Dear Parents, Families, and Guardians,

As the semester comes to a close we wanted to provide you with important Move-Out information. Residence halls close for spring semester on Thursday, May 9 at 8 p.m. This year, over 7,000 students will move out on that day, due to the finals schedule. This is the largest number of students to move out on a single day. In preparation for the significant traffic and delays, we are encouraging students and families to do the following.

- If your student does not have a final on Thursday, May 9, they should plan to move out prior to Wednesday at 10 p.m.
- Students who have a Thursday exam and live in the nearby area are encouraged to move out early and commute to campus for their exam to avoid the long wait lines around the halls.
- Encourage your student to bring or send home as much of their belongings as possible. This will reduce stress and the amount of time it takes them to load during Move-Out. This long weekend and upcoming holiday weekends are great opportunities for this.
- If your student is not ready when you arrive on campus, please park or wait in the designated lot for their area until they are ready to load their belongings into the car. Cars that are not actively being loaded will not be given access to the hall and will be directed to a designated lot.
- Consider not using a bin during Move-Out. Many areas do not have bins, and waiting in line for a bin in areas that do can add up to an hour to the process. Please note: bin service and elevators to floors 6 and under may stop at some point on Thursday, May 9 due to traffic volume.
- If your student needs summer storage, UMass is partnering with Dorm Room Movers this year to offer students a convenient option. Dorm Room Movers will provide boxes, coordinate a pick up time, and later schedule a drop off time during Move-In. Dorm Room Movers is the only vendor allowed on campus during Move-In. Students who use other services will have to coordinate drop offs after Move-In has ended.
- Familiarize yourself with traffic pattern changes and other Move-Out information on the Living at UMass website.

Even with preparation, we still anticipate significant traffic on and around campus on Thursday. Wait times for elevators, bins, and residence hall access are estimated to be 1-2 hours. We understand the day will be a challenge, and we encourage you to keep in mind that over 7,000 families will be trying to move their student out of campus.

**Graduating Seniors**

Graduating seniors and Commencement volunteers may stay in their residence hall rooms until Sunday, May 12 at 10 a.m. Due to the significant traffic anticipated on and around campus, we encourage families to avoid campus on Thursday, May 9.

If you have any questions about Move-Out, please contact Residential Life Student Services, Monday-Friday, at 413-545-2100 or via email.

Thank you,

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