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MISSION STATEMENT

THE COLLEGE HOUSES ARE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES FOR PENN UNDERGRADUATES THAT:

- Connect the academic life of the University with the residential experience.
- Develop smaller, intimate communities that students call home and from which they can more comfortably navigate the complexities of a large university.
- Provide academic and personal support to residents.
- Promote social interaction, engagement, accountability and leadership within a setting that honors the needs and backgrounds of the population.

FIND OUT MORE

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CHAS

IS ALL ABOUT

YOU.

College Houses and Academic Services (CHAS) was founded in 1998 to connect the life you live in the College Houses to the intellectual and academic life of the University. Since then, Penn undergrads have been at the heart of everything we do: we've been creating community alongside you, we've been learning from you, and we've been using those experiences to improve the ways we support you.

Lately, we've also been thinking a lot about one question: What exactly is it that we want to provide to you as a member of a College House community? Making our goals crystal clear will help us succeed in our mission: to help you make the most of the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that is being an undergrad at Penn.

Here's our answer. This is what we want you to get out of your time living in your College House.

FIND YOU.

College is the time to discover who you are, gain a sense of independence, and understand yourself. We want CHAS to be a place where we accept YOU, and others, for who you are and who you become.

CREATE YOUR COMMUNITY.

We're here to help you develop your sense of community and understand your role in shaping it. You get to be part of your College House community, the Penn and Philly communities, and the community beyond our campus.

GROW & LEAD.

We'll provide opportunities for you to develop as a thinker and a leader, and understand the privileges and the responsibilities of being part of the community.

GET INVOLVED & CONNECTED.

We want you to attend fun, exciting events and get to discover new experiences at Penn and in the city of Philadelphia. We also want you to make meaningful connections through friendships, connection with Penn faculty and staff, and develop lifelong relationships.

SUPPORT AND CARE: WE GOT YOU.

When you need it, we want you to feel free to ask for help and guidance from your House team—your House Director, House Coordinator, and House Faculty are ready to assist.





ACADEMIC LIFE



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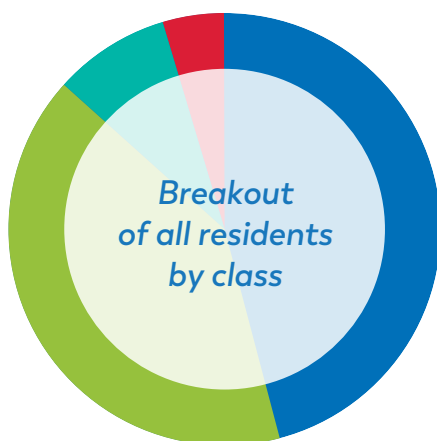


Penn has had individual College Houses for more than 50 years, but it wasn't until 1998 that every undergraduate residence hall was converted into the living-and-learning model that students who lived in places like Du Bois College House and Gregory College House had been thriving in for years. From its inception, the foundational idea of the College House system has been intellectual engagement: extending the active “life of the mind” that Penn fosters beyond the classroom and into living rooms. In the College Houses, the life of the mind matters.



College House Life

College House residents do far more than eat, sleep, play, and study. They learn. Each House provides countless occasions for residents to get to know the faculty, staff, and student leaders who are their neighbors in the House. By living in a College House our residents have opportunities to collaborate with other residents; improve their language, writing, math, and other skills; plan and lead House activities; attend in-House performances; discuss and analyze films and music; encounter a wide variety of viewpoints; and participate in exciting programming. For those who participate in their College House communities, learning just happens; it's the inevitable result of the daily interaction of residents and engagement with the activities around them. This sort of informal learning is an intentional outcome of our mission. Here are some of the ways we do it.



First year students: **46%**
 Sophomores: **41%**
 Juniors: **9%**
 Seniors: **5%**

WE CONNECT THE HOUSE COMMUNITIES TO THE INTELLECTUAL LIFE OF THE UNIVERSITY.

- Residents are exposed to a range of disciplines and backgrounds through the Faculty Director, College House Fellows and House Director. To learn more about their many fields of study and expertise see our comprehensive list at www.collegehouses.upenn.edu/life/expertise.
- We provide group tickets for campus events and renowned speakers.

WE CREATE THE ATMOSPHERE OF A SMALL LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY'S EXCITINGLY LARGE RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT.

- Our College House faculty, often pre-eminent in their fields, are nevertheless approachable and enjoy engaging with their residents.
- Student researchers receive guidance from House faculty on writing a research proposal and can apply for House research fellowships of \$1,500. The Research Fellows present their work in symposia and other forums, and in turn advise other residents about Penn's research opportunities.
- Emphasis on community building in each House helps create a sociable home base.

WE SUPPORT OUR RESIDENTS, ACADEMICALLY AND PERSONALLY.

- Houses provide advice on graduate and professional schools, internships, careers, and fellowships, and House Directors provide academic advising.
- Group study and technology spaces encourage students to learn together.

WE FOSTER LEADERSHIP AND ACCOUNTABILITY, BUT ALSO CIVIC-MINDEDNESS, TEAMWORK, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO COLLABORATE.

- Awards such as the Lucid Award and the Du Bois Endowed Scholarship are bestowed on residents with notable academic achievements and community-mindedness.
- House Councils or Steering Committees play different roles across the Houses—advising staff on the allocation of funds, the creation of programs, intramural activities, and more.

College House Faculty and Staff Neighbors

Every College House has a live-in team of faculty and staff who work to keep the life of the House community engaged in the intellectual and social life of the University as a whole. These scholars and their families become part of the College House community and enrich the lives of all their residents.

FACULTY DIRECTOR

The Faculty Director of each College House is a prominent professor appointed by the Provost to live in residence. As neighbors of students, these professors offer immediate contact with Penn's renowned teachers and scholars. Faculty Directors provide academic leadership for the House.

HOUSE DIRECTOR

The House Director is the single most important administrator in the residential community. House Directors serve as academic advisors, active participants in group events, and trusted resources. House Directors direct the House office and hire and supervise the RAs and House Managers. They also rotate shifts as the House Director on Call, ensuring that no matter the time of day or night, residents and House staff have someone they can count on to provide help and assistance. House Directors hold advanced academic degrees and provide leadership by serving on key committees across the campus.

HOUSE FELLOWS

College House Fellows are appointed to live in the College Houses to strengthen the connections between the Houses

and the intellectual life of the University. Members of the standing or adjunct faculty of one of Penn's twelve schools, or members of Penn's senior academic staff, they have regular teaching, advising, and mentoring relationships with undergraduates.

HOUSE COORDINATOR

Each House office is staffed by a full-time non-resident Coordinator who supports the operation of the House and provides invaluable assistance to the House Director and all of the residents.

RESIDENT ADVISORS

Each House has a team of student staff selected from among the sophomore, junior, and senior student body and from the graduate schools at Penn. These Resident Advisors (RAs) advise and support the programming initiatives of the community and sponsor or join in the numerous academic, social, and co-curricular activities of each House. The peer support offered by an RA can be a wonderful resource for new students looking for guidance.



Shared curiosity, shared space

PROGRAM COMMUNITIES

For many students the idea of living with a smaller community of people who share a culture, lifestyle or interest is very appealing. At Penn, designated floors or sections of the Houses are called Program Communities. The potential for an enriched residential experience is limitless with so many topics to explore together. Students apply for these communities when completing their housing application; most require essays at the time of application. Information about applying to Program Communities is available at www.collegehouses.upenn.edu/pc.

HOUSE SPOTLIGHTS AND TRADITIONS

Often Houses have traditional programs that are informal or clublike in their relaxed approach to bringing people together. No essay or application is required and the groups are not necessarily based on a floor or cluster of rooms. Examples include Stouffer and Kings Court English's Gardening clubs, which are open to all House residents.

