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# WHY LIVE ON CAMPUS?

*"Residence halls have been shown to contribute to higher levels of faculty-student interaction and peer support, better academic and social integration, greater satisfaction and commitment, and higher college retention."*

– Journal of College and University Student Housing

Students **who live on campus** tend to:

- Have higher grades
- Complete their degrees sooner
- Pursue advanced degrees
- Be more involved on campus
- Have more contact with faculty
- Be more satisfied with their college experience



## A WELCOMING COMMUNITY

UMW's statement of community values highlights the importance of honor, dignity, and respect. The University's principles of diversity and inclusion foster a climate of acceptance. Residents in each community set standards for themselves.

Gender-neutral housing is available for students seeking an inclusive, designated safe living space for gender-neutral, ally, and questioning students.

## ABOUT RESIDENCE LIFE

Approximately 2,700 students call the residence halls at UMW home. UMW provides a variety of residential environments to meet the needs of our students. Configurations include traditional halls with both suite-style and communal baths, singles, and apartment-style facilities.

Students living on campus appreciate the convenience residential living offers. They enjoy connecting with fellow students through social events, the proximity to a variety of dining options, and access to supportive staff members any time of day or night and on weekends.

UMW's residential experience is not just about relaxing and making friends, but also learning. Residence Life staff members facilitate seamless learning through living-learning communities, faculty in residence, and a curricular approach to personal development centered on realizing responsibility for self, community, and the world.

# FRESHMAN RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT:

All full-time freshmen are required to sign a two-year campus housing commitment.

## LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Living-learning communities (LLC) at UMW provide students with a comprehensive residential experience that fuses classroom learning with real life. Students enjoy all of the benefits of residing on campus, with the added benefit of engaging with their instructors outside the classroom and developing strong friendships with fellow students. LLC participants also have access to many resources, programs, and activities including a three-day new student transition program, seminars, upperclass mentors, experiential outings, smaller classes, and reserved space in regular courses.

When you complete your first semester schedule questionnaire, you can indicate preference for a freshman seminar course with the LLC designator or indicate under “activities” your preference for participating in an LLC.

## THEME HOUSING

Conceptual living communities (CLCs) are student-driven themed housing groups. CLCs are great opportunities for **upperclass students** to express their individuality and shared interests.

Whether within an already-established student group or a new one, students are encouraged to create their living experience. CLC participants have access to spaces before typical housing selection takes place, and they may skip the in-person process.

## STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Residence Life is the largest employer of students on campus. Resident assistants (RAs) and **program assistants** (PAs) are experienced UMW students who shape the on-campus living experience while enhancing their own skills, such as time management, interpersonal communication, budgeting, public speaking, and conflict mediation.

# Karmel James, alumna

*"I have a thousand memories of spending amazing times with my staffs/supervisors and learning all about my residents' crazy and adventurous lives on and off campus. As RAs, we can do so much for the hall, and it gave me the greatest joy to see a resident who valued the work we did."*

*After three years with Residence Life, there is no doubt that the RA position helped enhance my résumé. It showed job stability over time and also increased responsibility as I continued year after year."*



<div>RESIDENCE HALLS</div>	SUITE BATHROOMS	HALL BATHROOMS	KITCHEN IN SUITE	COMMUNITY KITCHEN	
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	JEFFERSON		<input type="radio"/>		
	EAGLE LANDING	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
	RANDOLPH	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	
	RUSSELL		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
	VIRGINIA	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	



EACH STUDENT ROOM

includes the following basic amenities:

- ✓ Extra-long twin bed and mattress
- ✓ Desk and desk chair
- ✓ Closet
- ✓ Wardrobe or dresser



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# JEFFERSON HALL

Home to one of the strongest campus communities, **Jefferson Hall** opened in 1967. It is adjacent to Combs Hall and houses 192 students. Rooms are spacious, kitchenettes are conveniently located, and students have access to an elevator. Students have access to a large quad, where they can soak up some sun, lounge under the trees, or join a game of soccer.



