**Freshman Move-In**

**When is move in?**

*Tuesday, August 11, and Wednesday, August 12* are Valdosta State University’s freshmen move in days! We have divided the days into time slots based on your hall and floor assignments as listed in the table below.

**Where are the unloading zones?**

- **Georgia Hall:** Georgia Avenue & Unload Curbside
- **Langdale Hall:** Café Lot & the Langdale Timed Lot
- **Patterson Hall, Lowndes Hall, and Brown Hall:** Main Entrance to campus off of Patterson Street
- **Reade Hall:** Area between the Bailey Science Center & Powell Hall

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*The first number of your room assignment indicates your floor assignment.

**What do I do once my vehicle has been unloaded?**

To make move-in day as efficient as possible for everyone, you should move your vehicle immediately to the Oak Street Parking Deck once all your belongings have been unloaded. Shuttle buses will continuously run from the Oak Street Parking Deck to main campus for your convenience. Keep in mind that overnight parking is not permitted in Oak Street Parking Deck; the Sustella Deck is available to residents for that service.

**Will anyone be there to help us move in?**

Yes! Numerous students, student organizations, faculty, and staff members are excited to help you and your student make a smooth transition into Valdosta State University’s residence halls! Don’t be surprised if the volunteers take everything and you barely break a sweat.

**Will my student have anything to do after move in?**

Yes, we have several programs that will be happening during Welcome Week and beyond. For starters, our Residence Hall Association (RHA) will be hosting several events during the first five nights we’re open. These events include Trivia Night with prizes and local food, Blazin’ Outdoors with s’mores and games led by our Campus Recreation staff, Late Night Pancakes on Palms Quad, and finally, Color Day, which features a variety of games with a color theme. After Welcome Week is over, the Housing and Residence Life department will be hosting events over the next four weeks. This series of events is titled “Strike a MATCH” and focuses on Mingling, Acclimating to campus, Teaching life skills, Community building, and developing VSU into your Home for the next week. You can learn more about all of these events on our website.

Lastly, first-year students will be required to attend a mandatory floor meeting soon after move-in. Please be on the lookout for a flyer with information for these meetings when you move in.

Students participating in a First-Year Learning Community (FLC) will also participate in an FLC kickoff event during welcome week. Times will vary based on each FLC group and will likely immediately follow your mandatory academic orientation the week you arrive on campus. More information about the FLC kickoff event will be distributed through your VSU email address in July.

For more information regarding specific events, please visit [www.valdosta.edu/academics/freshman-learning/](http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/freshman-learning/) and follow us on Twitter @VStateFLCs.
Basic Information About Renter’s Insurance

Every year college students lose millions of dollars’ worth of property. Valdosta State University does not insure any personal items. Therefore, it is important to learn how to protect your personal property in the residence halls. Students are often covered under their parents’ homeowner’s insurance policy, so be sure to check your policy.

Renter’s insurance is available to any resident who is not protected by his or her parents’ insurance. Policies provide coverage for many items commonly found in residence halls, including clothing, computers, school supplies, and electronic devices.

VSU has information about (but does not sponsor) four companies that provide insurance for students’ personal property. National Student Services, Inc. offers a Student Personal Property Plan and coverage for both on- and off-campus housing. CSI Insurance Agency, Inc., offers a Student Personal Property Protector Plus program, which covers your property worldwide for 12 months. Next Generation Insurance Group offers a student plan that covers personal liability coverage and student property protection. Sallie Mae Insurance Services offers insurance that includes property and liability protection, replacement cost, and loss of use coverage.

Insurance policies have limitations and restrictions, so be sure to read each policy carefully. Web addresses to each agency are provided below.