Program Communities List

OPEN TO
FIRST YEAR
STUDENTSOPEN TO
UPPERCLASS
STUDENTSOPTIONAL
ACADEMIC
CREDIT

WORLD CULTURES AND LANGUAGES

Ancient Studies		●	
Asian/Asian American Program Community		●	
Black and Latin in the Americas	●	●	
International Program		●	
Latin American Residential Program		●	
Language & Cultures Program (Spanish, German)	●	●	●
Zulu in Residence	●	●	●

ARTS & LETTERS

Arts House		●	
Film Culture	●	●	●
Front Row Theatre & the Arts		●	
Goldberg Media & Communications Program	●		
The Rodin Arts Collective (TRAC)		●	

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATH (STEM)

Biosphere: The Active Experience	●		
Science & Technology Wing (STWing)	●		
Women in Computer Science	●		

IDENTITY & SELF

HarrisonQ		●	
Jewish Cultural Studies Program		●	
Muslim Life Residential Program		●	
Transfer Living Community		●	

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Rodin Leadership Program		●	
SNF Paideia "Common Ground": Expression in Practice	●		

PENN COURSE COMMUNITIES

Benjamin Franklin Scholars Residential Community	●		●
Huntsman Program for International Studies & Business	●		●
VIPER: Vagelos Integrated Program in Energy Research	●		●

SPOTLIGHT ON FISHER HASSENFELD COLLEGE HOUSE

WENDY AND LEONARD GOLDBERG MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM AT GOLDBERG HOUSE

The Wendy and Leonard Goldberg Media & Communications Program, nestled in the westernmost end of Fisher Hassenfeld College House in the Quad, is open to students in any major or academic field and provides ample space to live and work. The program is physically situated at the heart of a complex of buildings surrounding the beautiful Bluestone Courtyard – Foerderer, McKean, Baldwin, Class of 1887, and Craig – known collectively as Goldberg House. The beautiful Foerderer archway marks the entrance of the program, and the nearby Goldberg Media Lounge serves as the principal public space. Named for film producer Leonard Goldberg and his wife, Wendy, the program draws members who share an interest not only in film, but for all forms of communications media, including broadcasting, publishing, journalism, digital media, marketing, and public relations, and political communication. This program is designed for students who have a broad academic interest in mass media and communications, ranging from the advertising and mass media industries to television and film portrayals of particular groups to the ways in which digital media impact society. Residents in this program work together to design a media campaign that they envision and execute with the goal of generating a positive impact in their residential community. The campaign may include creating videos, writing a newsletter, designing advertisements, developing a blog, and/or other media-related activities. The program also includes communications-themed social activities, like movie nights and attending events in the Philadelphia area.

GOALS: This program provides interested students with an opportunity to engage in critical thought around the issues of mass media and to think about and discuss the ways in which media affect individuals' thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors as well as our society as a whole.





COMMUNITY



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For most students, the Penn experience is the first time they've lived away from home. For some, it's the first time they've lived close to so many other interesting people: fellow students studying everything from developing economies to the art of the Tang Dynasty, faculty and professional staff from across the University's range of disciplines, and the families that those faculty and staff bring with them into the Houses. Our residents are not left to drift alone in the sometimes overwhelming world of academia: in the College Houses, relationships matter.

Here's how we build them.



Building Relationships

GET TO KNOW YOUR RA

Your first point of contact with your College House leadership is your RA. Every floor, section, or hall in the College Houses has a Resident Advisor assigned to live there and serve as a resource to the residents they live with. An undergraduate RA is a sophomore, junior, or senior in one of Penn's undergraduate schools, and a GRA is a graduate or professional student from one of the graduate schools at the University. Regardless of whether you have an RA or a GRA, this Resident Advisor has been trained by College Houses & Academic Services to serve as a resource person, advisor, counselor, and community facilitator for all the residents of their House. RAs know when and how to refer students who need specific help to appropriate University services. They can help you resolve issues or problems with a roommate or other person on your floor or hall. They can help you figure out ways to balance your academic life with all the other aspects of your Penn experience. RAs create programming in the Houses, facilitating educational, cultural, social, and recreational activities. They can also help you create events you want to see happen in your own House.

GET TO KNOW YOUR ROOMMATES AND FLOORMATES

Even in the most private communities like the high-rise apartment-style Houses, you won't be living alone at Penn. Your House will house hundreds of other Penn students, and forming good relationships with them will make your time in College Houses an amazing experience! Your RA will arrange events and opportunities to get together with the other residents, and taking advantage of these low-key, fun events is a great way to meet your neighbors and keep life fun, friendly and smooth. And if you have an idea for a fun activity that can bring your floor, hall or section together, suggest it to your RA. You won't regret taking the time to get to know your fellow residents and to build community, whether it's over cookies, TV, or late-night board games.



Roommate Relations

HOW TO START OFF RIGHT

A year in a College House goes fast, but there is plenty of time to build a strong relationship with your roommate(s), whether to lay the foundations of a lasting friendship or simply develop the stable partnership necessary for a harmonious living arrangement. Finding out where they are coming from, both literally and figuratively, is an excellent place to start. Where is home? How did they spend their summer? What do they intend to study, and what extracurriculars might they participate in this year? What are their hobbies or passions, their favorite music, films, books, food, games, or sports teams? Where have they traveled, or where would they love to go? With some comfort level, you might discuss family, religion, or past or current relationships. In the process, you might discover that you have much in common; but

do not be surprised if there is a great difference as well. Penn students are from all over the world, from very different backgrounds; your roommate might be of different ethnicity or faith, and their lifestyle, dietary habits, and working hours might be markedly distinct from yours. One of the best aspects of University life is that you are exposed to a wide range of people, and one of the most important learning experiences you can have at Penn is learning to co-exist with those who seem different from you—a key life skill you will need after graduation! After covering some big picture items, be sure to discuss matters that will impact your day-to-day life: comfort level with guests (particularly overnight); sleeping schedules; interest in sharing food items, supplies, and technology; plans for keeping the room clean.

ROOMMATES = BEST FRIENDS? NOT NECESSARILY

It is important to keep your expectations in line with reality. Successful relationships of any kind do not require nor do they hinge on individuals within those relationships to become best friends. The same is true with roommates. It is highly likely that a majority of students would not identify their roommate as a best friend and yet still consider their relationship to be a very positive experience. This is often because roommates have invested time in learning about each other's background and interests and build upon this foundation by exhibiting respect for each other's needs. Keep in mind that you and your roommate(s) have the freedom to decide who your best friends will be, and if it is not each other that is perfectly fine!



It's important to negotiate expectations early in the roommate relationship.

ADOPT A "WIN-WIN" STRATEGY

It is important and even imperative to start early to think about negotiating an accommodating and comfortable living space for you and your roommate(s). One has to keep in mind that a win-win strategy for sharing a space with others is the best insurance for successful living. Here are a few pointers on how to proceed:

- Make your own list of all the factors that would make your living arrangement with others harmonious. Arrange the items on the list by order of importance to you.
- Suggest to your roommate(s) the same idea and ask them to make up their own list.
- One has to be thoughtful, respectful, and sensitive to others' living arrangement needs in order to establish a trusting relationship with roommates.

CLEAR AND OPEN COMMUNICATION IS OF KEY IMPORTANCE

After you have shared ideas about the living arrangement in your room, the next step is to consolidate the plans you have made in a form of a roommate agreement. The purpose of a roommate agreement is to keep open your lines of communication about issues and concerns as they arise in your living space. It is a tool that allows you to make use of the university policies to work out compromises for comfortable living and for preserving a lasting relationship with your roommate(s). A few tips to keep in mind:

- Ask your RA for a roommate agreement form to start the process.
- Your RA should keep a copy of the agreement and could serve as a coordinator of the process and when needed as a mediator to find the best compromise.
- Don't discuss your roommate problems with others when you have not discussed them with your roommate first.
- Don't direct accusations towards your roommate based on an assumption or hearsay before inquiring about it directly with your roommate.
- Remember that you have a lot of support in your College House. Use the RA, the House Director, the Faculty Director, and the numerous resources on campus.



Appreciate differences and be open to the experience.

Living together involves blending lives and lifestyles. You may be living with a roommate who has very different traits, values, and habits. Your roommate most likely grew up in a different family, was educated in a different school, formed a different set of friends, and developed a set of values, beliefs, opinions, and habits that are different from your own. Living with a roommate gives you the opportunity to learn from someone very different from yourself. You should look at your living experience as another chance to learn about negotiation and compromise. It's likely that you'll learn a great deal about yourself while learning about someone new. Be open to the background and life experiences of your roommate, and be willing to share who you are in return. Living with someone new is not always easy, but it doesn't have to be hard!

Anticipating stress throughout the academic year

The college academic year will expose you to a whole new set of challenges. From the intensity of meeting hundreds of new people during move-in and orientation, to the possibility of spending major holidays away from your family for the first time, to ending the academic year and saying goodbye to friends who have become your family, the year will bring many different new experiences your way. At Penn, you may feel that you will be in a constant state of mid-terms – that will be your reality! The most important reminder is to continue being respectful to your roommate during this time. If you think about the academic year chronologically, you can recognize some of the stressors that might be most impactful:

- **Move-in and Orientation** (it's stressful to meet hundreds of people!)
- **Classes begin** (it's likely you'll be a bit more busy than you've ever been before.)
- **MID-TERMS!**
- **Finding new friend groups and clubs** (as you find who you are at Penn, you and your roommate could grow apart, or you could grow closer.)
- **Thanksgiving** (for many students, this might be the first major holiday away from family)
- **FINAL EXAMS!**
- **Winter Holidays** (many students will visit family for the first time in the year...this may cause added stress)
- **Spring semester begins** (it can be difficult to readjust to life back at Penn.)
- **Fraternity/sorority recruitment** (maybe you join an organization, or not... Regardless, it can be a stressful time.)
- **Making housing decisions for next year**
- **MID-TERMS!**
- **Winter in Philly** (it can feel like it lasts forever...)
- **Spring Break**
- **More MID-TERMS!**
- **Spring Fling, Hey Day, and the end of school** (it's a great social time, but you still need to be thinking about your academics.)
- **FINAL EXAMS!**
- **Move out** (it can be stressful too... and it's hard to say goodbye, but you made it through your year at Penn!)

