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## UT Tradition: Midnight Breakfast Fall 2009

The Office of Residence Life will have its 10th annual Midnight Breakfast on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 from 11:00 p.m. – 12:30 a.m. in Parks Tower, International House and Ottawa House Dining Halls.

This event is open to all UT students and is a great time to meet old friends and make new friends over delicious breakfast goodies.



Your servers will be your dedicated faculty, Hall Directors, Resident Advisers, and staff from the Office of Residence Life and the Division of Student Affairs.

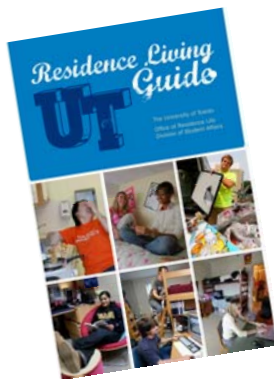
You will need your student ID to enter this FREE event.

## Safety First! Keeping the Residence Halls Safe

The safety and security of our residents is very important to the Residence Life staff. While the University is a relatively safe place, crimes do occur on campus. We work with the University of Toledo Police Department (UTPD) and residents to identify and resolve safety and security problems. Your safety and security starts with you. You must take responsibility for developing a safe and secure environment in the residence halls.

According to a United States Department of Education's campus crime statistics study, more than 12,700 burglaries are reported in college and university residence halls each year. That's right. Someone else thinks your stuff is just as cool as you do. Here are some steps you can take to ensure greater safety:

1. **Lock Your Doors**— the number one type of crime on campus is a crime of opportunity. Don't give thieves the opportunity and always lock your doors even when just going down the hall.
2. Make sure the exterior security doors to the residence hall is secure and not propped open. Do not allow strangers to tailgate into the residence halls behind you. Those card swipes are there for a reason.
3. Refrain from posting your schedule on social networking sites, such as Facebook. Trusting your schedule with a friend is one thing. Trusting your schedule with the world is another.
4. Report lost keys immediately so room lock changes can be made and do not lend your keys or ID to anyone.



Both the Office of Residence Life and our residents share the responsibility for a safe and secure living environment. You can review your responsibilities and the safety policies of your residence hall in the 2009-2010 Residence Living Guide which was given to you at move in. Additional copies can be found at the front desk of your residence hall and online at [residencelife.utoledo.edu](http://residencelife.utoledo.edu).

If you have any safety concerns, please feel free to contact your residence hall director or fill out a safety concern slip at your hall front desk which will be reviewed and addressed by the University Safety Committee.

## Living on Campus for 2010-2011

The time for you to select your ideal room on campus for next year will be here before you know it. Returning student housing selection will begin on February 1, 2010.

The Crossings, International House and Ottawa House residence halls are designated as primarily for returning students just like you. You will experience a sense of community, a great positive living and learning environment, comfort, convenience, security, and a choice of four flexible meal plans if you have earned thirty or more credit hours.

There are many benefits associated with living in the residence halls. Numerous studies of college students consistently show that students who live in the residence halls report higher satisfaction with their college experience, higher grade point averages and are more

likely to graduate than students living at home or off campus.

Some of the benefits of living on campus are:

- The choice of flexible meal plans
- Guaranteed housing for the next academic year and priority for early selection of room
- Environments specifically for upper-level students to support your academic success
- Convenience to academic programs, campus resources, and support services
- Accessible live-in staff available for assistance, mediation, and as a resource – 24/7
- A higher level of safety and security than living off campus (24-hour card access entry, escort service, guest registration, security cameras)
- Cable TV service, movie channel and Internet provided
- One bill for room, food, utilities, telephone, cable TV and Internet

**New for 2010-2011:** You must submit your \$200 housing pre-payment at the time of application or you will not be able to select a housing assignment. Additionally, returning students must submit a completed application and select a housing assignment prior to April 30, 2010 or they will be placed on an interest list and will only receive an assignment if rooms are available after new student housing selection.

