Welcome 2013
Campus Residences Accomplishments and Highlights

Housing numbers and the Overall Check-in Experience:

The residence halls and apartments opened the semester at 104% of design capacity with 9850 residents (including 76 family housing residents in the Chapin and Schomburg apartments). On move-in day there were slightly more than 400 rooms (1200 residents) assigned to tripled accommodations. Approximately 125 tripled rooms will be offered permanent spaces within the first week of the semester with an expectation that all will be offered permanent accommodations by the end of the Fall 2013 semester. The semester also began with nearly 500 additional students on a waiting list for housing.

The move-in process as a whole spanned nearly a two week period (August 15th - August 25th), with international students and athletes moving in first (August 16th–18th), followed by new freshmen and transfers (August 23rd), and finally returning residents (August 25th). The process was seamless for nearly every resident, with only a handful of issues about housing related concerns brought to the attention of the staff in the Quads and in the Campus Residences Central Office. RHD's & QD's did an especially great job exhibiting smiles and enthusiasm to welcome students.

Student Programming and Activities:

About 320 students volunteered for the Welcome Wagon program which helped new students move in across campus. Volunteers received training where they learned about customer service and the power they can have in giving a student and family a great start to their experience with Stony Brook. There were many comments from family members focusing on how much they appreciated the help.

To welcome students to campus, the Campus coordinated two main events; First Night Out and Second Night Out. Staff played an integral role in directing new resident students to the large carnival on the SAC plaza during First Night Out. The event featured inflatable games, obstacle courses, a dance party, music & lights and many give-a-ways. The Second Night Out was also a huge success, with well over 1,000 students attending. Campus Residences purchased 1,000 bags of popcorn and $500 worth of candy from Wal Mart, all of which was gone at the end of the night. Star Trek: Into Darkness was featured on the Staller Steps on a large inflatable movie screen. It was easy to tell that the students were engaged in the movie! This is a tradition that will likely continue on for many years!

The RHA Block Party was another popular event which has been held annually for many years and continues to be a student favorite. This year, the event was a collaboration between RHA and Hillel and featured many inflatables, cotton candy, popcorn, a pickle cart, a ball pit, and lots of giveaways. One of the highlights of the night was hundreds of students line dancing on the SAC Plaza together. Over 1,000 students attended the fun-filled evening as they kicked off the school year together.

Residential Safety Initiatives:

40 Members of the Residential Safety Program (RSP) and the Campus Community Emergency Response Team (CCERT) assisted with traffic control and parking arrangement in all of the residence halls and the apartments during move-in. Due to the well-coordinated efforts of the Residential Risk Management Team, the members were situated in high priority areas such as Kelly Quad loop, Engineering Drive, Wagner College, Noble Halls, Stadium Drive and other areas of the campus for the purpose of directing traffic. For the first time in many years, the traffic efforts went on flawlessly and thanks to all the dedicated members of CCERT and RSP, we were able to enhance and enrich the overall experience on how we welcome our students to our community.
Summer 2013 renovations took place in both Roosevelt Quad and Chapin Apartments. In Roosevelt, bathrooms were refurbished in all four buildings, including showers with dressing area, sinks, toilets, mirrors, enhanced lighting, and electric hand driers. Revitalizations to the quad included refurbished interiors of all four elevator cabs, installation of new mattresses and blinds in all student bedrooms, refurbished and sealed windows in all four buildings, repairs made to plumbing infrastructure to repair any problem areas, refurbished floors in all high traffic areas where needed (i.e. outside of restroom areas and all entrances/main areas), cleaned ventilation systems in all four residence halls, and repairs and updates completed to grounds and walkway areas outside and around all four buildings. In addition, there were new couches placed in the lounge area, flat screen TV’s installed in all four main lounges, furniture built in for studying and common use in alcove spaces and tables for enclosed lounge areas, new digital message boards installed in all lobby areas for campus announcements and updates, refurbished recreation equipment in all four buildings and new water fountains on 1st and ground floor of each building with water bottle filling stations.

In Chapin, there were 25 apartment renovations, including new carpet, paint, new lighting in bedrooms, replacement of kitchen countertops, kitchen cabinets, kitchen flooring, new stove and refrigerator appliances, and new sliding glass balcony doors. Structural rehab of Chapin I building including the replacement of all building trusses on 1st and 2nd floors.