An academic year for a college student seems like it might be long, but it goes by quickly. Continue respecting your roommate and keep the lines of communication open. If you do this, you're sure to have a great year!



Health and Wellness Resources

Visit upennwellness.com for these and other resources:

Student Health and Counseling: Counseling Services

Free, confidential, individual and group therapy and advocacy, including for stress reduction

215-898-7021

Student Health and Counseling: Medical Services

Affordable, accessible primary, preventative, and specialty health care for all students.

215-746-3535

Student Intervention Services

Support, referrals, and case management for critical matters or emergencies involving safety and wellness.

215-898-6081

Academic Support

One-on-one advising and assistance in each of the four undergraduate schools.

- The College of Arts and Sciences | 215-898-6341
- Wharton | 215-898-7608
- Engineering and Applied Science | 215-898-7246
- Nursing | 215-898-6687

Office of the Chaplain

Pastoral support, guidance, informal advising, counseling and referrals.

215-898-8456

Cultural Resource Centers

Advocacy, support, and academic, cultural, and social programming at:

- Greenfield Intercultural Center | 215-898-3358
- The Center for Hispanic Excellence: La Casa Latina | 215-746-6043
- Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Center | 215-898-5044
- Makuu: The Black Cultural Center | 215-573-0823
- African-American Resource Center | 215-898-0104
- Pan-Asian American Community House | 215-746-6046
- Penn Women's Center | 215-898-8611

Help Line

24/7 assistance from the Division of Public Safety for time-sensitive help navigating Penn's health and wellness resources.

215-898-HELP
(215-898-4357)

Reach-A-Peer Line (RAP Line)

Peer support, information, and referrals from students to students, nightly from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. or online.

215-573-2RAP
(215-573-2727)

Weingarten Center

Provides instruction on improving academic skills and provides services to students with disabilities of all kinds.

215-573-9235

Penn First Plus

Assistance for first-generation and/or low-income students, including Penn First, a student-run support organization.

215-746-1111





PARTICIPATION



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You have to try hard to get bored at Penn, given the huge variety of activities on offer. On any given evening on campus, you'll find dozens of speakers, club activities, social events, concerts, sporting events and a host of other ways to keep yourself active and engaged with the Penn community. You'll discover that many of these events take place right at home, sponsored and hosted by members of the House communities we build every year. You'll find plenty to do in the College Houses.

Here's how we make opportunities to get involved.

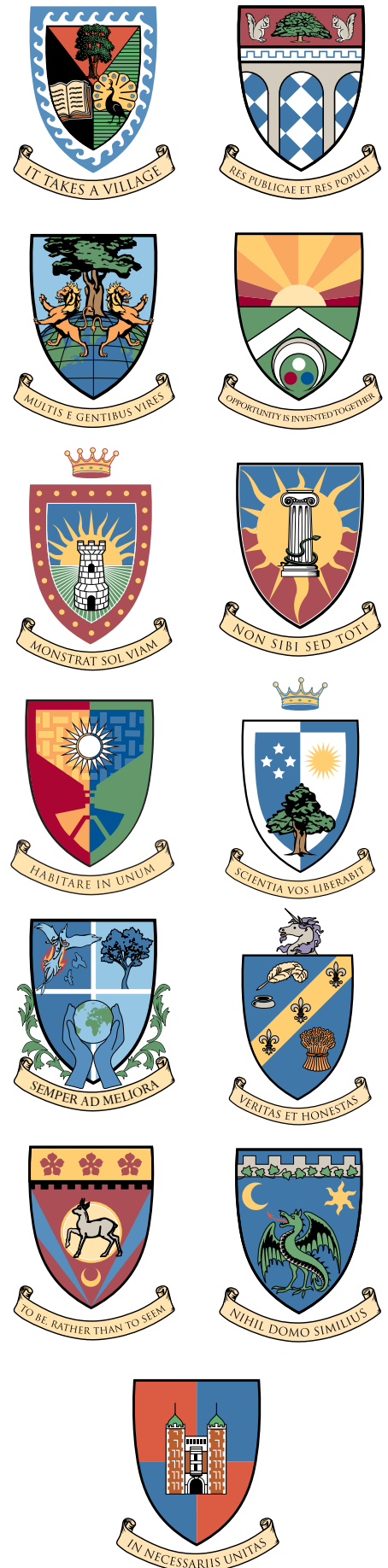


Ways to get involved

Each of Penn's College Houses has distinctive attributes that set it apart from the rest—unique facilities, philosophies, traditions. But on a fundamental level, they are all communities where students not only live alongside faculty and administrative staff, but take an active role in utilizing those facilities, deepening those philosophies, and maintaining those traditions... while building new ones, of course. The College Houses are interactive neighborhoods in which residents of any class year passionate about their new homes away from home can make their mark, now and for the future. The leadership opportunities vary from House to House, as befits the way each has evolved over the years; some have House Councils, in which students are elected by their peers as spokespeople for their hall or suite; Stouffer has a steering committee that meets regularly to oversee the budget and make decisions on programming; and Lauder College House offers a number of House Collectives, in which students can share (and debate!) ideas around topics like research and sustainability.

If running House events is not your thing, there are plenty of other opportunities to be active and present in the community. Houses are staffed by student tech employees who directly assist students with technical issues, ensure labs are operating smoothly, loan out laptops, and promote tech initiatives within CHAS. Most Houses have House manager/student workers who are trained to answer all sorts of questions.

Not that you need to have such a prominent and potentially time-consuming role in your House to play your part; the easiest way to get involved, to get to know your housemates (including the faculty and staff) and to familiarize yourself with your surroundings is simply to participate in the endless assortment of events happening every week. Check out the calendar on your House website, or track down your RA to stay abreast of what's on the table in the coming days, whether the goings-on are tailored for your floor, for the entire House, or even as part of a campus-wide initiative; for example, you can apply to become a Research Fellow in your House, or enter your own movie masterpieces in the Penn Student Film Festival. The College Houses are not meant to be generic dorms, to feel like impersonal apartment buildings; they are vital, thriving communities, and to take full advantage of them, you can't be passive. Your first step is to venture out to see what's happening—we guarantee you there's a lot.



Signature Programs

In addition to the huge variety of events each College House hosts every semester, the Office of College Houses and Academic Services supervises programs that span the entire College House system. These “Signature Programs” are open to students in every House, and participation is solicited during the school year, so you don’t have to make a commitment before you’ve had a chance to settle in. Whether you’re more comfortable combing the library to prepare for a research presentation, practicing for the flute concerto you’re planning to share with the House community, or spiking the ball over the net for the last point, the College House Signature Programs offer plenty of opportunities to share your talents with your friends, neighbors, and the Penn community.

College House Research Program

At Penn, undergraduates do research too! Each College House selects a College House Research Fellow who is given academic and monetary support to pursue an 18-month research project of their own design. Under the active mentorship of their House faculty, the Research Fellows also present informal research events in their Houses and present their findings at Penn’s Annual Undergraduate Research Conference during Quaker Days.

The First Year Experience

The faculty and staff in the College Houses are dedicated to helping you connect with the community in your House and beyond. Whether through casual chats, meals shared in the dining hall, or one of many exciting House events, you will find numerous ways to meet people and feel supported as you navigate Penn. First year activities emphasize relationship-building, learning about Penn resources, and academic support, building on the foundational experience of New Student Orientation. Roommate agreements and conversations among floormates encourage communication and positive communities for you and your neighbors. Study breaks, workshops with campus resources, and conversations with faculty support your scholarly goals. Other activities will help you learn new ways to promote your wellbeing. We encourage you to get involved, explore your interests, be curious, and, most importantly, ask for help!

Music in the Houses

The College House Music Program is a joint initiative of the College Houses and the Department of Music that provides partially subsidized private musical instruction to undergraduate students while bringing professional performances, master classes, and other musical events of the highest quality to the Penn community. Combining the exceptional musical talents of its instructors with the convenience and community of the College Houses, the program also sponsors College House Music Fellows, undergraduates who undertake a musical project on behalf of their House community.

The Second Year Experience

If you’re starting your second year at Penn, it can sometimes feel like you’ve been left to drift on your own. Charting your own course as a sophomore can be exciting but it can also come with unique challenges. The College Houses are committed to making your second year incredible by linking you to the resources you need to keep yourself healthy, happy, and connected. The University and CHAS offer a variety of exclusive opt-in events and activities to help you achieve your goals, make a meaningful transition from a firstyear to an upperclass student, provide opportunities to mentor first-years and get guidance from juniors, seniors and grad students as you move toward your junior year, and a chance to get special class gear to celebrate your second year at Penn.

Film and Cinema

In addition to the Film Culture residential program housed in Gregory College House, every year the College Houses host the three-evening Penn Student Film Festival featuring short films by student filmmakers from across the University and capped off with a gala screening of the top films. Penn students in the Cinema Studies Program as well as those from other disciplines are welcome to submit their work each year in any genre, and the winners are judged by a panel of cinema experts. The top three films win cash prizes and an audience favorite is awarded as well. All the recent festival films can be viewed online at www.collegehouses.upenn.edu/life/filmfest.



