Welcome to Collegetown for the 2014-2015 academic year. We are so glad that you will be spending the year with us! Collegetown is a unique and exciting living environment that offers many options to students. Whether you have chosen the “downtown” living feel of Cascadilla & Sheldon Court or the smaller and more intimate 112 Edgemoor & 13 South Ave, we know you will have fun here with us next year.

Join our Faculty Fellows for interesting discussions, come to an event put on by the RA staff, or join the student government groups. There are many ways to get involved and still have time for your studies, friends, and fun. The Collegetown residence halls are close to the great food and cultural activities that the Collegetown area has to offer. Get ready for a great year!

Collegetown includes a high concentration of Transfer students and we plan events specifically catered to their needs in addition to the needs of returning upperclassmen. Please join us and help build a strong community where we can all support and help one another.
C-town Staffing

Residence Hall Director (RHD)
The RHD is the full-time professional staff member that manages everyday administration, long-range planning, and supervision of student staff, in addition to serving as the judicial hearing officer and supporting the Collegetown student government. This staff member typically has a Masters Degree in a field related to working with college students, such as student affairs or counseling. The RHD also lives in the building and is available for emergency response. Stop by the RHD office any time to chat, hang out, or get answers to your questions.

Assistant Residence Hall Director (ARHD)
The ARHD is a graduate student at Cornell, residing in and having primary responsibility for 13 South Ave. The ARHD also works with the RHD to support programming, help students, and enforce policy throughout the whole Collegetown community.

Resident Advisors (RAs) & Senior RA (SRA)
RAs/SRA are Cornell students just like you. They provide on-call emergency coverage for the building, enforce University and residential policy, put together fun events for you to attend, and are available to help you with anything you need. RA/SRA doors are open for your questions or even just to talk. Each floor/community has at least one RA/SRA, and in some cases two, that you can ask for help.

Service Center
The Service Center for the Collegetown area is located in Cascadilla Hall. Mail and student keys are handled through this center. If you are locked out during their normal business hours, for example, you can get a spare key from them to get back into your room.

Facilities Staff
Full time professional Facilities staff care for the housekeeping and maintenance of the C-town areas. Bathrooms and common areas are sanitized regularly. Work orders placed by residents for broken items are handled by trained professionals in a timely manner. This staff is dedicated to providing you with the best physical environment. They are not maids, however, and residents are expected to clean up after themselves and follow posted policies on common area etiquette and respect. Facilities and Residential Programs staff work closely together to keep each other informed of building issues.
Leadership Opportunities

Residential Student Congress (RSC)

RSC is the student leadership body representing all residential students at Cornell. The group meets weekly to discuss pertinent issues regarding our residential communities, decide on funding, and host a variety of events including the Big Red Chill. The RSC is a great way to have your voice heard, plan some fun events, or simply get some more leadership experience.

Each residence hall will elect representatives to the RSC. These representatives are the voice for all residents in the building. If you would like more information about RSC or our available positions, please contact your RHD at collegetown@cornell.edu for more information.

Hall Council

The hall council has the ability to plan fun events for the students in the area and put forward proposals for internal policy changes.

As the voice of the students in the community the hall council officers work closely with their RA advisors, the ARHD and the RHD. Representatives from the hall councils also attend RSC meetings and serve as reps for their specific area. Last year Collegetown won “Top Hall Council” as the most represented and active group on the RSC.

If you would like to make an impact on your community and gain valuable leadership skills as a hall council officer or RSC general assembly representative from Collegetown contact the RHD at collegetown@cornell.edu by August 30th to indicate your interest in running for a position.
+ Staff Introductions

Collegetown RHD

Brandee Nicholson

Hi, everyone! I am Brandee and I will be your RHD this year. This is my sixth year as the RHD of Collegetown and my seventh as an RHD at Cornell. Previous to working here I also worked with students at Rutgers University, SUNY Cortland, and the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. I am originally from Bethel, Alaska- a very small rural town & I went to undergrad and grad school at UAF. I have a Master’s degree in Community Psychology & I love working with college students. I live in Cascadilla along with my partner.

Collegetown ARHD

Mike Maffie-Office Sheldon Court/oversight of 13 South

Mike grew up in Ohio, but moved to Ithaca almost five years ago to help coach the Cornell debate team. After working for a few years, Mike decided to avoid the real world at all cost and enrolled as a graduate student in industrial relations. After finishing the Masters of Industrial and Labor Relations (MILR) degree, he enrolled in the MS/PhD program in Labor Relations. Mike studies non-union dispute resolution systems and how these systems influence employment discrimination litigation. In his free time, Mike writes for a baseball blog (go Reds!), plays guitar, and, when feeling adventurous, attempts to play tennis. If you ever want to toss a baseball, play guitar, or chat, feel free to stop by.

112 Edgemoor

SRA- Leanne Fernandes

Hi! My name is Leanne Fernandes and I’m the SRA in Edgemoor. I'm in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in Biology and Society from Toronto, Ontario CANADA (and proud of it!) I love the outdoors, and am always up for exploring new things! I love talking, and can get into a conversation about almost anything! Stop by my room for a chat or just to say hi! I'd love to see you and get to know more about you! (:}

Sheldon Court

RA Sheldon 1,2- Mariana Pinos

Hello! My name is Mariana. I’m a junior in the CALS and I’m an Applied Economics and Management major. This is my second year as an RA but my first year in Collegetown. I’ve lived in the Latino Living Center on North Campus both my freshman and sophomore year. I’m originally from the Bronx, and one of my favorite things to do is travel!

