Dear New First-Time Freshmen CI Dolphins:

Housing and Residential Education (HRE) is preparing to open our housing application this week! We wanted to let you know how new CI students may apply to live on campus in Housing & Residential Education for the upcoming 2016-2017 academic year.

**HRE is Opening a New Village:** To accommodate increasing student interest for on-campus housing, Santa Rosa Village is currently under construction and will open for fall of 2016 occupancy. If you are a new freshman this year, you can be among the first students to live in Santa Rosa Village!

Santa Rosa Village is a residence hall facility with primarily double rooms. More information about SRV can be found here: [http://www.csuci.edu/housing/accommodations-rates/santa-rosa-village.htm](http://www.csuci.edu/housing/accommodations-rates/santa-rosa-village.htm)

**To live on campus, complete an application by May 23rd for guaranteed housing:** Please watch our website for the opening date and time of the housing application – it is expected to open in early April. Completing a housing application requires a $50 application fee, agreeing to the terms of the license agreement, and paying the $1,500 deposit online (students who have completed the FAFSA on time, and have a federal expected family contribution (EFC) of $4,000 or less will have their deposit deferred automatically in the application. To retain this deferral, verification documents requested by the Financial Aid Office must be submitted no later than May 31, 2016). After logging into myCI, select the **Student Housing** link to open the housing application.

**Room Type Eligibility:** Freshmen will be assigned primarily to Santa Rosa Village in double rooms, with overflow to Santa Cruz Village for late applicants.

**Enrollment Verification:** Please be aware that HRE will verify that fall 2016 licensed residents are enrolled in nine or more units by July 8. Students must maintain a minimum 9-unit load through check-in and the final add-drop date. Students who are not enrolled may be removed from their room assignment. Students with unusual circumstances preventing them from enrolling must request an exception to retain their room assignment.

**Disability Resource Program (DRP):** At CI, HRE office works in collaboration with DRP to provide reasonable accommodations within our residential facilities for students with disabilities: [http://www.csuci.edu/housing/disabilityaccommodations.pdf](http://www.csuci.edu/housing/disabilityaccommodations.pdf). In order to process your request for housing accommodations you must submit your request for accommodation on or before May 23, 2016. Both an online student housing application, and application requesting disability accommodations are required.

**Living Learning Community (LLC):** Freshmen have a variety of Living-Learning Community (LLC) and Theme Community (TC) options to support academic success and integration into the life of the university, both inside and outside of the classroom. In housing, students in LLCs and TCs live together on the same floor participating in educational and social activities. Students in LLCs are also enrolled in required coursework together. Supplemental applications are required for the LLCs and TCs.
• **FYE LLC:** You will be living with other first year students who will share similar interests, take similar classes, and will have access to a variety of resources to help ensure a seamless transition into college life. Students are registered in 7-unit course blocks, including the First Year Seminar and English composition. A University Experience Associate (UEA) is embedded in each First Year Seminar, and meets with students outside of class in small Dolphin Interest Groups (DIGs) every other week. This LLC is limited to 60 students.

• **SURF LLC:** You are introduced to interdisciplinary research through six courses across the academic year (three each semester) that share curricular aims and assignments, and fulfill graduation requirements (Introduction to Interdisciplinary Research, First Year Seminar, English composition in fall; Continuing Investigations, American Politics, and English in spring). Limited to 39 students who live together in housing, this Living-Learning Community allows students to work closely with the five full-time faculty who have designed the courses, and peer mentors from multiple disciplines. This LLC is open to students from all majors, and those who are undecided. There are two tracks: One open to all majors, and the other focused on STEM majors.

• **Geek Life** is offered both as a Living-Learning Community and a Theme Community. Geek Life is for anyone interested in gaming, video games, anime, manga, sci-fi shows, comic books, technology or just geek culture in general. For those wishing to be a part of the LLC there is a University 150 and an English Composition course totaling 7 units. Those that still want to be a part of this community but do not have the ability to take the classes may request the TC. There are 20 spaces for the LLC and 19 spaces for the TC.

• **Outdoor Adventures TC** is designed for those wanting to explore the great outdoors at their own pace with others who share their interests. There is no academic requirement to live in this community.