THE COLLEGE HOUSES

FOUR-YEAR COMMUNITIES

Du Bois, Gregory, and Stouffer College Houses in many ways represent an ideal College House experience. Residents have a much greater chance of getting to know one another on a deeper level, of building lifelong friendships and forging closer bonds with the residential faculty because their resident populations range from 180 to 350 and include members from all four academic years.

FIRST-YEAR COMMUNITIES

Fisher Hassenfeld*, Hill, Kings Court English, Lauder, Riepe, and Ware Houses are predominantly populated with first-year students ranging in size from 350 to 540 residents: what many consider to be traditional style first-year residence halls. The House architecture varies greatly; however, all offer new students a tremendous opportunity to create new friendships and to engage with the House faculty and staff.

UPPERCLASS COMMUNITIES

The College House at the Radian, an upscale apartment building, has joined mid-rise Gutmann College House and the high-rise Harnwell, Harrison and Rodin College Houses, each of which provides space for approximately 800 sophomore, junior and senior students in apartment-style living. Upperclass living tends to be more independent, though faculty and staff are nothing short of miraculous in hosting events that bring the community together both intellectually and socially.

Each College House contains many common areas available to all residents for casual interaction, study, and a variety of other purposes. In general each House contains: multiple lounges, computer labs or smart study spaces, community printers, exercise/fitness/gaming rooms, library or dedicated study spaces, meeting rooms and larger multipurpose rooms, film or television viewing areas, and mail delivery areas.

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"Celebrates its rich mosaic of engaged students"



W.E.B. Du Bois College House

dubois.house.upenn.edu

THE FACTS

- Focus on African American scholarship and culture
- Strong connection to the West Philadelphia community
- Private bedroom space for all residents

ROOM TYPES

Mostly apartment style, with efficiencies, 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom apartments with living room, bath, and most with a kitchenette.

HOUSE AMENITIES

4 floors, library, seminar rooms, computer lab, 1 large multipurpose room, 2 lounges with large screen TVs, music practice room, 2 pianos, kitchen, cardiovascular exercise and weight training room, recreation room, art gallery

Established in response to student demands in August 1972 amid protests and accusations of self-segregation, **Du Bois College House** has persevered and thrived for fifty years in its mission to support students of the African Diaspora by serving as a hub for activities that promote African and African American scholarship and culture. Its unique history and legacy instills a sense of pride in both its residents and alumni. This pride is evidenced in the physical environment of the House, in the spirit of the residents, and in the generosity of alumni who still consider Du Bois their “home away from home.”

Du Bois hosts an annual series of events highlighting current issues pertinent to the Black community and provides leadership with community service initiatives like the ASE program, through which Du Bois undergraduates have mentored local K-12 students for over twenty years. Our residents don't stop serving the community once they graduate, either: through the Black Alumni Association (BAS), our alumni have made generous donations to the House, including an endowed scholarship that financially supports four students each year.

Du Bois College House offers every resident the opportunity to learn about cultures other than their own. We celebrate and recognize the origins of our residents with annual events such as the Chinese New Year Celebration, the African Cultures Celebration, Natives at Penn's spirited, traditional spring Pow-Wow, and Makuu's annual Kwanzaa Celebration. Our signature program Cultural Production and Political Power allows residents to examine the ways Black, Native, and other underrepresented peoples produce culture and the ways this intersects with power and politics, and the signature Du Bois Fit program supports Wellness at Penn by creating programs that focus on the eight domains of wellness, including physical, emotional, social, intellectual, environmental, financial, occupational, and spiritual wellness.

The smallest of the College Houses, Du Bois provides a close-knit community. This sense of intimacy is maintained through the many house-wide events put on by the House Council and House staff. We also place priority on offering our undergraduates off-campus activities that will enhance their knowledge of the City of Brotherly Love, such as movie and theater outings, trips to restaurants and museums, and tickets to concerts and sporting events.

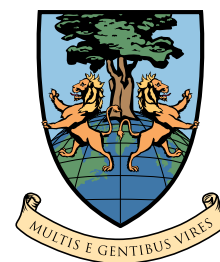
Total Student
Population:

159





"One of the coziest and
smallest Houses"



Gregory College House

gregory.house.upenn.edu

THE FACTS

- Language and film program communities offer academic credit
- Private bedroom space for all residents; all suites have their own bathroom
- Full social calendar and opportunities for all classes in the House to make connections

ROOM TYPES

Mostly suite style, 1-4 bedrooms with microfridge units and private bathrooms

HOUSE AMENITIES

Van Pelt Manor: showcase cinema lounge; study room with reading library; Piano Lounge with grand piano and television; smart study spaces; pool table with adjoining community kitchen; extensive DVD loaning library; additional kitchen lounge; ample tables for study, work, and play

Class of 1925: "Greenhouse" with Isaiah Zagar mural and adjoining kitchen; smart study and meeting rooms; additional kitchen lounge; ping pong, foosball and pool tables; TV lounge; yoga studio

Gregory College House, small in size, cozy in feel, immersive in academic focus and overflowing with events, is a vibrant College House community where everyone feels connected, empowered, and supported. As the first House to incorporate live-in faculty, to offer academic credit for living-learning programs, and to organize student-run computer support and student-spearheaded event calendars, Penn's College House system was born in Van Pelt Manor and Class of 1925, the two matching four-story buildings that make up Gregory.

Gregory is a unique mix of independent living and the social; all residents, including first-year students, have plenty of privacy when they need it, but no community offers as many opportunities for students to hang out with their neighbors at regular social get-togethers. In the piano lounge of Van Pelt Manor you will likely see students dining with a visiting faculty member or engaging in group study. Next door our state-of-the-art Cinema Lounge will be showing a classic film or contemporary blockbuster on its giant screen, with a film manager on hand for follow-up discussion. Meanwhile, over in the Class of 1925 building, participants in our language houses will be conversing animatedly in Spanish or German while engaging in an interactive culture activity.

Everyone from first-year students to seniors come together at gatherings like Bring Your Own Mug!, study breaks, film screenings, and Darkroom Cafe nightly meetups. You'll often find residents doing some collective cooking in the community kitchens, cheering or booing at the Oscar and Super Bowl parties, or bonding through House-led off-campus adventures like apple picking, a 76ers game, Broadway shows, Center City trips, and more. Gregory residents never experience a night where they cannot find company.

Total Student
Population:

240





"Nothing comes
closer to home"



Stouffer College House

stouffer.house.upenn.edu

THE FACTS

- Only College House with a patio; four year House with air-conditioned student rooms
- One of the highest year-to-year retention rates among the College Houses
- Hosts the Stouffer College House Cup, a friendly and fun House competition

ROOM TYPES

Mayer Hall: Mostly apartment style, with efficiencies, 1 and/or bedroom apartments with living room, bath, and most with kitchen or kitchenette

Stouffer Hall: Traditional dormitory style, with singles, doubles, or triple rooms

HOUSE AMENITIES

Mayer Hall: 7 floors, seminar room, computer lab, 3 TV lounges, piano, exercise room, pool table, ping pong table, foosball table

Stouffer Hall: 2 floors, study rooms, computer lab, darkroom, 6 lounges including 3 TV lounges, piano, shared kitchenettes with microwaves and stove tops, pool table, foosball table, air hockey, basketball court, hammocks

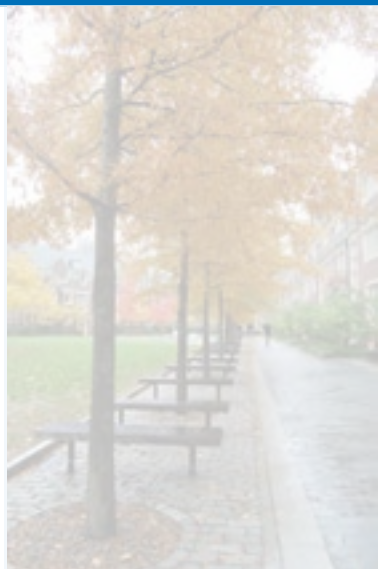
Stouffer College House, which is split across two buildings, Stouffer Hall and Mayer Hall, stands as one of the strongest community atmospheres on campus. Truly embodying the motto of "Nihil Domo Similius", a Latin knock-off of the Stouffer Food Company's "Nothing Comes Closer to Home", Stouffer is a place of lasting friendships with a variety of interesting people, lively laughs, and a loving family that will always welcome your back. All house events are free for residents, from our Lunar New Year celebration, house BBQs, and our annual Stouffer Semi-Formal. Our students come to know Stouffer College House not as just another dorm, but a place where they made a family that resembles no other.

Stouffer is home to about 300 undergraduates ranging from all four class years. While Stouffer Stouffer sits atop Wawa and Stouffer Mayer is across the street, we maintain one unified community across the two halves of the House. Not only does Stouffer have a plethora of traditions, activities, and ways to engage, we also have spaces with foosball, ping-pong, pool and any number of board games. In warmer weather, basketball pick-up games and yard games like corn hole and pickleball are often being played. Though no resident is permanent, our traditions and camaraderie live on with each passing year.