I’m a part of are La Asociación Latina, Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latinas Unidas, Sorority Inc. and Cornell Traditions Fellow. Within my college, I am a Dyson Leadership Fellow and I work at the Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives. While I love to keep busy, I’ll always make time for my residents so if you ever need anything I’m just a door, call, or email away.

RA Sheldon 3- Noah Levy

Hi! My name is Noah, I am a junior Electrical and Computer Engineering major, this is my first year as an RA. I like cooking, jogging, reading and avoiding work by chatting with people. This summer I worked at the Jet Propulsion Lab playing with NASA super computers. Feel free to come up to me and talk whenever, I want to get to know you!

RA Sheldon 4- Sarabeth Schibler

Hi Residents! My name is Sarabeth and I am a junior and a psychology major in the Arts and Sciences. I came to Cornell from Southern California because I overestimated my interest in seeing all four seasons, but I have since learned to love Ithaca and all that it has to offer. So excited to meet you all!

RA Sheldon 5- Casey Paton

Hey, I'm Casey and I'm a junior HBHS major, hoping to pursue an MD/PhD in Neuroscience or Stem Cell research. I am involved with the Lammerding Research Lab, the Cornell Cardiology Interest Group, Alpha Chi Omega Sorority, the Running Club, and Cornell Outdoor Education. In my spare time I love to read fantasy novels, go for long runs through the plantations, surf PubMed, go backpacking on the Fingerlakes trails, and watch Game of Thrones. Can't wait to meet you all!
Cascadilla Hall

RA Casc 1,2- Zoe Memel
Zoe is a senior studying nutritional sciences within the School of Human Ecology. She is currently applying to medical school and hopes to become a doctor who can integrate her love of food, nutrition, and health as a means of contributing to the preventative medicine field. This will be Zoe's third year as a residential advisor and she is extremely excited to work with the Collegetown community in creating fun and engaging programs centered around outdoor activities, cooking, and nutrition.

RA Casc 3-Anyaa Laibangyang
Hey! My name is Anya Laibangyang and I'm from San Marino, CA. I am a senior majoring in Biological engineering. I love television shows and movies and everything else entertaining. I do research here on campus and tutor student athletes. When I'm not in class, I try to explore as much of Cornell as I can. You are all welcome to join me and I'm so excited to be an RA for Cascadilla this year!!

RA Casc 3-Elizabeth Sines
Hi, my name is Elizabeth! I'm from Maryland so, naturally, I'm a huge Ravens fan. I am a junior ILR major and a Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies minor. Politics, spending time in the sunshine, and long walks on the beach are my favorite things.

RA Casc 4-Iqra Beg
Hey guys! My name is Iqra and I am a senior HBHS major from Dallas, Texas. This is my second year as an RA and I am super excited to spend my last year at Cornell with you all. I enjoy outdoorsy activities, movie nights, and anything that involves food. I look forward to meeting you and to a great year together!

RA Casc 4-Amber Aspinall
Hi hello! My name is Amber and I am a sophomore in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations. I am from the wonderful Rockland County, NY and am excited to continue my journey here at Cornell with each and every one of you.

RA Casc 5-Tara Lobo
Hello all! My name is Tara, and I am a senior in the School of Hotel Administration. I'm also a local, or "townie" as they call it at Cornell, so if you have any questions about Ithaca or its surrounding areas, please let me know! Some of my hobbies are painting, cooking, and sailing, so look out for some fun food and art events! I can't wait to meet all of you and look forward to getting to know you! Drop by my door any time or shoot me an email!

RA Casc 5-Joanna Gao
Joanna Gao is a junior at the College of Human Ecology, majoring in Human Biology, Health, and Society and minoring in History of Art. After graduation, she plans to attend medical school.

RA Casc 6-Bridget Rudgers
Hello everyone! My name is Bridget Rudgers. I am a communication major with a minor in business. On campus, I am the Corporate Secretary for the student radio station, a Peer Advisor in the Office of Fraternities, Sororities and Independent Living, a Rho Gamma (who assists with sorority recruitment) and I'm involved in 85Broads and Cornell Republicans. I am also a huge fan of anything comedy related! I can't wait to meet you all and share a few laughs!

RA Casc 6-John Hall
Hello, My name is John. I am a sophomore from Easton, Pennsylvania and I am a history major in the college of Arts and Sciences. Over the summer I spent most of my time at my lake house enjoying some swimming, water skiing, and other outdoor activities.

“Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community.”

Anthony J. D’Angelo, The College Blue Book
Move-In Information

What to bring

- Bedding
- Towels
- Toiletries
- Warm clothes for the Winter
- Cookware to use in the building kitchens

Bring any items that will make you feel comfortable – like your computer, room decorations, or teddy bear!

What not to bring

- Pets – except for fish in a 10-gallon or smaller aquarium
- Alcohol if you are under 21 years of age (legal drinking age in the US)
- Lamps with plastic shades
- Extension cords
- Fabric wall hangings
- Water heaters without automatic shut-off
- Microwaves
- Halogen lamps with bulbs over 150 watts
- Candles

Check the house rules for a more complete list on the Community Rules & Standards page.

Contact Information

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