Listed below are answers to common questions we’ve received that may be helpful to you. We hope you will choose to live on campus at CI next year! Please contact us at student.housing@csuci.edu if you have questions.

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Freshman Housing Application Frequently Asked Questions:

Enrollment/Unit Load Questions:
1. **What happens if I’m not enrolled in 9 units by July 8?**
   If you are not enrolled by this date, but still plan to enroll, you will need to notify HRE of this and provide an enrollment plan in order to retain your room assignment and license agreement for fall. You may do so at this link after July 4th: [https://cidsa.wufoo.com/forms/enrollment-plan/](https://cidsa.wufoo.com/forms/enrollment-plan/). Failure to enroll or provide an enrollment plan to HRE via a web form may result in revocation of your license agreement and room assignment.

Living Area/Room Assignment Questions:
2. **Where will freshmen live next year?**
   With the opening of our new facility, Santa Rosa Village, our incoming freshmen will be placed in Santa Rosa Village. Late applicants may be assigned to Santa Cruz Village.

3. **How do you assign roommates? Can I request to live with a specific person?**
   We ask questions in the housing application that help us learn more about you and your preferences that we use to match you with another student. So, it’s vital that you answer the questions as honestly as possible – there are no wrong answers. If there is a specific person you’d like to live with, you may request that person – and they must request you – using your dolphin ID (i.e., mary.brown123 – the part of your CI email before the “@” sign). You must also accept your friends request to live with you and they must accept your request to live with them.

4. **I have a disability that requires special consideration in the room assignment. What should I do to ensure that I receive an appropriate room assignment?**
   In order to receive special consideration in the room assignment process, a request must be made to Student Disability Resource Programs. This application can be found as a link at: [http://www.csuci.edu/housing/disabilityaccommodations.pdf](http://www.csuci.edu/housing/disabilityaccommodations.pdf). This application must be filed no later than May 23, 2016 to ensure proper room assignment consideration. Late applications will be placed on a space-available basis.

License Agreement and Other Questions:
5. **When should I apply for housing to assure that I get a space on campus for fall 2016? Is there a deadline?**
   Any new student that applies for housing on or before our priority application deadline of May 23 is guaranteed to receive housing for fall 2016. Students who apply after May 23 will be accommodated on a space-available basis. Although housing is not guaranteed after May 23, we expect to be able to accommodate most or all students who apply for housing for fall 2016.

6. **What are the room and board rates for next year?**
   Rates are being finalized and will be available on our website as soon as they are available: [http://www.csuci.edu/housing/accommodations-rates/](http://www.csuci.edu/housing/accommodations-rates/).
7. **When can I review the 2016-17 License Agreement? Will it be different than last year’s license?**

   The license agreement for 2016-2017 will be available on our website when it is completed. You will agree to the terms of the license when you complete your housing application online. If you will still be a minor when you complete your housing application, you will be required to submit a signed, hard copy with a guarantor signature (usually a parent or guardian) before we can process your license and allow you to select a room. We always make a few updates to the license each year, but most of the terms will remain the same. If you have concerns about any new terms, you may cancel without penalty through May 23, 2016.

8. **What if I decide I don’t want to live on campus after I’ve applied? Or, what if I decide not to attend CI next year? Can I cancel my license?**

   Cancellations are allowed without penalty until May 23, 2016. Cancellations occurring between May 24 and July 1 will be charged $100. Cancellations occurring between July 2 and July 27 will be charged $200. Cancellations requested after July 27 are subject to approval and will be charged $200 plus daily room charges for every day after July 27 that the request is submitted. To request a cancellation, find the “License Request for Cancellation Form” on our website at: [http://www.csuci.edu/housing/resources-forms.htm](http://www.csuci.edu/housing/resources-forms.htm) and submit it to our office as soon as possible when you decide not to live on campus or if you decided not to attend CI.

9. **If I cancel my license agreement, do I get my $50 application fee and $1,500 deposit back?**

   The $50 application fee is non-refundable, so once it is paid, it cannot be refunded. The $1,500 deposit is fully refundable if the cancellation request is filed on or before May 23, 2016. Cancellation after May 23 is subject to cancellation penalty which is outlined in the answer to question 8.