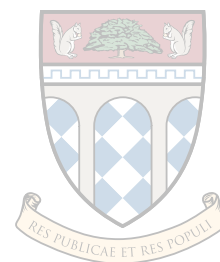
Total Student
Population:

277





"Be prepared to
participate"



Fisher Hassenfeld College House

fh.house.upenn.edu

THE FACTS

- Outdoor grilling and relaxing in the Bluestone Court
- Weekly study breaks hosted by House faculty
- The quietest of the three Quad Houses thanks to its architecture—but the only house with a drum kit!

ROOM TYPES

Traditional dormitory style, with singles, doubles, and triple rooms

HOUSE AMENITIES

4 floors; library; computer lab; seminar room; 2 music practice rooms; piano; Goldberg Media Lounge; Class of 2000 Parents Garden; Bluestone Courtyard; pool table; multiple lounges

Head down any of the historic hallways in **Fisher Hassenfeld** and you are bound to run into a lively group headed to the lounge for snacks and a movie, a faculty resident, or students on their way over to say 'hi!' Around here, we are known for our care and concern for one another, our ties to the surrounding Philadelphia community, and our shared interest in leaving the world better than we found it.

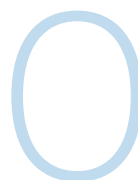
Fisher Hassenfeld is home, where you will make lifelong friends and learn new things about yourself and others. What makes FH so special are the energetic people who choose to live here and participate as curious and respectful community members. Residents can feel at home by throwing a frisbee or kicking a soccer ball around in the upper Quad, or stopping by their RA's room to seek advice or eat a late-night snack.

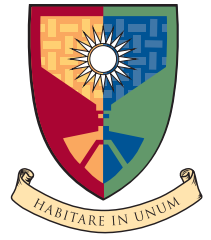
In Fisher, we explore famous, hidden aspects of Philadelphia together, and we encourage you to push yourself out of your comfort zone. We truly believe in becoming active global citizens, while also making positive contributions to the community around us. Be sure to take advantage of our many excursions which center upon experiencing the cultural, historical, and recreational riches of Philadelphia.

You will come to experience many aspects of life at Penn, but residents of the Fisher Hassenfeld community always look forward to coming home after a busy day of classes and campus activities. Whether it's outdoor movies, weekend brunches, bonfires with s'mores 'n more, seasonal BBQs, or math or biology tutoring, Fisher Hassenfeld blends fun, learning and conversation in a relaxed and friendly community. Join us in Fisher Hassenfeld, where we help to develop the talents and interests of our students!

Note: Fisher Hassenfeld College House is closed for renovations during academic year 2025-2026. It will reopen in fall 2026.

Total Student
Population:





"The most
social House"

Hill College House

hill.house.upenn.edu



THE FACTS

- Ideally located near major academic buildings, libraries, retail shops, and athletic fields
- Unique architecture fosters close-knit community

ROOM TYPES

Traditional style, with singles, doubles, and large singles

HOUSE AMENITIES

5 Floors; in-House dining facility; elevator; private dining room; computer lab; music practice room; large screen TVs; game room; communal kitchens, lounges, and study rooms; outdoor terrace; fitness room

Hill House is a vibrant residential community with a special commitment to first year students. The House Director, Faculty Director, House Fellows, and Resident Advisors are dedicated to providing residents with personal and professional assistance to successfully transition to University life both intellectually and socially. Internationally renowned architect Eero Saarinen, whose design concept was grounded in the idea of a small village, self-sufficient, inward-focused and protected, designed Hill House with spaces that foster communication, collaboration and community. Students are drawn to this community for the sense of belonging and personal relationships fostered by the architecture.

At Hill College House, we care deeply about integrating first-year students into a community that will ultimately launch them into a successful career at Penn, and beyond. We live in a space that was quite literally built to connect people to one another, and we take that very seriously. We also have a lot of fun in the process.

Congratulations on getting admitted to Penn, and we look forward to welcoming you to Hill College House!

Total Student
Population:

489





"A rich, fulfilling
experience"



Kings Court English College House

kcech.house.upenn.edu

THE FACTS

- Adjoining low-rise buildings with a garden courtyard and green roof
- Bright, attractive in-House dining room
- High-tech Media Room provides common space with multimedia capabilities

ROOM TYPES

Traditional dormitory style, with singles and doubles

HOUSE AMENITIES

Library; Class of 1972 Computer Lab; seminar room; Bluestone Courtyard; Class of 1938 Media Room; roof top terrace; game room; roof top lounge; kitchen; study space; elevator

Penn Alumni frequently reminisce about their fond memories of **Kings Court English College House**, one of the University's best-kept secrets. Tucked snugly away in one of the campus's most vibrant corners, KCECH offers students a rich, fulfilling experience fostered by the caring and close-knit members of its community.

KCECH houses five remarkable program communities: STWing, Biosphere, PIH, Huntsman and WICS. These communities have a profound impact on the House identity, drawing some of Penn's most diverse students. When not studying or engaging in extracurricular activities, students can be found meeting and discussing with Penn faculty in the dining hall, gardening and planting flowers outside, participating in cultural performances in our common spaces, and perhaps most importantly, taking part in their very first family at the University. Kings Court English College House is a safe "playground" full of possibilities for fun, friendship, peer learning, and leadership skills. It also constitutes a laboratory that fosters debate, knowledge integration, and intellectual growth.

Join in regular House-sponsored activities such as Sunday brunches, cultural dinners, Penn faculty talks, language tables and study breaks, cultural exhibitions, student concerts, trips, and intramural games. Our students take the lead in generating and running most of the events such as the Rube Goldberg Competition, Robotics Fair, Lecture Series, Penn Author Forum, Garden and Library Clubs, and Tech Times. In our House, follow your passion and you will make a difference!

KCECH consists of two separate houses, English House and Kings Court, connected by our award-winning courtyard, one of the community's most beautiful and historic green spaces. Adorning its outdoor walls are murals by the world-renowned artist, Isaiah Zagar, known for his vibrant and colorful mosaics. On the rooftop, KCECH hosts one of Penn's first green roof projects and a cozy café and lounge for students to relax and interact with their peers.

Total Student
Population:

338





"A community of
citizen scholars"



Lauder College House

lauder.house.upenn.edu

THE FACTS

- The House motto, "Semper ad meliora," means "Always onward toward better things," which Lauder students voted to represent their ethos
- Faculty in residence offer access to research opportunities and a global perspective
- First LEED-certified College House reduces environmental impact

ROOM TYPES

3-to-6 person units, each with single occupancy rooms that share a bathroom and common room

HOUSE AMENITIES

Lounges on each floor; music rooms; Multimedia Room; seminar rooms; in-House dining hall; green roofs; private courtyard

Lauder College House is located in the northeastern corner of Penn's campus, on the expansive and historic Hill Field. It carries LEED Silver Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, meaning that we take our sustainability seriously! From our Green Roof to our Courtyard, which functions as a sponge to slowly return rainwater to the ground and the nearby Schuylkill River, we're invested as a community in actions big and small that can have a positive impact on our environment. Over the course of the year, we'll also, of course, use our courtyard as a gathering space for social events, group or personal study—or just taking in the rays. And in the winter, you can sit by a cozy fire in our Living Room and watch the Philadelphia sleet and snow through the window.

As a member of our community, you have the opportunity to imagine and craft your own experiences. By living in Lauder College House, we intend to grow and develop as individuals and as active citizens in our residential, Penn, Philadelphia, and future communities. Together, we implement this by raising our consciousness of what's happening in the world around us, building a community where belonging is centered, developing our skills to thrive in various situations, and exploring the world and our responsibilities to the communities we belong to. What will your contribution be?

Lauder is more than just a house, it's a home: your home, our home.

Note: Lauder is typically a four-year College House, but during the renovations of the Quadrangle in 2023-2026, it will house first-year students exclusively.

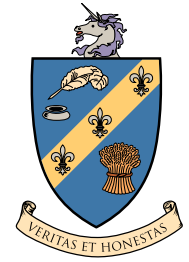
Total Student
Population:

342





"Good food,
good company"



Riepe College House

riepe.house.upenn.edu

THE FACTS

- Offers a very popular medical school information series
- Freshly renovated in 2024
- Surrounds the peaceful Baby Quad and the Oval Garden

ROOM TYPES

Traditional dormitory style, with singles, doubles, or triple rooms

HOUSE AMENITIES

5 floors; Ashhurst Seminar Room and Lounge; Provosts' Tower Lounge with kitchen; Finkelstein Lounge with TV; Oval Garden; student-run convenience store; pool, ping pong, and foosball tables; elevator; computer lab; music practice rooms

Veritas et Honestas, which translates as "Truth and Honor," is the official **Riepe College House** motto; however, "good food, good company" has become its unofficial motto. At Riepe, social and intellectual pursuits are skillfully integrated into everyday life.

In fact, Riepe faculty and staff pride themselves on their welcoming spirit. Our event calendar always features a nice mixture of homecooked and catered comfort food dinners, study breaks, Sunday brunches, pancake breakfasts, and outdoor picnics and barbecues.

