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Your Student’s Transition to the Campus and the Amherst Community
Intersections of Community

- Roommates
- Inclusion & Connection
- Diversity
- Floor & Residence Hall Community
- Campus & Local Community
- Care & Compassion
- Civility
- Engagement
My student is my...

A. First one in college. Be kind to me.

B. 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 3\textsuperscript{rd}, 4\textsuperscript{th}, or more. I could give this presentation.

C. My last to go to college! See you at the Parent Dinner!

D. First and Last!!!
My main concern for my student’s transition is

A. Will they make good grades?
B. Will they make good friends?
C. Will they figure out who they are?
D. All of the above?
My student knows my expectations about

A. Drugs
B. Alcohol
C. Marijuana
D. Sex
E. All of the above
F. Ummm... no
G. They will after NSO!
My student has shared a bedroom before

A. Never
B. All the time
C. On and off
D. On trips

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My student’s high school had an Honor/Conduct Code/Rule Book.

A. Yes
B. No
C. I don’t recall
YOUR STUDENT

• Your student’s expectations about coming to UMass Academics, making friends, and creating social networks.

• Their transition from a dependent to independent and interdependent person.

• Time to examine their own values and strengths, talents, and self-image. What is real, what are media messages?

• A recognition we all have “conscious & unconscious” bias.
Transitions and Expectations

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Get Them Ready for the Roommate!

The most successful roommates,

• Respect and honor differences
• Engage in open and honest communication
• Frame clear expectations
Roommate Conflicts: Why They Happen

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Their Floor & Hall Community

Residence Hall Living is unique, it is likely to be the most diverse living environment your student will ever be a member of.

- Respect and consideration are key!
- Recognize that community members’ needs and schedules are different
- Sharing spaces such as bathrooms and lounges facilitate interaction and require communication and compromise
- Be open to differences and acknowledge your own comfort level with diversity
Our Community Living Principles

Safety ... Personal and Property
Inclusion ... Commonalities and Differences
Civility... Acceptance & Courteous
Engagement ... Enrichment
Integrity ... Respect for Truth
Code of Conduct, Policies, & Laws

- Code of Student Conduct, On and Off campus
- Residential Life Community Standards
- Campus Policy on Alcohol & Drugs
- Title IX Compliance
- State and Federal Laws Apply
- UMASS Amherst
The Campus & Town Community

• Campus Involvement builds social networks, skills, and interests, many opportunities are available... check out Student Activities and Involvement!

• Enjoy the town of Amherst, the Five colleges and the Pioneer Valley.

• Be an informed and engaged community
On Campus Assistance

- Resident Assistants and Residence Directors
- Graduate Assistants & Peer Mentors
- Desk Services and Facilities Staff
- Hours of Operation
More Campus Resources!!!

- Dean of Students Office; CMASS, Stonewall, CWC, MMC, SVRC, ORSL; Off Campus Student Services
- CCPH/Disability Services
Just for Parents

• Review your expectations and communication plans with your student
• Register with Parent Services
• Always good to log into University & Self Help Web Sites:
  www.UMASS.edu
  www.umass.edu/parents/
  www.jedfoundation.org/parents
• Have your student update their Emergency Contact on SPIRE!
• Review their University To Do list
• Look at your own Insurance Policy & consider Renter’s Insurance
Just for Parents

• University Regulations and Laws that guide our relationship with our students and parents.

• FERPA

• Confidentiality: Therapist, Doctors, Clergy, Attorneys, Student Records

• Privacy: How we handle information and sensitive situations

• Remember, the Internet is public!
Housing Preference Application

Options for living on campus:
1. Join a Residential Academic Program (RAP)
2. Rank order the 5 residential areas with First Year Residence Halls

Student Resources:
- NSO – two RAP sessions and the Housing Lab
- Roommate Search
- Video tutorials

ALL new students must submit the Preference Application to apply for on-campus housing between June 1st and July 14th.

Assignment Notification will be available on SPIRE August 3rd!
We get to actively choose the community in which we live. Let’s choose to care.

Questions?

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