Helpful Websites for Renter’s Insurance:

• National Student Services, Inc.  
  www.nssi.com
• CSI Ins. Agency, Inc.  
  www.collegestudentsinsurance.com
• Next Generation Insurance Group  
  www.gradguard.com/renters
• Sallie Mae Insurance Services  
  www.salliemaeinsurance.com

TV Service in the Residence Halls

Remember, television service is available in your residence hall room.
Each resident is assigned a mailbox. Refer to the information listed below to access your VSU box number and combination. Centennial residents will get their mail in Centennial Hall, and all other residents will get their mail in Hopper Hall.

Note: Items requiring a signature or items that are too large to fit in your mailbox will be distributed at the Student Mail Center in Hopper Hall. You will receive a VSU e-mail notification and can claim the item at the Student Mail Center with a VSU student ID.

Note: Monday – Thursday: 8 AM to 5 PM  
Friday: 8 AM to 2:30 PM

VSU Box Address
Students should make sure that their mail is addressed as follows:

Student’s Name
VSU (Box Number)
Valdosta State University
1500 N. Patterson St
Valdosta GA 31698

VSU Box Number & Combination Access
• Go online to www.valdosta.edu
• Click on: Current Students
• Click on: Banner (Registration)
• Click on: Login
  (Enter Your User ID = Student Identification Number and PIN = 6 Digit Birthday, Use MMDDYY)
• Click on: Student & Financial Aid
• Click on: Campus Mail Box
• Choose Term
• Box Assignment & Combination can be Viewed on this Screen

Note: Combinations will not be available until the beginning of the semester.

Residence Hall
Holiday Closings

All residence halls will close / re-open for holidays as follows:

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| Thanksgiving  
November 24 @ 5 PM | November 29 @ 4 PM |
| Winter Holidays  
December 12 @ 9 AM | January 9 @ 4 PM |
| Spring Break  
March 11 @ 5 PM | March 20 @ 4 PM |

Plan ahead and make arrangements for transportation and a place to stay during these breaks.

Note: Centennial & Converse Halls Do Not Close.
Centennial and Converse do not close for break periods, but they do close for the two weeks between the contract ending in July and the new contract beginning in August.
Freshmen Residents
may choose from any of the 3 plans below:

Unlimited Access + 5 Guest Meals
+ $125 Dining Dollars $1,920 Per Semester
This plan offers the most flexibility and is the best value in town! Enjoy unlimited meals or snacks in our all-you-care-to-eat Hopper or Palms Dining plus $125 in Dining Dollars to be used at any on-campus dining location.

14 Meals/Week + 5 Guest Meals
+ $225 Dining Dollars $1,920 Per Semester
Enjoy 14 meals per week at our all-you-care-to-eat Hopper or Palms Dining plus $225 in Dining Dollars to be used at any on-campus dining location.

10 Meals/Week + 5 Guest Meals
+ $370 Dining Dollars $1,920 Per Semester
Enjoy 10 meals per week at our all-you-care-to-eat Hopper or Palms Dining plus $370 in Dining Dollars to be used at any on-campus dining location.

Resident Students
Ranked as Sophomores or Above
may choose from any of the freshman resident plans or the plan below:

$960 Dining Dollars $960 Per Semester
Enjoy $960 Dining Dollars to be used at any campus dining location.

Students Living in Centennial Hall & Converse Hall
can select any of the other plans as well as the $530 Dining Dollars plan:

$530 Dining Dollars $530 Per Semester
Enjoy $530 Dining Dollars to be used at any campus dining location.

**Dining Dollars**
Dining Dollars are similar to a debit account and are good for one semester. Use your Dining Dollars at any dining location on campus and save the sales tax with every purchase!

**Change Your Plan**
In order to change your meal plan, please visit your Banner account at https://banweb.valdosta.edu/pls/prod/twbkwbis.P_WWWLogin. Please note that you may only change your meal plan once per semester.

**Important Tips**
The deadline to make changes to your meal plan is:
Wednesday, August 19, at 8 PM (via email to the meal plan manager / in writing in the 1Card office)

- Meal plans can only be used by the student whose name appears on the contract.
- Meal plans are activated on the student’s VSU 1Card, which must be presented at the time of purchase.
- Meal Plans for the Fall Semester are activated Tuesday, August 12.

