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Welcome Back!

Dear Prairie Place Residents,

Welcome to the start of the spring 2018 semester. For those who lived in Prairie Place this past fall we hope that you had a relaxing winter break and are ready to start the new semester. To the new students joining us this semester we look forward to getting to know you and having you be a part of the Prairie Place community.

The University Housing RA Staff, the Prairie Place Hall Council and our Faculty-In-Residence (Dr. Patrick Santoro, Dr. Crystal Harris, and Mr. Herbert Pitman) will be planning a variety of events throughout the spring semester. If you have ideas for programs/events, please share your ideas with them or drop your idea in the suggestion box by the Prairie Place front desk.

Sincerely,

University Housing Staff

Cold Weather Tips

Please review the tips below for ways to ensure your space stays warm during the cold winter months.

- Please make sure your window is completely latched so no air is escaping from the top pane.

- Do not leave ovens open and use to heat the apartment. This is a fire hazard. If found, residents of the space will be documented for violating Fire Safety policies.

- No personal space heaters are permitted. If you are experiencing problems with heat in your room/apartment, please contact the front desk of Prairie Place so Housing Staff can investigate the issue. If appropriate, the A/RHD will provide you with a University Housing space heater for your assigned space.
# RA Selection Process

If you are interested in applying to become a Resident Assistant in Prairie Place for the 2018-2019 academic year please take a look at the chart below for additional information about the application process.

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<td>Tues., January 23, 2018</td>
<td>Required RA information session. You must bring photo identification to your session in order to sign in.</td>
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<td>OR</td>
<td>All sessions will take place in the Prairie Place Classroom. Please enter through the front entrance. To access the building, contact the desk worker's phone number posted on the bulletin board of the building's vestibule.</td>
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<td>Wed., January 24, 2018</td>
<td>Applications due to University Housing. ALL application materials, including ALL references, cover letter and resume must be received by 5pm on February 9, 2018 for the application to be considered. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.</td>
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<td>OR</td>
<td>Confirmation via GSU email address will be sent out to candidates invited for Group and 1:1 interviews</td>
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<td>Thurs., January 25, 2018</td>
<td>Required Group Process Interview. The group process interview will provide the staff an opportunity to evaluate your skills in a group setting.</td>
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<td>Friday, February 9, 2018</td>
<td>Individual interviews held in C1330 or in the Prairie Place Office.</td>
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<td>Monday, February 12, 2018</td>
<td>Decision letters will be sent to applicants’ GSU email.</td>
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<td>Friday, February 23, 2018</td>
<td>Deadline for applicants to communicate their decisions to University Housing</td>
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<td>February 26, 2018-March 2, 2018</td>
<td>Move-in date for RAs</td>
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<td>Wednesday, March 7, 2018</td>
<td>Official start date for RA Training</td>
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Re-contracting for 2018-2019

Have you started thinking about housing for the 2018-2019 Academic Year yet? If not, now is the time to begin. As a current resident of Prairie Place, you will have the opportunity to re-contract for housing before new students start to apply for housing. You will be able to re-contract for housing during the January 22nd (9AM) - February 12th (Noon), 2018 time period.

Between 9AM on January 22nd and 12 Noon on February 12th you will complete the 2018-2019 housing contract and make your $100 prepayment to confirm your desire to live on campus in 2018-2019. By re-contracting during the specified timeframe, you will be able to lock in your current housing rate for the 2018-2019 contract period.

Please check your GSU email for a list of Frequently Asked Questions and Answers.

If you know anyone who will be attending GSU for the 2018-2019 school year would like to live on campus, the 2018-2019 housing application for new students will be available online starting February 13, 2018.

West Lot 2 Parking Reminder

As a reminder, students registered to park in West Lot 2 AND overnight guests must ONLY park in the designated rows (By the orange signs that say: Overnight Residential Student Parking-this portion of the parking lot is also circled in red below) to avoid receiving a parking ticket.

During the winter months with snow and vehicles parking in the wrong places, snow removal will be extremely difficult and your vehicle will be at risk of getting plowed in.
Start the semester off strong! Take advantage of the resources the GSU Library has to offer!

News From The GSU Library

WELCOME BACK FROM THE GSU LIBRARY!

Want to be successful in your classes? The GSU Library is one of your success partners. Research shows that students who use the library achieve higher levels of academic success in their college course grades, grade point average and remaining in school. You are invited to come to the library for help with your research. Stop at the information desk and ask for the help that you need. We have librarians on hand to help you, staff that is very supportive, writing center tutors, quiet study areas and group study rooms. Check us out at www.govst.edu/library or just stop in! The GSU Library is Your Research Resource 24/7!!!

Desk Receptionist of the Month

Please join us in congratulating Lexie Brasen for receiving the honor of Front Desk Receptionist of the Month for Prairie Place! Below are a few words the Residence Hall Director, Corinne Martin and the Assistant Residence Hall Director, Abby Miller had to say about Lexie’s work ethic:

Lexis was willing to help out as much as she could throughout the winter break. She was very flexible when it came to picking up extra hours to help out her fellow desk workers and is a friendly welcoming face to all Prairie Place residents and guests. Keep up the good work Lexie!

FRONT DESK RECEPTIONIST OF THE MONTH
PRARIE PLACE
The following is presented to
Lexie Brasen
for bringing the best leadership style to the work ethic.

Corinne Martin
Residence Hall Director
Abby Miller
Assistant Residence Hall Director
Upcoming Events-Highlights

Welcome Week After Dark—Thursday, January 18th

Have a blast with friends during the first week of class with Glow-in-the-Dark Laser Tag, First Down Football and capture your memories with a Photo booth picture. Participants MUST wear white or light shirts. GSU Gym, 6-9PM. Valid GSU Student ID required.