Riepe residents also participate in many off-campus events. Last year's line-up included tickets to the opening night concert of the Philadelphia Orchestra at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, Phillies baseball at Citizen's Bank Park, a Philadelphia 76ers basketball game at the Wells Fargo Center, tickets to the New Jersey Adventure Aquarium and Philadelphia Flower Show, and several local soccer matches.

However, for many Riepe-ites it is simply their life at "home" that makes their first year experience so warm and so much fun. There are House social events such as midnight brunches during Reading Days and final exams and long-standing house-wide traditions such as the late summer Baby Quad picnic and the Holiday Foods Fest— along with yummy study breaks and a myriad of other "pop-up" events. Whether it is achieved through casual exchanges, at-home get-togethers or organized study groups, Riepe has a social ease that helps residents bond and thrive.

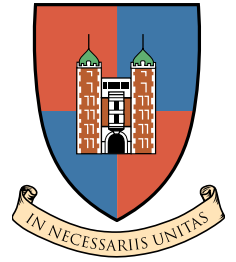
Total Student
Population:

421





"Welcome to the Warewolf Pack"



Ware College House

ware.house.upenn.edu

THE FACTS

- Dinner with Interesting People brings a variety of guests to the House
- The only College House with a mascot: the Warewolf
- Home of McClelland Café

ROOM TYPES

Traditional hall style, with singles, doubles, and a few triple rooms

HOUSE AMENITIES

5 floors; library; computer lab; multiple seminar rooms; two music practice rooms; Memorial Tower Lounge with kitchen; Friedman Fitness Center; elevator

We've all seen that scene from TV or the movies where the eager young first year walks onto campus for the first time and sees wide green fields framed by 19th-century architecture. The first year walks past some guys throwing a Frisbee, into her college home and into her room. It's got a dormered window with slanted ceilings, hard wood floors perhaps a little worn, but it's homey and full of potential. Within a few scenes she has met her roommate and hallmates. They're quirky, brilliant, funny, and loveable. What a crew to spend a year with! Fade out.

Yeah, Hollywood. Silly, huh? But what if we told you that's all real? What if we told you Penn has a place just like that?

"Where is this place?" you ask. You guessed it—**Ware** is this place.

Ware is one of three College Houses located in the Quad. It stands right in the middle between Fisher Hassenfeld and Riepe and includes the Junior Balcony, Memorial Tower Library, Top of the Tower Lounge, and McClelland Cafe.

The word "community" gets used a lot these days. But your College House is a true community, the first one you'll be a part of at Penn. Who knows what will happen in those first few weeks at Ware? Will you have a heated late-night debate? Will you change your mind or someone else's, or just come to appreciate a perspective you never thought of before? You have a chance to learn something from every single person you meet in college—not just professors, but fellow students, staff, administrators, and the people of Philadelphia. So your first real teachers at Penn will be your fellow Warewolves. You won't be the same person you were when you started after a year in Ware.

Almost all of Ware's residents are first years. Ware's residents all start their time here with the goal of shaping their college experience their way, to meet their needs. If there is one thing you'll learn in Ware, it's that there's no one right way to have a College House experience. Ware is about you blazing the right trail for you.

You only get one first year of college. And, no, of course it won't be like something you've seen on TV or in a movie. It'll be yours. If you're asking "where's the best place for me to start?" you may already have found your answer.

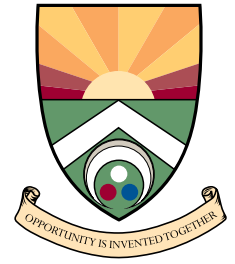
Total Student
Population:

513





"A new world
of possibilities"



Gutmann College House

gutmann.house.upenn.edu

THE FACTS

- The newest addition to the College Houses, residents are still putting their personal stamp on the legacy of the House
- A spectacular location with close amenities both inside and outside the House
- Features the first Quaker Kitchen in the College Houses, for interactive culinary presentations

ROOM TYPES

2-bed and 4-bed suites with one bath; 5-bed and 6-bed suites with two baths

HOUSE AMENITIES

Multipurpose room; coffee bar; campus green; common living room; tinker space; seminar rooms; fitness room; meditation room; music practice rooms; club rooms with kitchen; laundry room

The newest College House on campus, **Gutmann College House**, was designed from the ground up to support the community goals of the College Houses at Penn.

Situated at the far western edge of campus (at 40th Street between Walnut and Locust Walk, next to Rodin and Du Bois College Houses), Gutmann College House is the residence of about 430 upperclass students. Gutmann provides all the benefits that come with a College House—faculty leadership and neighbors in the House, and a dedicated staff of professionals to assist with residents' needs, along with a team of student Resident Advisors to provide social and educational programming within the House.

Gutmann College House has been built to include state-of-the-art in-House amenities, with communal study areas, common living and social spaces, seminar and music practice rooms, and other features that encourage the community that our on-campus residents have come to expect in the College Houses. Gutmann is the home of the Quaker Kitchen, a new concept in dining featuring a unique dining experience with fresh, locally-sourced ingredients. GCH also features a coffee bar, a meditation room, a fitness space, six club rooms with kitchens, and a tinker space. With 2, 4, 5 and 6-bed suites and a location close to tons of dining and shopping options, Gutmann College House has been a great addition to the College House family!

Total Student
Population:

436





"Live Well at Harnwell"



Harnwell College House

harnwell.house.upenn.edu

THE FACTS

- Facilities support every kind of activity (dance gallery, nine pianos, theater space, lounges)
- Café du Soleil provides coffee and more in-House, giving you all the creature comforts at home
- Home to dynamic program communities, some of the oldest in CHAS history

ROOM TYPES

Mostly apartment style, with efficiencies, 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom apartments with living room, bath, and most with kitchen or kitchenette

HOUSE AMENITIES

Rooftop Lounge with kitchen; Class of 1921 Lounge on the Mezzanine (with café, and large screen TV); lounges on every floor; Dungeon performance/rehearsal space; dance gallery; computer lab; library; exercise room; meeting rooms; two music practice rooms; 2 grand pianos and 7 uprights; seasonal air conditioning; open for winter break; elevators

Named after **Gaylord Probasco Harnwell**, Penn's president from 1953–70, our high-rise College House cultivates friendly, open communities in which cultural and intellectual exchange is balanced by civility and mutual respect. Enriched by the Cultures Collective, Ancient Studies Program Community, Arts House Program Community and Eco-House: Environmental Program Community, we feature a wealth of artistic and inviting endeavors and a House calendar filled with engaging activities.

Our Rooftop Lounge (RTL) is a premier space on campus where we host our House traditions, such as weekly Probasco Family Dinners, as well as our annual Sapphire Ball and Casino Night. The RTL is also home to resident-led programming, such as yoga, fitness bootcamps, and study breaks. On our mezzanine, you will find the Café du Soleil, and the Library and Computer Lab, both located on the first floor, offer the options of cozy study nooks with quick access to computers and tech assistance. A versatile basement called the "Dungeon" serves as a small gallery and recreation room, while also housing two practice rooms – one of which boasts a recently reconditioned Steinway piano. You can find eight more pianos throughout the House, along with a dance gallery and an a capella practice room.

Beyond the building, our home is defined by its people. Intelligence, integrity, and initiative are the hallmarks of not only our residents, but also RAs and Managers. Their dedication and kindness set the tone for our caring community. Our Intramural team, the Harnwell Bowties, exemplifies House spirit – Bowties have more fun! With a dynamic Senior Staff at the helm, unique opportunities to interact with residents abound – such as providing research guidance, extending invitations to dine in faculty apartments, and surprising residents with pop-up events.

What does it mean to live well at Harnwell? It means becoming part of a House that's a home, where you can grow and contribute holistically as you pursue your intellectual endeavors at Penn. Live well. Live well at Harnwell.

Total Student
Population:

772





"A big House
with a big heart"



Harrison College House

harrison.house.upenn.edu

THE FACTS

- Café Prima, the best coffee house and commissary on campus
- Harrison Saturday Night offers social events every weekend
- Dinner and informal conversation with 35-40 faculty members each year

ROOM TYPES

Mostly apartment style, with efficiencies, 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom apartments with living room, bath, and most with kitchen or kitchenette

HOUSE AMENITIES

Heyer Sky Lounge with kitchen and baby grand piano; Robinette Lounge; TV lounges on evennumbered floors (2-16, 20); Café Prima; 24-hour computer lab; exercise room; pool tables; multimedia classroom; DVD/video library; wide screen TV; music practice room with several upright pianos; seasonal air conditioning, elevators; open winter break

Harrison College House is a big House with a big heart. With a large team of Resident and House Assistants, you can count on frequent and varied programming throughout the community. Harrison offers programs that help students explore who they are, meet new friends, and encourage learning for the sake of learning by offering events both in the house, around campus, and throughout Philadelphia.

Harrison's motto, *non sibi sed toti*, translated as "Not for the self, but for everyone," is a big part of our house culture. We hope you feel that throughout the year by fully engaging in our shared community.

