OFFICE OF RESIDENTIAL LIFE: FIRST YEAR

LIVING & LEARNING COMMUNITIES

WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN A LIVING & LEARNING COMMUNITY?

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• Experience academic achievement
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Visit bc.edu/llc to learn more about specific communities.

HOW TO APPLY:

Apply via the Housing Application of the Agora Portal (Open April 15th -June 12th)

DEADLINE: JUNE 12TH, 2020 BY 11:59PM

*Perspectives Community: Students sign up with their Academic Adviser at Orientation or email the Perspectives Department

**Seacole Scholars: Students sign up with their Academic Adviser at Orientation or email Julianna Gonzalez-McLean for more information

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Q: HOW DO STUDENTS APPLY?

- The LLC application is a part of the online housing intent form.
- All first-year students who complete the housing application will have access to the LLC application.
- Students can only apply to one LLC but can rank other LLCs that they are interested in.
- If you want to sign up for Perspectives or Seacole Scholars, you do not need to fill out the application.
- The application deadline is Friday June 12th, 2020

Q: WHAT LLC OPTIONS ARE THERE FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS?

- Healthy Living Community (HLC)
- Multicultural Learning Experience (MLE)
- Shaw Leadership Program
- Kostka Women’s Experience
- BC FIRST (open to first-gen students only)
- Perspectives*
- Seacole Scholars*

*(Students interested in these programs do not complete an application via the online housing application. They will be able to sign-up for the program when they meet with their academic advisor during summer orientation)
Q: HOW ARE STUDENTS SELECTED?

- Please note, there is a limited number of a space within each LLC, therefore:
  - Decisions are based on the quality of a student’s response to the LLC application questions.
  - Applications are reviewed by a committee and selected by the committee.
  - For Perspectives and Seacole Scholars; those departments select the students.

- Selected Student numbers:
  - Shaw: 20 students
  - MLE: 49 residents
  - HLC: 54 residents
  - Kostka: 40 residents
  - Seacole Scholars: 10 residents
  - Perspectives: 90 residents
  - BC FIRST: New; only accepting 20 residents

Q: CAN LLC APPLICANTS REQUEST A ROOMMATE?

- Yes: LLC applicants can indicate roommate requests within the Roommate Requests step of the housing application, however all requested roommates must be mutual, apply for the same community, and be accepted in order for the request to be granted. In instances where a student’s requested roommate is not accepted into the program, the accepted student will be placed in a room with other accepted students in the Living & Learning Community.

- Perspectives, Seacole Scholars, and BC FIRST applicants can request roommates who are not applying for the program as well.

Q: WHAT TYPE OF HOUSING ARE LLCS?

- All LLCs are in traditional style halls and rooms range from singles, doubles, natural triples, and quads. There are mainly traditional style doubles. LLCs do not have lofted triples.

Q: WHEN WILL STUDENTS BE NOTIFIED OF THEIR SELECTION INTO A LLC?

- All applicants will be notified of application decisions by Friday, June 19th, via their BC email account.

- Residential Life will presume a student’s Living & Learning Community preference is their first choice of housing. If a student is offered an LLC placement, our office will presume their acceptance of this placement, unless they notify us otherwise in writing.
Q: WHAT ARE THE APPLICATION QUESTIONS?

Healthy Living Community (HLC)
1. Why do you wish to be a member of the HLC, and what would you like to learn as a member of the community?
2. If asked to plan and implement a program for the community, what would you do and why? What resources or organizations might you use? What would you hope other students may learn from the program?
3. The HLC is designed to include social, emotional, spiritual, environmental, occupational, intellectual, and physical wellness. Each of these seven dimensions act and interact in a way that contributes to our own quality of life. Please describe how they interact for you and what it means to live well.

Multicultural Learning Experience (MLE)
1. Why do you wish to be a member of the MLE, and what would you like to learn as a member of the community?
2. If asked to plan and implement a program for the community, what would you do and why? What resources or organizations might you use? What would you hope other students may learn from the program?
3. Please explain the issue(s) of social justice and/or diversity about which you are passionate. Indicate how you have been learning about, or working on, this issue in the past and how you hope to be involved in the coming year.

Shaw Leadership Program
1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Shaw Leadership Program, and what would you like to learn as a member of the community?
2. If asked to plan and implement a program for the community, what would you do and why? What resources or organizations might you use? What would you hope other students may learn from the program?
3. How would you define student leadership and how do you see it playing out within your first year of college?

Kostka Women's Experience
1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Kostka Women's Experience, and what would you like to learn as a member of the community?
2. If asked to plan and implement a program for the community, what would you do and why? What resources or organizations might you use? What would you hope other students may learn from the program?
3. The Women's Experience in Kostka Hall, an all-female hall on Upper Campus, strives to engage residents in conversations around women's issues, empowering women, and women's leadership. Please explain a related issue about which you are passionate. Indicate how you have been learning about, or working on, this issue in the past and how you hope to be involved in the coming year.

BC FIRST
1. Why do you want to be a part of the BC FIRST LLC community?
2. How will you support your peers in their transition to Boston College?
3. What challenges do you anticipate with your transition from high school to Boston College?

Q: WHO DO I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?
Feel free to email Samantha Gordon, gordonsl@bc.edu with any questions!

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