**Addtional Dining Dollars Plans:**
Resident students can also choose from the following three plans, in addition to another meal plan, to enhance their retail purchasing power and tax-saving options on campus (i.e. you could choose the Unlimited + 5 Guest Meals + $125 Dining Dollars plan PLUS the $200 Dining Dollars + $10 Bonus Dining Dollars plan):

- **$300 Dining Dollars + $22.25 Bonus Dining Dollars** $300 Per Semester
  With the Bonus Dining Dollars and sales tax savings, this plan provides $322.25 in purchasing power to eat on campus. This plan may be used at any on-campus dining location.

- **$200 Dining Dollars + $10 Bonus Dining Dollars** $200 Per Semester
  With the Bonus Dining Dollars and sales tax savings, this plan provides $210 in purchasing power to eat on campus. This plan may be used at any on-campus dining location.

- **$100 Dining Dollars** $100 Per Semester
  This plan may be used at any on-campus dining location.

For more information, contact V-State Dining, located in Palms Dining Center on North Oak Street, across the street from the Baptist Student Center. If you have any questions or comments, we are available during office hours posted online, or Like and post on our Facebook page, or Tweet to us on Twitter!
What to Bring

Students may want to bring several items for their rooms. Each student will be responsible for providing his/her own bedding needs and towels. Students have access to laundry facilities in the residence halls. The following items are additional suggestions generated by students who have lived on campus:

- Flashlight & Batteries
  In Case of Power Outage (candles are prohibited)
- Alarm Clock / Clock Radio
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Shower Caddy & Shower Shoes
- Pens, Pencils, Paper, Notebooks
- Posters & Room Decorations
- Stereo and/or Radio
- iPod/MP3 Player
- Small Television
  Television service available in each room.
- Telephone
  Local Phone Service is not Provided in Each Room, So Only Bring if you are Contracting with AT&T. Cordless Phones must be 900 MHz or 5.8 GHz
- Small Microwave
  Great for Popcorn & Reheating Pizza
- Compact Refrigerator
  Max. 4.4 Cubic Feet
- Plastic Cups, Plates, & Eating Utensils
- Dish Pan, Cloth, Towel, & Dishwashing Liquid
- Personal Cleaning Supplies
  Cleaners, Sponges, Broom or Vacuum. (Students are responsible for cleaning their rooms, including kitchens and bathrooms in the suites/apartments).
- Desk Lamp
- Laundry Bag & Detergent
- Sewing Kit
- Hangers
- Wastebasket
- Can Opener
- Surge Protector (UL 1449 Rated)
- Rug
  9’ x 12’ is a Good Size for Most Rooms
- Window Curtains
  Blinds are provided. Curtains must be hung with tension rods. Windows vary slightly in size depending on the building. We advise you to purchase your curtains after you arrive.

What to Leave Home

The following items are prohibited in residence halls:

- Firearms, Knives, Air Guns, Martial Arts Weapons, or Weapons of any Kind
- Candles, Incense or Any Item that Produces or Has an Open Flame
- Cooking Devices, Including, But Not Limited to, Broilers, Toaster Ovens, Electric Skillets, Hot Plates, Hot Pots, and George Foreman Grills
- Room Heating Devices with Exposed Heating Coils
- 2.4 GHz Cordless Phones
- Wireless Routers
- Flammable and/or Combustible Items
- Fireworks, Smoke bombs, Sparklers, etc.
- Contact Paper
- Duct Tape
- Extension Cords
- Chemicals
- Light Dimmers, Ceiling Fans, or any other Device that Interferes with the Electricity of the Room
- Weight Lifting Apparatus, such as Barbells
- Animals or Pets, except Fish and Service Animals per Federal Law. The University Reserves the Right to Limit the Size of Aquariums
- Waterbeds and Water Furniture
- Refrigerators, Except as Previously Defined
- Other items are spelled out in your contract or in the community guidelines.