Vision Board Party—Friday, January 18th

Join us for the 2018 Vision Board Party on Friday from 8-11PM in the Prairie Place Classroom. This is a fun time for creativity, motivation and sharing with your fellow residents. Supplies for 25 participants will be available on a first come first serve basis. Please sign up at the front desk beginning on Sunday, January 14th. Late night snacks will be served. Questions? If so, contact Faculty-In-Residence, Dr. Crystal Harris at charris11@govst.edu for more information.

Cupid’s Ball—Friday, February 2nd

Upscale Pre-Valentine’s Day celebration event for GSU students (2 non GSU guests per student). Comedian T. Murph will have the crowd in tears by the end of the night! Food, Live DJ and comedy. Advance Ticket Sales -$15 student; $25 Couples Hall of Governors 7-11PM. Sponsored by Student Activities Council

Graduate Student Survival Social—Sunday, February 4th

Graduate students, please join Dr. Patrick Santoro in the Prairie Place third floor north lounge/kitchen from 7-9PM for an opportunity to meet other graduate students across disciplines, blow off some steam, and discuss strategies for success. Dessert will be served.
Welcome Week Activities

- **Monday, January 15th**

**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Commemoration Program**

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Program is an opportunity for members of the GSU community and surrounding area to join thousands of Americans in honoring the work and legacy of Dr. King through community service. Dr. Haki R. Madhubuti, Founder, and President of Third World Press will serve as the Keynote Speaker. Gently used coats, scarves, gloves, and hats accepted for evacuees in Chicago impacted by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. *Sherman Hall, 10AM*

- **Tuesday, January 16th**

**Student Organization Involvement Fair**

Want to get involved on campus but not sure where to start? Visit the involvement fair to meet representatives from over 80 student organizations. Get involved as soon as your first day on campus! Log-on to www.govst.edu/jaguarconnection to learn about student organizations and events taking place on campus. *Hall of Governors, 12-4PM*

**Secretary of State Mobile Services**

Whether you need to renew your driver’s license or sticker, stop by the booth! *Hall of Governors, 11:30AM-6PM*

**Coffee with a Counselor**

Enjoy a hot cup of coffee and chat with a Counselor in the GSU Counseling Center. *A1120, 3-4:15PM*

- **Wednesday, January 17th**

**GSU Basketball-SPRIT DAY**

Wear your GSU t-shirts, sweaters, hats, etc. today as the GSU Jaguars take on Holy Cross. Grab your family and friends and support GSU Athletics. GSU students, faculty and staff gain free admittance with my-ONECARD. *GSU Gym, Women’s Game @ 5PM & Men’s Game @ 7PM*. Non-GSU Admission: $5 for adults, $2 for children (under 12).

**Help Rebuild Texas**

Fundraiser—Build a cuddly friend for only $10 (includes shirt with GSU logo). All proceeds support students traveling to support hurricane relief efforts during Alternative Spring Break. *Hall of Governors, 11:30AM-4PM*

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**Operation Healthy**

Grab a complimentary bag of fresh fruit and produce. Must present GSU student ID. *Hall of Governors, 3:30-4:15PM*

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Welcome Week Activities Continued

- Friday, January 19
  Responsibility is LIT! - Peer led discussion on importance of responsible behavior. **Prairie Place, 6PM.** Pizza served. Sponsored by the Student Activities Council

- Saturday, January 20
  GSU Basketball vs. Robert Morris - Come support GSU Athletics. GSU students, faculty and staff gain free admittance with myONECARD. Non-GSU Admission: $5 for adults, $2 for children (under 12). **GSU Gymnasium, Women’s Game @ 1PM & Men’s Game @ 3PM**

- Monday, January 22nd
  National Drug & Alcohol Week
  Visit the tables to receive free resources on drug and alcohol use, abuse and addiction. Sponsored by Students of Addiction Studies Club. **Hall of Governors, 9AM-5PM**

  Man-Up Mondays
  Learn the benefits of becoming a member of the Male Success Initiative. **A2110-Conference Room B, 3PM**

- Tuesday, January 23rd
  Find the Attire to Get Hired
  Visit the Jaguar Career Closet to update your professional look. **The Jaguar Den (A2140), 9AM-5PM**

  Vision Board Party
  Connecting Identity and Destiny. Bring old magazines and newspapers to create your professional vision board. Food Provided. **The Jaguar Den (A2140), 6:30PM**

- Wednesday, January 24th
  Social Media Scavenger Hunt
  Download the Corq app (ww.corqapp.com) to learn where Student Life is hosting lunch today. **Noon-2PM**

  Sex Signals
  Program uses innovative methods to educate students on issues surrounding safe sex on college campuses. Facilitated by GSU Student Health Center staff. **Engbretson Hall, 3-4:15PM.** Light refreshments served.

- Thursday, January 25th
  Open Mic Night
  Showcase your talent and skills. **Lakeside Lounge, 6PM.** Light Refreshments provided. Open to the GSU community.

- Friday, January 26th
  Black-Out Bash
  Party with the Community Service Council. All proceeds support students traveling to Port Arthur, TX to rebuild hurricane affected communities during spring break. $3 with valid GSU ID & up to two guests with GSU Student ($10 each). **Hall of Honors, 10PM-2AM**
Spring Dining Hours

C-STORE HOURS OF OPERATION
SPRING 2018
(EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018)

Mon – Sat: 7:30 pm – 10:30 pm
Sun: 5:30 pm – 10:30 pm

Café – Spring 2018 Hours
(EFFECTIVE TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018)

Monday-Thursday: 8 am – 7:30 pm
Friday: 8 am – 5 pm
Saturday: 10:30 am – 3 pm
Sunday: CLOSED