In addition to our motto, we have four values in Harrison College House. We encourage all residents to live these values fully and authentically. Our values are:

- **Curiosity:** Seeking to explore new knowledge, both in our academic and social lives.
- **Welcome:** We welcome and embrace different perspectives and identities to make our house a home.
- **Service:** Living our House motto "not for the self, but for everyone," we give back to our neighbors both within our house and the surrounding community.
- **Wellness:** Taking care of our mind and body so that we can be a well-balanced community member.

Total Student
Population:

792





The College House at the Radian

radian.house.upenn.edu

THE FACTS

- The College House at the Radian will be headed up by the faculty and staff of Fisher Hassenfeld College House in 2025-2026

ROOM TYPES

1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom apartments with living room, bath, and kitchen or kitchenette

HOUSE AMENITIES

Elevators; in-unit laundry; fitness center; seasonal air conditioning

Due to major renovations in the Quadrangle over the next three years, Penn has chosen to lease The Radian to ensure that we have enough rooms to meet the needs of our students. For the span of these three academic years, the **College House at the Radian** will provide both a place to live and a spirited community for upperclass students. With 14 floors and a variety of apartment-style room types, the College House at the Radian will be a community of sophomores, juniors, and seniors who enjoy the privacy apartment-style living affords but also appreciate the camaraderie, engagement and fun that comes from living in a College House. The resident Faculty Director, House Faculty Fellows, House Director, and Resident Advisors are dedicated individuals interested in providing personal and professional developmental opportunities for upperclass students. Located on Walnut Street between 39th and 40th Streets, the College House at the Radian will offer easy access to classes, shopping, dining and entertainment; the House also offers in-unit laundry facilities and a 24-hour fitness center.

Note: The Radian will return to being an off-campus apartment complex after academic year 2025-26 and will no longer be an option from that point forward.

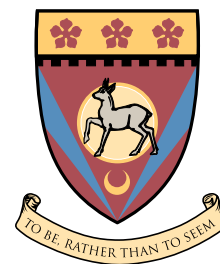
Total Student
Population:

462





"To be,
rather than to seem"



Rodin College House

rodin.house.upenn.edu

THE FACTS

- Annual Program Community Performance Showcase
- Programming designed to enhance the sophomore year experience
- Active House Council organizes events and implements House improvements

ROOM TYPES

Mostly apartment style, with efficiencies, 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom apartments with living room, bath, and most with kitchen or kitchenette

HOUSE AMENITIES

Rooftop Lounge with baby grand piano; mezzanine lounge; DVD library; yoga mats; meditation pillows; extensive board game selection; seminar rooms and study spaces; study lounges on all floors; computer lab; movie screening room with plasma TV and state-of-the art sound system; underground lounge with two music practice rooms; pool table; open for winter break; elevators; seasonal air conditioning

Welcome to **Rodin College House**. You could not have chosen a better College House in which to live over the next year here at the University of Pennsylvania. With a tradition of being the best College House on campus, so much awaits you here. Rodin is a place that strives for excellence in all that we do.

We pride ourselves on creating a vibrant community for the students who choose to live in our House.

Most importantly, we are a family of students, staff, and faculty who are striving to make your year in Rodin memorable.

We are home to The Rodin Arts Collective (TRAC), the Rodin Leadership Program (RLP), the Jewish Culture Studies (JCS) program, and the Transfer Living Community (TLC).

Our faculty and staff host terrific programs that allow residents to thrive. You can further your research efforts with Dr. Daniel Gillion's *Research Roadmap*. You can also explore the arts and music all over Philadelphia with House Fellows Dr. Mauro Calcagno and Dr. Jamuna Samuel, both faculty in the music department. House Fellow Dr. Lea Ann Matura loves to host programs about finding balance with Penn students' busy schedules and is well renowned for her work in supporting patients with managing their symptoms. If you have any questions or interest in Library Sciences, we encourage you to build a rapport with our House Fellow, Dr. Katie Rawson. Get to know the campus and the beauty and resources of Philadelphia (while enjoying some snacks and fun) with the House Director, Stephanie Burke Lewis, through House Director Programming.

Our student staff helps maintain and create the various traditions in our House, such as Rodin_24, Sunday Brunches, Tower Hour, and Tuesday Grind. Keep an eye on our calendar for more information on these events.

We encourage you to engage with these opportunities, and to become active participants in shaping your Rodin experience!

Total Student
Population:

780





IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

The College Houses are actively engaged in developing responsible global citizens and healthy communities. With a commitment to appropriate behavior on the part of our residents and with the support of the staff of the College Houses, College House Technology, Penn Video Network, and Dining Services, we create a high-quality living environment that encourages intellectual and social pursuits.



College House Community Standards

PHILOSOPHY ON STUDENT BEHAVIOR IN COLLEGE HOUSES

Residential communities are an integral component of the educational mission of the University of Pennsylvania. College Houses provide an opportunity for Penn students, faculty and staff to live and learn together as a community of scholars. It is the responsibility of each member of the community to observe standards of conduct that permit other residents to live in and maintain a safe, secure environment that is conducive to academic and personal success.

College Houses are actively engaged in the process of encouraging the development of responsible citizens and healthy communities. Responsible membership in a community – citizenship – requires that all members of the community learn to express their individuality as well as to understand and consider the impact that expression has on others. A positive sense of community develops only when individuals assume responsibility to work towards the successful participation of all members. Essential to this process is each resident's responsibility to openly communicate with other members of the community.

College House staff provide support through relationships that focus on care and concern and through the maintenance of clear boundaries for appropriate and safe behavior. These boundaries are important because they encourage predictable environments and ensure that individual behavior does not interfere with the legitimate rights of other members of the community.

Students can gain personal insight and learn the responsibilities of citizenship by being held accountable for their own behaviors.

All University of Pennsylvania students and guests are expected to adhere to the College House Policies and Terms of Occupancy, as well as all University rules and regulations that students and guests are charged to know and observe. No system of standards can fully address in specific fashion all possible situations that arise. When these standards do not address specific behavior, students are expected to conduct themselves with a spirit of social responsibility and respect for the rights and needs of others. Behavior that violates the spirit of College House Policies and Terms of Occupancy may be addressed, as appropriate to the context and circumstances of the behavior.

A complete listing of College House Policies and Terms of Occupancy appears in a variety of printed and web-based materials produced by College Houses & Academic Services and the Department of Residential Services. These materials include but are not limited to the College House Resource Guide, Residential Handbook, web-based materials and the Penn Book. A summary of existing regulations appears in this section. New or modified rules will be publicized as warranted.



College House Policies and Services for Campus

The following policies are general College House guidelines and a point of reference for using space or engaging with the House communities.

CHALKING POLICY

Residents and student groups are permitted to advertise via chalk art on flat horizontal surfaces at the entrances to the College Houses (sidewalks, steps, patios, etc.) with the following restrictions:

- All chalking must occur in uncovered locations only so rain can serve as a cleaning agent.
- All vertical surfaces are off limits for chalk art (including such spaces as upright walls, brick exteriors, or University signage.)

CONFERENCE HOSTING POLICY

Due to the academic and personal needs of residential students, College Houses only permits overnight guest hosting for events sponsored through University of Pennsylvania offices. As an example, the Office of Admissions may host prospective students overnight in April each year and athletic recruiting overnights throughout the year. These events may extend over a two to three-day period. Other University departments or student organizations wishing to host conferences or special events should consult with College Houses & Academic Services.

RESIDENTIAL EVENT ACCESSIBILITY AND ACCOMMODATION POLICY

The University of Pennsylvania seeks to ensure that students and guests with disabilities have appropriate access to events hosted in the College Houses, regardless of sponsor. College Houses are committed to this goal and are available to work with any program event sponsor or student.

College Houses working with the Weingarten Center employ a variety of ways to provide accessibility to residence hall events. Some methods of accommodation include provision of technology, personal assistance, or, where programs or activities initially are scheduled in physically inaccessible locations, by relocation. When scheduling an event, please contact the specific College House office to ensure that the space you are using will meet the needs of those needing accommodation.

Individuals seeking accommodations in order to participate in a College House event, or who have questions about the accessibility of a College House event, should contact the College House where the event is scheduled or the sponsor of the event. They are encouraged to provide as much advance notice as possible so that there is sufficient time to provide accommodation or to relocate an event.

CANVASSING AND SOLICITATION POLICY

Canvassing or solicitation for funds, sales, or subscriptions in University buildings is prohibited unless written permission is granted by the building administrator. Soliciting or selling goods and services in areas of the residential buildings not designated for such purposes is not permitted.

Permission to raise funds or conduct sales in designated areas of the campus to support the activities of student groups may be granted by the Office of Student Life Activities and Facilities in accordance with the Campus Vending Policy: catalog.upenn.edu/pennbook/canvassing/

Likewise, residents, visitors, guests, and campus organizations may not conduct or solicit commercial business in the residential buildings. Solicitation is defined as any activity designed to advertise, promote or sell any product or commercial service or encourage support for or membership in any group, association or organization and includes door-to-door canvassing. This includes leafleting under room doors and similar unapproved marketing efforts. Soliciting/selling includes conducting a business in a University residence such as baby-sitting, beer distribution or selling such items as food, raffle tickets, magazines, candy bars, etc.

