



Are you the Missing Piece? Work with Housing! *Applications for Live-in Student Staff Due January 27*



Resident Advisor

The Resident Advisor (RA) is a vital member of the Georgia Southern Department of Housing staff. The RA works with a group of students in the residence halls or apartment complexes on campus. The RA is primarily involved in creating a positive community environment. In order to accomplish this, the RA is expected to play a variety of constantly changing roles. The RA must be flexible and creative in meeting residents' needs by serving as a counselor, advisor, activity programmer, educator, and friend. This position requires a serious time commitment and willingness to be available and accessible to other students.

Benefits: RAs receive a stipend each semester. The annual stipend is \$3,500. RAs are guaranteed on-campus housing, for which they are financially responsible. Resident Advisors are allowed a single room at double occupancy rates when space is available. Equally important are the non-tangible benefits: the opportunity to interact with a variety of people and the chance to develop skills such as leadership, communication, organization, time management, and counseling.

Academic Mentor

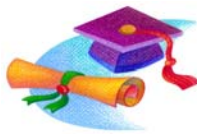
Academic Mentors (AMs) work to ensure the academic success of freshmen residents in the Success-In-U (SIU) and First-year Interest Group (FIG) programs. Working in conjunction with the Resident Advisor staff, the AMs present programs on academic resources and academic development in the halls. They tutor students, both individually and in groups, in one or more subject areas. The minimum cumulative GPA is 3.0, and AMs must have demonstrated mastery in English or math and at least one other subject. AMs must have an aptitude for tutoring and a strong desire to work with college students. Additionally, they serve as peer leaders for a GSU 1210 course in the Fall and as peer leaders for another core course in the Spring.

Benefits: The annual stipend is \$2,750. Academic Mentors will live in single rooms in Eagle Village or Winburn. AMs' responsibilities are confined almost entirely to weekday evenings (Sunday through Thursday). As a part of their training, AMs gain certification to tutor across campus. Service as an AM is an excellent résumé builder!

Lead. Learn. Serve. Be a Resident Advisor or an Academic Mentor!
Applications Available Online at www.gsuhousing.com

Career Corner

Career Services has lots of great things planned this semester to help you with your future careers. Mark your calendars now for the following activities:



- **Dining for Success:** *February 21, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Nessmith-Lane Multipurpose Room*
- **Eagle Expo/Education Career Fair:** *February 22, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the RAC*
- **Graduation Gala:** *March 8 & 9, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Nessmith-Lane*

More details will come about each of these events. If you have any questions, please contact Career Services at 681-5197.

What's Happening on Campus?

Saturday, January 14, Ailey II Dance Company, PAC, 8 p.m.

Monday, January 16, "Ghosts of Mississippi," Russell Union Theater, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 17, Myrlie Evers-Williams speaks on "Tomorrow's Leaders: Their Voices, Our Journey," PAC, 7:00 p.m. This event is free.

Want More Info on RA or AM Apps?

Info Sessions will be held Jan. 17, 9:00 p.m. (Eagle Village and Southern Pines)

Spotlight On . . . Mildred Wilson



Mildred Wilson is a graduate of North Carolina A & T State University and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNC-G). While at North Carolina A & T State University she studied Administrative Services, obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in this field. She later went on to obtain a Master of Science in Business Education (MSBE) at UNC-G, with the goal of teaching at the post-secondary level. Ms. Wilson's educational qualifications have afforded her the opportunity to expand her career from banking to education. It was her love for teaching and learning that lead her into education, with over six years of teaching experience. During these years she has taught middle grades through post-secondary. In addition, she served as a professional academic advisor for three years at Western Carolina University. Throughout her career she has attended several conferences which centered on topics from student retention, to teaching and learning, to writing across the curriculum.

During her leisure time she enjoys reading, sewing, traveling, and time with her family!

University Fees

Are you enrolled in classes? Have you paid your University Fees? All students living on campus must be enrolled in at least three hours of academic credit.



Students not enrolled in classes may not live on campus. Student who have not paid for their University fees (tuition, fees, housing, food services, etc) may not live on campus. The housing contract you signed states:

Administrative Termination for Non-payment of Fees or Non-enrollment : In the event you fail to pay all University fees in a timely manner or are enrolled in less than 3 credit hours, the University may terminate your housing assignment. In the event of termination, you will be required to vacate the room or apartment. By accepting the Terms and Conditions for 9 month housing, you hereby agree to vacate the room or apartment when so required. Should your assignment be terminated, no refunds of applicable fees or security deposit will be made.

This semester University Housing officials will be diligently checking all student records to ensure all residence hall students are enrolled in classes and have paid fees. Students who are not enrolled or have not paid their fees will be removed from the residence hall. Locks may be changed if fees have not been paid!

Don't forget that the University is Closed on Monday, January 16, 2006, in observance of Martin Luther King Day! No university classes are in session!

Safety Tip

Don't walk alone on or off campus at night for your own safety. On campus, call the escort service at 681-5234 and if you have to go off campus in the evening, take a friend!

University Housing Resident Survey

Let your voice be heard! Please take a moment and complete the on-line resident survey. We value your thoughts and opinions and your quick response would be greatly appreciated. Please know that your opinions are essential to our continuous improvement in University Housing and we use the results of this survey every year to make changes in our Department. Thank you for your time! Vickie Hawkins, Director of University Housing.

An e-mail link was sent to your Georgia Southern E-mail account. If you complete the survey, you may take the completed page to your Hall Office between 7-10 p.m., to receive a free drink coupon that is good at all Food Service locations on campus!

Complete the Survey Today!

Start The Semester Off Right!

- Go to class
- Participate in class
- Take good notes
- Use your textbook
- Talk to your professor
- Start studying now, don't wait
- Keep up with your class notes in an organized fashion
- Make a calendar for yourself outlining all your assignments for the semester

