basis and are also prioritized amongst other calls for service at any given time.

BLUE LIGHT TELEPHONES

Blue Light telephones have been strategically placed at 13 outdoor locations throughout the campus. Use them for non-emergency and emergency situations. For non-emergencies, use the key pad to dial five-digit on-campus telephone numbers. For emergencies, push the red button. The number for our 24-hour Communications Center is x74800, or (908) 737-4800 from a cellular or off-campus phone.



UWILL

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

Kean University has partnered with Uwill: Mental Health & Wellness Services to provide student mental health and wellness solutions, offering students free immediate access to teletherapy and wellness programming through its easy-to-use online platform. Uwill is here for U when you may need someone to talk to!



SERVICES

Uwill includes the following services:

Uwill: Individual Virtual Counseling

Uhelp: Crisis Counseling (24/7)

Umatch: Match with a therapist within 24 hours

Urise: Nutrition, Yoga, Mindfulness & Meditation Programs

CONTACT US

Students can book their first teletherapy session in just minutes using their Kean University email when registering for an account by visiting <https://app.uwill.com>.

Email support@uwill.com or call (833) 998-9455. If you're experiencing a mental health crisis, call (833) 646-1526. Uwill is Private, Secure, and Confidential.





WINTER HOUSING

Important updates

1

The Office of Residence Life would like to announce that the **Winter housing application will go live on October 15, 2023, via the housing portal.** The Office of Residence Life will offer housing for eligible students who meet the following criteria: International Students, Students registered to take winter classes, or Kean Athletics approved in-season athletes.

2

If you are experiencing a hardship requiring winter housing, you can detail your request in the application. Winter housing availability is limited, and applications will be reviewed and approved on a need basis. **The Winter housing application will close on December 1, 2023.**

PROHIBITED ITEMS & ACTIVITIES



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The following are items and activities that are prohibited in all of the residence halls. Items are subject to confiscation if found in rooms during inspections or fire drills. Both items and prohibited activities are subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Kean University policies and procedures.

ACTIVITIES

- Covering smoke detectors or any action that interferes with the building fire detection system.
- Excessive accumulation of trash in the rooms. Take out the trash regularly!
- Moving furniture to create barriers or obstructions which may hinder egress from the room.
- Failure to promptly evacuate upon activation of the fire alarm.
- False activation of the fire alarm or discharging of the fire extinguishers.

ANIMALS

- No animals allowed (except fish in a 10 gallon tank or approved service/emotional support animals)

ELECTRONICS

- Transmitting equipment/CB radios
- Radio and TV masts or aerials (indoor antennas excluded)
- Lithium battery-powered transportation devices including storage on campus (ex: scooters, bikes, skateboards, hoverboards, etc.)

COOKING ITEMS

- Portable cooking appliances like rice cookers, waffle makers, air fryers, etc.
- Toasters and toaster ovens
- Electric grills (such as George Foreman Grills) or skillets
- Hot plates
- Microwaves or mini-fridges (only those provided by Kean University are allowed)

LIGHTING

- Kerosene lamps and other highly flammable substances (such as gas-containing devices)
- Neon signs
- String lights (limit to 2 strings of decorative or holiday lights)

ROOM ITEMS

- Candles (including decorative candles)
- Incense
- Waterbeds
- Air Mattresses
- Heaters
- Fans with exposed blades
- Any supplementary heating appliance (liquid-fueled or electric)
- Dartboards
- Live Christmas trees
- Weightlifting apparatus
- Music amplifiers
- Resonators
- Extension Cords
- Outlet adapters (only surge protectors are allowed with an on and off switch)
- Hairdryers requiring over 1500 watts of power
- Wall and ceiling hangings cannot exceed 50% of the aggregate wall space (ex: tapestries, posters, etc.)
- Furniture (ex: chairs, couches, mattresses, etc.) unless provided by Kean University

WEAPONS

- Firearms
- Paintball guns
- BB guns
- Fireworks
- Firecrackers
- Explosives
- Chemicals
- Any kinds of knives

SMOKING, DRUGS, & ALCOHOL

- Cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, etc.
- Vapor pens
- Hookahs
- Electric pens
- Drugs/narcotics and paraphernalia
- Alcoholic beverages and paraphernalia
- Alcohol containers empty or full kegs of beer, "beer balls," or similar that are empty or full



SHUTTLE BUS

Hours of Operation

Friday Bus Schedule: Target/ Asian Market

Departs from Dougall Hall at 5:00 PM

First Stop	Union Crescent Plaza Whole Foods/ Best Buy/ Target	5:30PM
Second Stop	Golden Valley SuperMarket	6:45PM Bus will depart
Third Stop Pick up students	Return to Union Crescent Plaza	7:00PM Return to Campus

Sunday Bus Schedule: Jersey Gardens Mall

Depart in front of Dougall Hall	2:00PM	3:00PM	4:00PM	5:00PM
Depart Jersey Gardens Mall	2:30PM	3:30PM	4:30PM	5:30PM

Resident SPOTLIGHT

COUGAR HALL



Shyanne Conklin is Cougar Hall's resident spotlight this month! Shyanne is a freshman majoring in Recreational Therapy. They are from Neptune, NJ, and enjoy scrapbooking and competitive dance! One goal Shyanne has is maintaining a 3.5 GPA for both semesters while getting involved with clubs and programs.

FRESHMAN HALL



Jordan Rittenburg is Freshman Residence Hall's resident spotlight this month! Jordan is an Architecture major from Millville, NJ. Some of their interests include meeting new people, watching movies, and helping with different activities as much as possible! One goal Jordan has is to graduate with a master's degree!

UPPER HALL



Zoe Williams is Upperclassman Residence Hall's resident spotlight this month! Zoe is a senior from Hamilton, NJ, who is majoring in Education. Zoe hopes to be the first of her siblings to graduate with a bachelor's degree. They currently enjoy singing and making videos!

Name

Yarlin Henriquez is Bartlett Hall's resident spotlight this month! Born and raised in the Dominican Republic, Yarlin moved to Jersey City, NJ, when they were ten years old! Yarlin is interested in meeting new people, participating in active and fun activities, and stepping out of their comfort zone. Yarlin hopes to give back to their parents for all the sacrifices they made to get Yarlin to where they are currently!



BARTLETT HALL

SOZIO HALL



Bria Miller is Sozio Hall's resident spotlight this month! Bria is a senior majoring in Psychology and is from Lawrence, NJ. They currently enjoy music and thrifting! Bria hopes to accomplish receiving their degree!

Makenzie Kuntz is Burch Hall's resident spotlight this month! Makenzie is from Linden, NJ, and is a junior majoring in Speech Language Hearing Sciences. They enjoy watching theatre, whether it's a play or a musical! Makenzie has a passion for leadership extracurriculars, and one of their main goals is to attend graduate school following their graduation in 2025!



BURCH HALL

ROGERS HALL



Julius Brinson is Rogers Hall's resident spotlight this month! They are a Liberal Arts major with a Management minor. From Vauxhall, NJ, Julius is interested in anything pertaining to business! One goal Julius would like to achieve is owning their own business.

Name