POSTING AND FLYERING POLICY

This policy covers posting within the Penn College Houses. Posting elsewhere in the University is covered by the University Poster Policy. Posting on floors or in lobbies requires the approval of each House Office. Postings and notices in these areas are reserved for the College House, CHAS, Residential Services and Facilities. Any exceptions to this may only be granted by College House staff.

Open posting by students and groups is available only in certain locations and on designated public boards:

- Du Bois: Upper lobby bulletin board
- Kings Court English: Boards facing mailboxes on first floor; board near bike rack; boards on ground floors facing elevators



- High Rises (Harnwell, Harrison, and Rodin): Residential floors including roof top lounge on the designated side of the elevator bays
- Lauder: Dining Center bulletin board
- Quad (Fisher Hassenfeld, Riepe and Ware): All exterior courtyard bulletin boards

There is no open posting at this time in Gregory, Gutmann, Hill, The Radian, and Stouffer College Houses.

Public Posting Guidelines:

- Leafleting under doors and soliciting are prohibited within all residences
- No more than one or two copies of a poster may be placed on an open board and should be promptly removed when information is outdated
- Posters should not exceed the size of 11 x 17 inches
- Posters may not be placed on top of existing posters
- Posters must clearly identify the organization or event sponsor
- Posting is not allowed in stairwells and elevators
- Do not attach to walls in any way that causes damage to the paint or surface

*** Think before you post.** College Houses defend the right of free speech

and expression on campus and actively promotes the civil exchange of ideas. In the spirit of the latter aim, students are urged to reconsider creating and distributing posters or flyers containing material or language that could be construed as malicious toward or dangerous to other responsible members of the University community.

**** Unauthorized posters may, at the discretion of residential staff, be removed.** In all cases, the above policy will be implemented within the framework and spirit of the Code of Student Conduct, which defines the general rights and responsibilities of student citizenship in the Penn community, and where appropriate, the Charter of the University of Pennsylvania Student Disciplinary System, which sets forth the processes for disciplinary action against students and organizations. Pursuant to the Code of Student Conduct (Sec. III.d), “the content of student speech or expression is not by itself a basis for disciplinary action,” and no posters shall be prohibited or restricted solely on the basis of their content, except when they may violate other applicable laws or regulations.

For information about having your materials placed in College House spaces by CHAS, please see www.collegehouses.upenn.edu/policies/solicitation.

RESERVING COLLEGE HOUSE SPACES

Indoor Spaces

To reserve spaces within the College Houses such as seminar rooms, rooftop lounges, dance and/or music practice rooms, use the room reservation option in the menu of each House's website to review that House's policies and procedures.

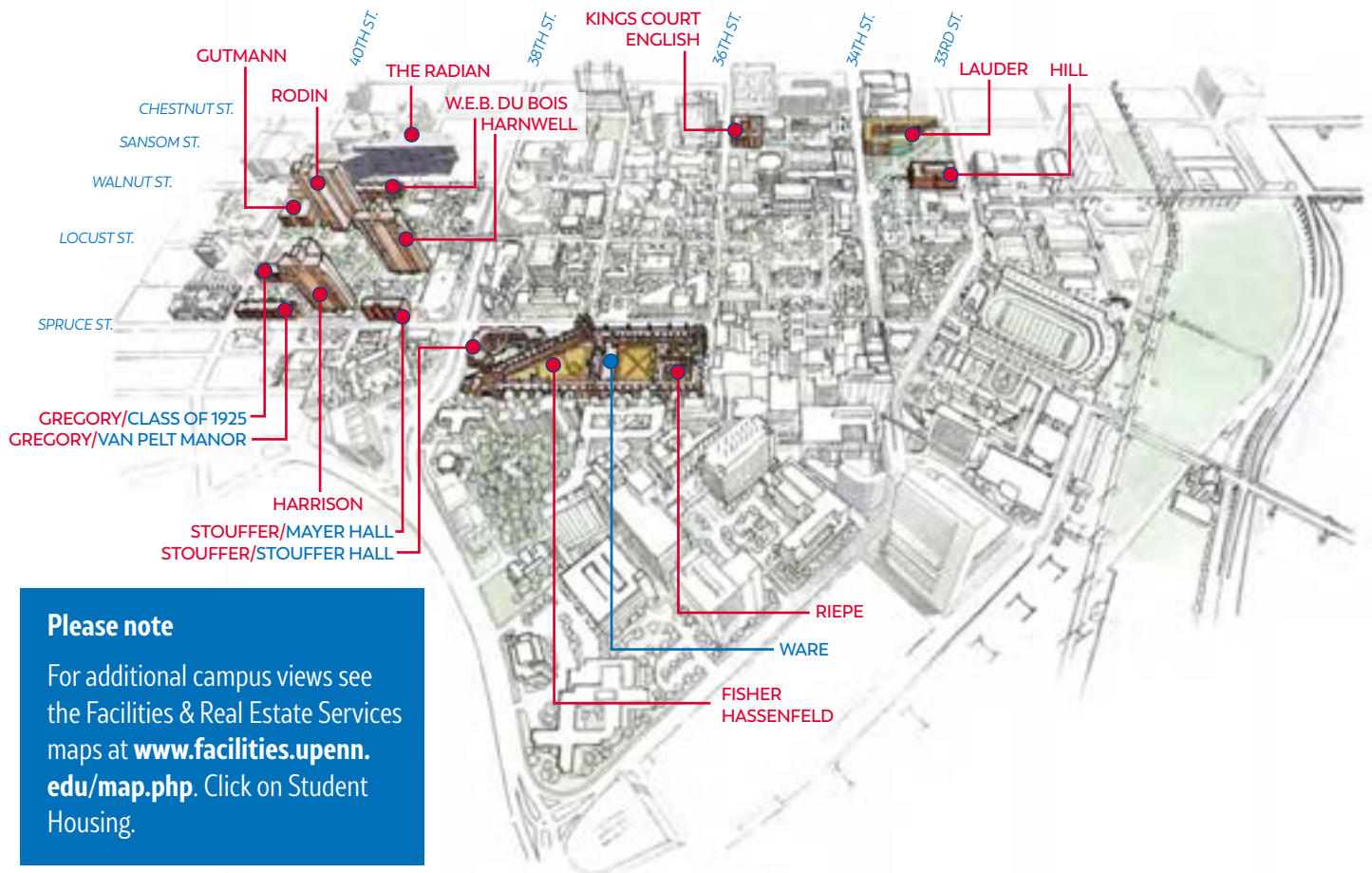
Outdoor Spaces

Usage of Hamilton Village outdoor spaces (for small and large-scale events), including courtyards, lawns, walkways and green spaces that surround and/or are adjacent to the College Houses where residents may expect a reasonable amount of noise control, requires permission of the central College House office (CHAS).

To seek permission to stage outdoor events in these spaces, contact the CHAS Space Reservation Committee at 215.898.3131 and ask for Lisa Harris (lharris@upenn.edu). You can also see a map of available green spaces at www.collegehouses.upenn.edu/greenspace.

***Note:** Contact the appropriate House Office to reserve outdoor spaces directly attached to a House like the courtyard in the lower Quad, Stouffer patio, lifted-lawn at Lauder, or Mayer backyard.





Please note

For additional campus views see the Facilities & Real Estate Services maps at www.facilities.upenn.edu/map.php. Click on Student Housing.

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HISTORY

Penn has been building a vigorous on-campus community since it was founded more than two centuries ago. After the Civil War, Penn moved to its present campus in West Philadelphia, and under the visionary direction of Provost Charles Custis Harrison, a vast, turreted complex of interlocking dormitories called The Quadrangle began to be constructed on Spruce Street. The present-day Quad, an architectural and historical landmark, comprises three College Houses: Fisher Hassenfeld, Riepe, and Ware, all bearing the names of Penn's distinguished alumni. In the post-World War II era of expansion, Penn turned to the famous Finnish architect Eero Saarinen to design a dormitory for women at 33rd and Walnut Streets which today is the co-ed Hill College House, which received a complete renovation in 2017. The buildings that are now called Stouffer College House and Kings Court English College House were also built or acquired at this time, and vehicular traffic was banned in the so-called "super block" stretching from 38th to 40th Streets between Walnut and Spruce Streets. This enabled the development of a park-like setting presided over by a trio of skyscraper dormitories—Harnwell, Harrison and Rodin College Houses—with low-rise buildings, W.E.B. Du Bois and Gregory College Houses, framing the surrounding lawns. In 2017, Penn opened Lauder College House, the first residential complex designed from the start to accommodate the broad scope of intellectual, cultural and social activities that are the hallmarks of the College House communities, and in 2021 it opened Gutmann College House in the same grand tradition.

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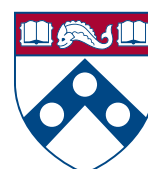
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