Be Sure to Like the VSU Housing and Residence Life Facebook Page and follow us on Twitter & Instagram.

/ vsuhousing / @VSU_Housing / vsu_housing
Valdosta State University’s RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) at Valdosta State is a highly involved student organization that strives to create the best living experience possible for their residents. RHA looks annually for the help of incoming students to fill the Hall Councils.

What is Hall Council?
Hall Council is a student organization that works closely with RHA as a representative body for each of the residence halls. Positions on Hall Council follow the same protocol as those of RHA and include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Event Coordinator.

You, as an on-campus resident, will have the opportunity to run for one of these positions as soon as you arrive on campus! If you are elected, you’ll be trained by our RHA Executive Board to be the voice for your Residence Hall and to put on fun events for your fellow residents.

Accomplishments and Goals
Our goal as the Residence Hall Association is to create a desirable on-campus living experience through the advocacy of our residents’ interests and by creating engaging programs. In addition, we strive to encourage growth and development through lasting relationships among our residents. We as RHA want to make sure each resident has the best living experience possible and the involvement of the Hall Councils is crucial to our success.

How Do I Apply?
Hall Council applications will be available on the RHA page on the Valdosta State Website starting on August 11th, the first official day of move-ins. Interest meetings will be held throughout the month of August to clarify any potential questions and elaborate more extensively on your role as a prospective member of your Hall Council. The applications will be due no later than September 8th and applicants are free to start campaigning as soon as they turn in their application to the RHA office! Campaigning guidelines, interest meeting dates, and other information will be available on the RHA page following the release of the application.

If you have any questions, feel free to email the RHA Executive Board at rha@valdosta.edu or look at the RHA webpage on the Valdosta State website.
The Office of Housing and Residence Life is sponsoring VSU’s Annual Room Decorating Contest!!!! Find your inner interior decorator and use your skills to transform your room! You will be judged on factors such as originality, organization, and style.

Judging is scheduled to take place toward the middle of September. We are looking for a male and female winner from each hall and two grand prize campus winners! Deck out your room in things that are unique to who you are as an individual and as a Blazer! Do you have what it takes to win?

Please be aware that winners are expected to do the following:

• Show your room to prospective students for the entire academic year, especially on Visitation Days.
• Allow pictures taken of your room to be included in promotional pictures for Housing publications (i.e. website, brochures, etc.)
• Have NO illegal possessions (i.e. drug paraphernalia, substances, etc.) in your room. Also, no promotional material or insignia of other collegiate institutions. We need VSU Blazer pride only!
• Have no prior housing/university infractions or disciplinary sanction.

Good Luck & May The Best Room Win!

*Note: All housing guidelines for decorating must be followed.
What made you choose student housing as a profession?
I love the contact I have with the students and I feel it is important for me to help them have a positive housing experience. I really want the students to feel like housing is their home away from home.

Tell us about the new StarRez system for room assignments and contracts.
StarRez is the computer software that most Universities are using for their housing needs. With StarRez students are able to apply online, do room changes, pay their housing deposits, we are able to run reports, manage the housing facilities etc. Once we get fully implemented front desk workers will be able to check in students and guests. There is so much that StarRez can do that we have not been able to do on line until now. VSU has grown so much in the last 12 years that I have been here that we needed to have computer software that would allow us to process all of our housing needs on line. In the past, we were still processing paper application, room changes etc. Students had to wait in long lines to do a room change or attend room selection but with StarRez everything is done on line and there is no waiting in lines like in the past.

What differences has StarRez made for contracts and assignments?
Once we get StarRez fully implemented it will allow the students to have more control of their room assignment, room changes, and choosing their roommate. StarRez has already helped a lot with the way I handle most of my work load. I am able to process release of contracts and freshmen exemptions on line and not rely on the paper process I did in the past. I am able to e-mail students their results instead of mailing them a letter. This way they know right away if they have been approved or not and they don’t have to wait several days for a letter in the mail. StarRez has a lot of great features I am looking forward to learning, so I am able to better help the students with their housing experience.

