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The **RESIDENCE UPDATE** Newsletter is produced monthly by Student Housing Services. Need to contact us?

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Monday through Friday

### St. Patrick's Day Guest Policy

Just a reminder that guests are not permitted for St. Patrick's Day (similar to the practice during Halloween). This means guest restrictions are in effect from:

**Saturday, March 16th, beginning at noon through to Monday, March 18, at noon.**

During this time guests (including those from other residences) will not be permitted to visit you in residence. This information is highlighted on page 7 of the Residence Community Living Standards. Please contact [reslife@uoguelph.ca](mailto:reslife@uoguelph.ca) or a member of the Residence Life Staff if you have any questions.



**Have a safe and happy St. Patrick's Day!**

### March Break High School Tours

Please be advised that the University of Guelph will welcome several hundred potential students to campus each day during Ontario high school March Break (March 11 - 15) as well as Campus Day to be held Sunday, March 24. You may experience large groups of students and parents (with their trained U of G Ambassadors/ Tour Guides) in your residence building. We hope that you will provide our guests and their families with a warm and positive welcome.

### Choosing Your F19/W20 Room Assignment

If you applied for residence and met the January 25 deposit deadline, the self-selection process for choosing your Fall 2019 room assignment online has been scheduled to begin March 11. Watch your GryphMail for detailed instructions!

NOTE: If you cancel after you apply to residence, you will lose a minimum of \$250. This penalty



increases to \$750 after July 15. Cancellation and refund information is found in Section 19 of the Residence Contract on our website at [housing.uoguelph.ca](http://housing.uoguelph.ca). If you wish to cancel your residence application, please contact [housing@uoguelph.ca](mailto:housing@uoguelph.ca).

### Academic Drop-In Centres

**Want to improve on your grades from the Fall Semester?** Check out the **ACADEMIC DROP-IN CENTRES**. Watch for special themed Study Halls that will be hosted in the Academic Drop-in Centres in Mountain Hall, East Residences and Lennox-Addington Halls. The ADCs are open Monday to Thursday, 7:00-9:00 pm and hosted by the student staff from the Academic Learning Communities. For those of you living in the North area residences, remember that your card will give you access to the L/A ADC during their open hours.

### Update from Interhall Council

**Looking for leadership opportunities next year?** Want to learn new, job-ready skills and join a community of passionate student leaders, dreamers, and doers? Interhall Council elections for Fall 2019 are coming up fast! Talk to your hall executive team to see what positions would be a great fit for you!



In the meantime, hone your leadership skills at Interhall Council's **2019 Winter Leadership Conference: The Future is Now!** Talk to your hall executive to sign up for your hall's delegation. With inspiring speakers, hands-on workshops, and involvement opportunities galore, this is an event you don't want to miss!

### Early Quiet Hours

As many of you are aware, there are midterms being written on Saturday March 23. As a result, Quiet Hours on **Friday March 22** will begin at **11 pm**. Please be considerate of others who are studying on those evenings.



If you are looking for after-hours study support, the Academic Drop-in Centres are open Monday to Thursday, 7-9 pm, in Mountain, Lennox and East Residence. Each evening has a study theme, but the academic leaders can usually address a wide range of topics. For those of you in the North area residences (Johnston, Mills, Maids, Lambton & Lennox-Addington) your ID card will give you access to the Academic Drop-in Centre in L/A during the open hours of the ADC.

**Good luck!**



**Taking summer classes on campus?** We have summer residence available in our **East Village Townhouses** (yes, they are air-conditioned)!

**Price: \$2000 flat rate for the full S19 semester.**

**APPLY NOW at**  
[www.housing.uoguelph.ca/applyonline](http://www.housing.uoguelph.ca/applyonline)

## Income Tax and Residence

All University of Guelph residences are *designated residences* for property tax and rent purposes, meaning that residence fees cannot be claimed as rent payments on income tax returns. The only claim that is allowed is \$25 for the year (with no receipt necessary). For this reason, the University does not issue tax receipts for residence fees. For more information see question 2 at <http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/credit/oeptc/faq.html>

## Residence Scholarships Apply Now Using the Link Below!

3 X \$500 Returning Student Scholarships

Requirements:

- demonstrated financial need
- minimum 70% average

Deadline to apply is **April 30, 2019**.

Full info at:

<http://housing.uoguelph.ca/current-residents/residence-scholarships>.

## April Check-Out

Undergraduate students are reminded that they must make arrangements to vacate their residence room 24 hours after their last exams or by noon of April 23, whichever falls first. More information will be included in your check-out information email later this month. For those of you who need to apply to stay after your required check-out time/date, further information will be provided in your check-out information email.

## Residence Mail - Make Arrangements

**Check your mailboxes and arrange forwarding addresses!**

Please remember to arrange for your mail to be forwarded before your final check-out date for residence. Mail received after April 23, 2019 will be “returned to sender”. Please notify all your contacts of

your new addresses, and do not use your University address for any on-line orders that could potentially be delayed in delivery.