Check the Office of Residence Life website at [residencelife.utoledo.edu](http://residencelife.utoledo.edu), and watch your mailbox and designated residence posting areas for



## Halloween Walk

The Resident Student Association and Hall Councils will be sponsoring the annual Halloween Walk on Tuesday, October 27 from 6:30—8:30 p.m..

Students demonstrate spirit, community service and generosity by decorating their floors and passing out candy to local elementary school children. This is an opportunity to provide children with a safe place to trick or treat and showing them and their families true hospitality is an example of real community service.

Additional information will be provided in your residence hall soon.



## Moving to McComas Village?

The application process for returning and new students moving in to McComas Village for the 2010-2011 academic year begins November 15, 2009.

If you are a first time McComas Village resident, you must inform the Office of Residence Life, 419.530.2941, that you will be living in the Village or you will not be able to access the Greek housing application.



## Be a Resident Adviser for the 2009-10 Year

We would like to see you be a part of our Residence Life staff team. Opportunities are available for students with leadership potential to apply for a Resident Adviser position for the 2010-2011 academic year.

### You can:

- Be a valuable resource to students
- Get to know many different people and encourage them to learn and grow
- Gain new relationships among students, staff, and faculty
- Develop and gain valuable personal and job skills

### What You Will Learn on the Job:

Listening, communication and organizational skills, time, conflict and crisis management, sensitivity to issues of diversity, leadership, teamwork, community building, and much more.

### Compensation:

- Your room will be provided
- Meal plan (\$975) fee waiver per semester

### Requirements:

- 2.3 cumulative GPA at the time of application
- Sophomore standing at the start of employment
- No student conduct violations

Applications are available online beginning November 1, 2009 at [residencelife.utoledo.edu/stemployment](http://residencelife.utoledo.edu/stemployment) and will be accepted through **Monday, November 30, 2009**.

Contact the Office of Residence Life with any questions, 419.530.2941.

## Black Out 2009

For the second year in a row, Residence Life is sponsoring the Black Out challenge; a residence hall energy reduction competition. The competition kicked off October 15, 2009 and will run until December 15, 2009.

During the competition, energy consumption will be monitored in all of the buildings and then compared to the consumption in the community during the same period of time in 2008. The residence hall that shows the most improvement between the two periods wins! This means it's up to you to help your residence hall win.

So what are some ways you can help reduce your halls' energy?

- When you leave the room, turn off the light
- Set computers, monitors and printers to their energy saving feature and turn them off at night
- Turn off non-essential lights and appliances. The electricity generated by fossil fuels for a single home puts more carbon dioxide into the air than two average cars!
- Develop and gain valuable personal and job skills
- If your room gets too warm, turn down the thermostat, do not open the window.

So what do you win? Along with free bragging rights, you will win a free t-shirt! For additional details, visit [residencelife.utoledo.edu/sustainability.html](http://residencelife.utoledo.edu/sustainability.html)

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## Your Housing Contract Commitment

**REMEMBER!** Your housing contract is for the academic year, August 24, 2009 - May 7, 2010. Your financial commitment to the Office of Residence Life was formalized when you checked in and accepted the key to your room. To be released from your housing contract you must complete a Request for Housing Contract Cancellation and provide supporting documents for any one of the following reasons:

- Graduation
- Co-op/Internship/Study Abroad
- Call to active military duty
- Academic withdrawal
- Medical withdrawal

Residents who do not fall into any of the above categories may still submit a Request for Housing Contract Cancellation. All requests must be turned in to the Office of Residence Life by **Friday, November 20, 2009** for priority review, or as soon as possible.

Residents will be expected to complete their on-campus residency commitment unless they can document that a highly compelling reason exists that cannot be rectified within the terms of the housing contract. The housing contract will remain in effect until the student receives written approval of release from the Office of Residence Life. Please refer to the terms and conditions which can be found in your Residence Living Guide 2009-2010 or on the residence life website at [residencelife.utoledo.edu](http://residencelife.utoledo.edu).