Randolph Hall



# VIRGINIA HALL

Built in 1915, the centrally located **Virginia** accommodates 183 **women**. It features spacious rooms with beautiful hardwood floors and both hall and suite-style bathrooms. Located in the heart of campus, Virginia has excellent views through large windows and is close to all campus dining options. There is a kitchen on each floor and a parlor on the first floor where students can enjoy board games or watch a movie on the flat-screen television.

# RANDOLPH HALL

**Randolph**, UMW's most recently renovated building, is a **freshman** residence hall named after Martha Jefferson Randolph, the daughter of Thomas Jefferson. It accommodates 185 students, is air-conditioned, and has comfortable lounges on the second and third floors. There also are many study rooms, plus a fully equipped kitchen. Students can enjoy the fresh air on "the Beach," the spacious quad between Randolph and Mason.

# ALVEY HALL

Completed in 1990, **Alvey** houses 145 students and offers central air-conditioning and suite-style bathrooms. Alvey is across from Jepson Science Center and next to the Fitness Center. Each floor has a kitchen, study lounge, and laundry room. There are vending machines in the first-floor lobby. A flat-screen television and pool table are ideal for study breaks.

# RUSSELL HALL

Named for Edward Hutson Russell, the first president of Mary Washington College, **Russell** accommodates 173 students. There are kitchenettes and lounges on each floor, and there's an elevator. A five-minute walk from downtown Fredericksburg, Russell is near the basketball court, where students also can often join in pickup games of basketball, street hockey and dodge ball. A pool table on the first floor provides a stress-free zone.



Eagle Landing

# BUSHNELL HALL

**Bushnell** was the first hall to provide housing to **all four classes** and the first named after a living person – Nina Bushnell, a former dean of women. Completed in 1959, the residence hall is home to 151 students in double and quad rooms. There are suite-style bathrooms and spacious rooms with large windows. A lobby has a TV room and a pingpong table. Each has a kitchen and a study lounge. The community at Bushnell is lively and enjoys the use of Jefferson Square and the basketball court.

# EAGLE LANDING

The newest residence hall, **Eagle Landing**, comprises two five-story joined structures and houses 616 upperclass students. **Transfer or continuing students** seeking the independent feel of an apartment can enjoy two large bedrooms with two students per room, two full baths, and a furnished living room. Each apartment's full kitchen features an eat-in bar, granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Café tables surround a tranquil front garden, and the two structures share a large, grassy area. The complex features a front desk for 24-hour security. Meeting rooms are available, and the two-story rotunda is a great place to relax or study. Eagle Landing is adjacent to Eagle Village, where you can shop for groceries or grab a hot cup of coffee.

# ROOMMATE INFORMATION

Incoming students often have specific requests for roommates. Students who want to room together can increase their chances of being assigned to the same room by naming each other and the same halls on their housing and dining agreement form. Other students are hand-matched by staff reviewing student housing form submissions. Roommates share commonalities but can learn new interests from one another. A huge part of the educational process at the University is the relationships among roommates. Staff help roommates discuss boundaries and establish agreements.



Helen Bower, sophomore

*"I love living in Eagle Landing because it has so much more space than the residence halls! The kitchen is top of the line, there's a nice big living room for socializing, and the new-ish building is clean and beautiful."*

## AMENITIES

**BUILDING ACCESS:** The exterior doors of each residence hall are secured at all times. Students and their guests are required to adhere to building access regulations in the interest of safety and security. Each UMW student is issued an EagleOne ID card, but students can access only their own residence hall complex.

**TECHNOLOGY:** Staying connected is essential, so UMW residential facilities offer high-speed Internet connections and cable television access. TVs are provided in many lounges, but not in individual rooms. The halls are also outfitted with wireless Internet access. While out and about on campus, students will find wireless Internet access in every building.



