



# Community Connection

November has arrived, and with it, the distinct sensation that we've reached the midpoint of the semester. As the days grow shorter and the academic load intensifies, our campus community remains committed to fostering a dynamic and enriching living experience. We embark on this month with determination, collectively embracing the challenges and rewards that define the unique college journey.

This newsletter, Community Connection, is part of our service to you, offering information about resources and policies while providing you important information to the community within the Office of Residence Life. You may also find out more about residential living on our website at <https://www.kean.edu/reslife>.

What else to expect: Housing Announcements, Employment Opportunities, Resident Spotlight, and much more!



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# COUGAR

# PANTRY



The Cougar Pantry was established by Kean University in March 2019 to tackle food insecurity among its students. It stocks non-perishable goods, basic care items, and career-ready clothing for registered Kean students, with supplies varying from week to week.

## **VOLUNTEER. DONATE. EDUCATE.**

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week from November 11-18 is designed to educate the public, draw attention to the problem of poverty, and build up the base of volunteers and supporters for local anti-poverty agencies.

### **Hours of Operation**

Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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# FALL HOUSING Announcements

## Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving Break is from Thursday, November 23, 2023, - Sunday, November 26, 2023. The residence halls will remain open. Services on campus, such as the dining hall and athletic facilities, will have an adjusted operating schedule.

Reminder for packing: Take advantage of your time and pack items that may no longer be needed on campus. Minimizing items in your room after the break will ease your move-out process at the end of the semester.

## Winter Break

Winter Break will take place from December 22, 2023, - January 16, 2024. The residence halls will officially close at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 22, 2023. If you have decided not to reside on campus for the Spring 2024 semester, please cancel your housing by November 23, 2023.

### Office of Residence Life

Please be sure to reach out to your respective RA if you have any questions.





# WINTER HOUSING

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The Office of Residence Life would like to announce that the **Winter housing application is live 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.

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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.**



# WE ARE HIRING

## KEAN UNIVERSITY | OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE

The Office of Residence Life is thrilled to open applications for the **Desk Service Representative position**, an incredible leadership and employment opportunity!

### BENEFITS

- Networking Opportunities
- Enhanced Communication Skills
- Time Management & Responsibility
- Understanding Campus Operations
- Flexibility In Scheduling

### HOW TO APPLY

Scan the QR code and log into your Workday account using your Kean email credentials. Select the Career icon on your homepage to view available positions!



**APPLY TODAY!**



# RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

## Cougar Hall

Sophie Jones is Cougar Hall's resident spotlight this month! Sophie is a freshman majoring in Sports Management. They are from Denville, NJ, and enjoy lacrosse, photography, and playing with their dog! One goal Sophie has is to do their best academically and athletically.



## Freshman Hall

Juliana La Rosa is Freshman Residence Hall's resident spotlight this month! Juliana is an Early Childhood Education major from Clark, NJ. Some of their interests include baking, cooking, and photography! One goal Juliana has is to go beyond their comfort zone by embracing new learning opportunities and building new friendships.

## Upperclassman Hall

Ava Porter is Upperclassman Residence Hall's resident spotlight this month! Ava is a sophomore from Rutherford, NJ, majoring in Psychology. Ava hopes to be prosperous so that they can support their parents and siblings. They currently enjoy playing soccer, gardening, and reading the Bible.







## Bartlett Hall

Jassmely Lora is Bartlett Hall's resident spotlight this month! Their hometown is the Dominican Republic, and they are currently a freshman. Jassmely is majoring in biology and aims to continue their education and expand in professional networking.

## Burch Hall

Kacia King is Burch Hall's resident spotlight this month! Kacia is from Palmyra, NJ, and is a sophomore majoring in Political Science. They enjoy art of any sort, such as painting and cooking! Kacia would currently like to become fluent in both American Sign Language and Spanish.



## Rogers Hall

Mariam (Mar) Samuel is Rogers Hall's resident spotlight this month! They are a psychology major from Highland Park, NJ. Mar is a junior and is interested in anything related to art, and loves to make art themselves! One goal Mar would like to achieve is to become a licensed therapist.

## Sozio Hall

Jaelyn Garcia is Sozio Hall's resident spotlight this month! Jaelyn is a junior majoring in Criminal Justice. They love to dance and hang out with their friends! Jaelyn hopes to graduate and climb their way up to work in the FBI while making their parents proud.