McComas Village has a separate process. Contact the Village Office at 419.530.1360 for more information

## Resident Student Association

RSA is off to a wonderful start in 2009! With the colorful student leadership of the RSA Exec Board and Hall Councils, the Resident Student Association is definitely in good hands. During the first week of the semester, RSA put on the beloved UT *Bonfire* tradition and first-ever *Jammin' in Jell-O* event. With some 1,200 combined students in attendance for these two events, UT students were able to leave their living communities and engage in some true college bonding experiences. From dancing around the fire to piling down the jell-o filled slip and slides, it was no wonder students left with bright smiles on their faces. If you want to be a part of the FUN, come visit **RSA, Sundays at 4pm**, in the **International House MPR (6<sup>th</sup> floor)!!!!**



After just a few short weeks, the Hall Councils began forming on campus. The Hall Councils are made up of talented first-year and upper class students living on the UT Main Campus. Some fantastic HC events going on are the *MAC Movie Madness*, "*Pie Your RA*" (IHOP), a *Chicago Trip* (the Village Council) and various fundraisers, like a *Car Smash* (PAC), *Boo Grams* (CHAMP) and *Penny Wars* (STARS). As a whole, the Hall Councils are demonstrating strong student-driven leadership, which is refreshing to witness. If you are interested in impacting your living community, putting on some FUN programs and becoming just a little more involved at UT, look into joining your Hall Council. Please see your HC information below.

Academic House	ACES	Mondays at 8:15pm	6 <sup>th</sup> floor by Laundry room
The Crossings	CAB	Mondays at 9:30pm	TBA
Carter Hall	CHAMP	Tuesdays at 8pm	The Huddle
International House	IHOP	Tuesdays at 7pm	Lantern Lounge (6 <sup>th</sup> floor)
MacKinnon	MAC	Tuesdays at 6pm	Lounge
Parks Tower	PAC	Mondays at 9pm	Multi Purpose Room
Dowd/Nash/White	QUAD	Mondays at 9pm	Conference Room
Ottawa House	STARS	Mondays at 9:30pm	OW Conference Room
Village Council	-----	Tuesdays at 10pm	Village House

Times and Locations May Vary

As a general note, RSA has finally selected UT's **2009 CAACURH Conference Delegation!!!** Representing UT will be **Rosaline Cordova**, **Stephanie Gurgol** (RSA President), **Victoria Forcina** (NRHH President), **Matthew Cordy**, **Abigail Knapke**, **Mario Ramirez**, **Hilary Schafer** and **Courtney Werling**. The two advisors will be Meredith Dixon (A-House GAHD) and Matthew Perry (RSA Advisor). Congrats to the chosen delegates!

This UT delegation will depart for the *University of Pittsburgh* in mid-November for a conference that will display student-driven leadership, school spirit and pride, thoughtful programming, engaging competitions, philanthropy,...and a great deal of FUN! RSA will also be sending a UT delegation to the **2009 NACURH Conference** in San Diego, California, to occur June of 2010. Look for conference applications in the springtime! For more information, please contact RSA NCC Rosaline Cordova at [roasline.cordova@rockets.utoledo.edu](mailto:roasline.cordova@rockets.utoledo.edu). In the meantime, get involved with your Hall Council! Be a part of the change and FUN things happening in your community!

With Rocket Love and Pride,

*Matthew Perry*

RSA Advisor

## Important Dates

Nov. 11	Veterans Day No Classes
Nov. 25-27	Thanksgiving No Class
Dec. 5-9	Housing Re-assignment
Dec. 14-18	Finals Week
Dec. 18	Residence Halls Close
Dec. 21	Spring Payment Due
Jan. 9 (9 a.m.)	Residence Halls Open
Jan. 11	Spring Semester Classes Begin
Jan. 25	Last Day Meal Plan Changes
Jan. 18	MLK Jr. Day No Class
Feb. 1	Room Change Begins
Feb. 22	Room Change Ends
March 8-12	Spring Break
May 3-7	Finals Week
May 7 (8 p.m.)	Residence Halls Close
May 16	Residence Halls Open-summer

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