**LOUNGES:** Each residence hall contains lounges, which can be classified as either “quiet” or “active.” Quiet lounges are for private or group study sessions. Active lounges may contain a TV, a pool table, or a pingpong table, and are fun gathering spaces.

**MEAL PLANS:** Every residential student on campus must select a meal plan via the housing and dining agreement.

**BREAKS:** The Office of Residence Life and Commuter Student Services understands that some students need to stay on campus during breaks, when the halls are closed. If a student needs to remain on campus during the Thanksgiving holiday, winter or spring breaks, he or she may apply to live on campus. Apartment-style facilities remain open during winter break, but most residence halls close.

**AIR CONDITIONING:** Six residence halls have central air conditioning, but most halls offer it only in the common areas. These historic halls have some of the strongest communities on campus; this may be because residents spend many hours hanging out, talking, and watching TV in the cooler common areas. If the idea of living without air conditioning makes you sweat, there’s a process to request air-conditioned housing.

**OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS:** The Office of Residence Life and Commuter Student Services residential buildings provide living environments that allow all students access to the campus and its facilities. UMW recognizes that students with disabilities and medical needs may have specific housing requirements and offers a variety of living options that comply with the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA). Students with requests concerning accessibility should inquire as early as possible to the Office of Disability Services.

## CAMPUS LIFE AND TRADITIONS

Throughout the academic year, public events such as **concerts**, lectures, Fredericksburg Forum, the Great Lives series, theater productions, and gallery exhibits are available to **all members** of the UMW community. Many activities are free; others offer discounted admission for students. There are also student-only activities in the **recreational facilities** on the Fredericksburg campus. Campus Recreation offers a variety of sport clubs and intramural teams and events. Students can enjoy a state-of-the-art fitness center that features a wellness resource center with a wealth of information on living a healthy lifestyle. The **Office of Student Activities** works with Class Council to sponsor events such as drive-in movies, Hallweenes, Devil-Goat Day, and Club Carnival. Students can join and participate in more than 120 clubs and organizations.



## Taylor Stynes, junior

*"My decision to move back on campus was a no brainer. I had a great apartment within walking distance, but it didn't come cheap. I found myself feeling isolated; I wasn't really meeting new people. Since moving into Eagle Landing, I still get the apartment style living, I just don't have to pay out of pocket every month. I'm constantly running into friendly people in the halls and I see new and familiar faces daily on campus. To me it's more social. Living off campus I felt disconnected. Now I am a part of campus life in every respect."*



Students living on campus are better able to participate in these extracurricular activities than their off-campus counterparts, as they are able to collaborate with others more easily, go to the library or take a nap in their room between meetings or class, and meet up with friends in Seacobeck or The Underground. Most commuters leave campus and don't return to enjoy evening activities.

Many long-standing traditions are featured events from the Office of Student Activities including **Rocktoberfest**, **Devil-Goat Day**, the **Multicultural Fair**, **Taste of Asia**, and **Club Carnival**.

### **DEVIL-GOAT DAY**

An annual spring celebration to increase morale as the academic year comes to a close, Devil-Goat Day features, food, and music on Ball Circle. Pitted against one another since the 1920s, the red Devils are odd-year graduates, and the green Goats are even-year graduates. They compete in the traditional spirit of fun and camaraderie.

### **MULTICULTURAL FAIR**

The Multicultural Fair attracts about 4,500 people each year and exemplifies the University of Mary Washington's commitment to enhancing multicultural awareness. Typically held in early April, the fair features multicultural entertainment, children's activities, international and American food, and ethnic craft vendors. Multicultural Student Affairs and the James Farmer Multicultural Center work closely with UMW student organizations, faculty, and staff in planning festivities. The greater Fredericksburg community plays an integral role in the fair's success.

### **TASTE OF ASIA**

Taste of Asia is an annual celebration of Asian culture. This event educates the community about different aspects of Asian cultures and lifestyles through a fashion show, dance performances, and ethnic foods.





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