Before returning your keys and leaving residence on your final check-out date, please stop by your mailboxes and clean them out. Any items that are left in the mailboxes, or parcels left at the Desk after April 23, 2019 will also be “returned to sender”.

## Student Housing Services is NOW HIRING Temporary Labour 2019

Are you looking to make a little spending money at the end of the Winter semester? Could you stay after exams for a few days?

**Employment Period:** April 23rd to 26th, 2019

**Positions Available:** 15 - 20; Wage = \$15.00/hr

**Application Deadline:** Monday March 18th (8pm)

**Position Info:** We are looking for students to assist with end of the semester residence clean-up. This position begins on the morning of Tuesday April 23rd, and will continue until all residences are prepared for the upcoming conference season (3 days minimum). If you have steel-toed boots, please indicate this in your cover letter. We will need 6-10 staff with steel-toed boots.

**Duties Include:** Checking residence rooms (inventory and packing of items left behind by students), carrying bagged items to temporary storage rooms, organizing storage rooms, staple removing, cleaning & painting residence bulletin boards and any other related duties.

**How to Apply:** Please email a resume and cover letter (one document only, word or pdf) to [resdesk@uoguelph.ca](mailto:resdesk@uoguelph.ca) with the subject line:

*Temp Labour Application - 2019 – Your Name (First and Last)*

by **Monday March 18th, 2019, 8:00PM**. Interviews will take place between March 22nd to March 31st. Only applicants selected for interviews will be contacted.

*Please let us know if you live in residence, as we will have to put in an extension for you to stay longer. (Important: Due to our Summer Conference Schedule and Summer Maintenance Projects, not all residences will be available for students to extend their stays).*

**\*\*Note:** you could potentially be the only student remaining in your residence building at this point and some areas may not be eligible for extensions due to summer projects.

General Questions about the Position: Please call your residence desk.

## Staying in Guelph this Summer?

During the summer months, the University makes its on-campus accommodations available to the community and the general public. Situated right on campus, guests are placed within close proximity to Guelph's attractions and surrounding areas. Our summer hostel is a great way to experience Guelph in the summer, providing guests with clean and affordable accommodations. Students enjoy discounted rates starting as low as \$35.00 per night. For more information, please visit us online at <http://housing.uoguelph.ca/summerhostel>



## Residence and Campus Happenings

Hello res students! We've got lots going to help you decompress and make memories over the last month of classes:

### College Royal – March 16-17

U of G tradition since 1925; the largest university open-house event in North America. Details at: [www.collegeroyalsociety.com](http://www.collegeroyalsociety.com)

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COLLEGE ROYAL™ 2019

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OUR 95th YEAR!

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www.collegeroyalsociety.com

### St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfasts - March 17

Free pancake breakfast for all residence students.

Check with your RLS member for your hall's time and location!



## Residence Recognition Campaign Launches March 18!

Are there 1 or more people who have had an awesome impact on your residence experience this year? New best friends perhaps? BFFs? RLS member?

If so, then here is your chance to recognize them! On Monday, March 18 your RLS member will provide you will a link to a recognition form. Complete it, sharing their name and what they did to help make your residence experience amazing and your thank-you will go directly to them, on a written certificate, accompanied by a small gift of thanks!

## House Calls: Student Leader Edition March 25

House Calls is back for Round #2, which means you'll once again find your RA and a U of G community member knocking on your door, looking to check-

in, give you a coffee and muffin voucher and a ballot for a draw for some awesome prizes, and share some info about the resources and supports available to you for the coming exam period.

Make sure you are in your room between 8:15-9:30pm for your shot at \$1000s in prizes!

## Professor Recognition Project Launches March 25th

It's that time again! Entering the final two weeks of the semester means it's time to recognize your favourite Winter Semester professors.

Your community RLS member will provide you with a link closer to the date!

## Setback Stories

Recently, the University launched a campus-wide campaign addressing setbacks and how individuals have overcome these! Everyone experiences failure at some point in their lives and it can be easy to think that you may be the only one struggling, We want you to know that struggling is OK and that you're not alone. Check out this video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nFNLcnKaj9Q>) from University faculty and staff and visit [uoguel.ph/setbacks](https://uoguelph.ph/setbacks) to read stories from U of G community members about times they have struggled and what they did to overcome their past failures. Additionally, the website contains information on positive psychology, how you can go about developing a growth mindset, and the many resources available to you on campus.

# HAPPY 50<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY SOUTH RESIDENCE



## LET'S PARTY LIKE IT'S 1969!

**WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 3  
7 - 9 PM  
ECCLES CENTRE**

Current students, staff and alumni please join us to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of Complex "B"

- Refreshments
- Historical display and presentations
- Share your stories

For more information visit: [housing.uoguelph.ca/south50](https://housing.uoguelph.ca/south50)




SPRING is almost here!