Why did you choose VSU?
Valdosta is my home, so I have been very blessed to be able to work at a great University such as VSU. I have worked for other companies here in Valdosta but none compare to the great feeling I get by working for Valdosta State University. You can say it is my home away from home.

What’s one interesting fact about you?
In the past, I had a student who found out that I was a big Elvis fan, so they showed up one day with an Elvis gift for me and somehow that tradition continued. I have had several other people in the past give me Elvis gifts, so my office is full of Elvis memorabilia now.
Fall Explosion

Fall Explosion is a series of planned events that take place from move in day through the end of August. Fall Explosion is a collaborative effort among several VSU departments to aid new students in acclimating to college life and to engage those students in purposeful extracurricular activities. Some event highlights include “The Happening,” cookouts, movies on the lawn, free game room hours, tie-dye, and much, much more.

http://www.valdosta.edu/student/student-life/our-services/special-events/

Birthday Recognition Program

Each month Housing & Residence Life sends out postcards to recognize the birthdays of our residents. When you receive your card, stop by our office to exchange your card for a treat.

Homecoming 2015 is November 9 - 14. There will be campus activities going on all week leading up to the Homecoming football game on November 14. Contact Student Life for more information at: www.valdosta.edu/stulife
Parking & Transportation Permit Registration

How to Register for a Parking Permit & Avoid Long Registration Lines

- Many of you have probably already attended an orientation session and registered for a parking permit to be added into your fees. After adding the permit charge to your fees, you must then log into our Web portal to submit your vehicle information to receive your permit; permits are available for sale at the beginning of July. You may do this electronically at www.vsuparking.com. Fall parking permits, which are valid the entire year, cost $50. Each student will be charged a mandatory $118 parking facility fee and a $35 transportation fee each semester; the parking permit fee is a separate charge.

You may also obtain your parking permit in our office, first level of the Sustella Avenue Parking Deck Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All visitors to the university should obtain a visitor’s parking permit at the Parking & Transportation Department before parking a vehicle on campus.

Local Phone Service

Local phone service is not provided in the residence hall student rooms. If students would like to order local access, they will need to call the AT&T Residential Sales line at 1-888-757-6500 or access the AT&T website (ATT.com, select Residential/Local access) and place an order with their address, including residence hall and room number. At this site they will find the current rates, installation, termination and any promotions that may be available at the time of their order.

Parent & Family Programs

Parent and Family Programs serves as a resource and a way for VSU parents and families to be involved in the life of the university. VSU parents and families are valued partners in each student’s educational journey. There are a variety of ways to stay connected; one of the most important ways is by visiting the Parent Resource website (www.valdosta.edu/prc) and registering your contact information. We will use the contact information submitted to keep you up to date on campus activities, important dates, and general advice on how to support your student as they navigate their own independence.

For more information contact:
Niki Turley, Associate Dean of Students
229.333.5941
Move In Day *Motions*

Please bring with you for move in.

= Parking Lots

**Georgia Hall residents will need to unload curbside on Georgia Ave.**

**Centennial Hall Entrance to campus here**

**Hopper Hall and Converse Hall Entrance to campus here**

**Patterson, Brown, and Lowndes Hall Entrance to campus here**

**Reade Hall Entrance to campus here**

**Langdale Hall Entrance to campus here**
Parents Weekend

Friday, September 25, 2015 &
Saturday, September 26, 2015

For more information call:
The Office of Student Life
229.333.5674

To register visit:
www.valdosta.edu/stulife

The final day to register for this event is Friday, August 28 @ 3PM

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Required First Year Student Convocation

At 9:00 am on both Thursday, August 13 and Friday, August 14, first year students must attend two important events:

Thursday: First Year Student Convocation in the PE Complex @ 8:30 am

Friday: College Orientations
Locations will vary depending on the student’s major.

All students will receive additional information and directions to these sessions.