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Welcome to DMC, Class of 2018!

On behalf of the entire Residential Programs Staff, I would like to welcome you to Cornell University and to your new home, the Dickson and McLLU (the Multicultural Living Learning Unit) Complex.

Now, a bit about the actual building. Our complex is the biggest on Cornell’s campus, housing over 500 students. The building itself is centrally located on north campus near dining halls, two gyms, and two community centers!

The building is further divided between the “5 side” and the “6 side.”

The first and second floors on the “6 side” serve as the home to McLLU, a program house that presents individual life stories about activism, expression, and culture. We also have a large staff to help you get acclimated, including 16 Resident Advisors (RAs), 1 Assistant Residence Hall Director (ARHD), and 1 Residence Hall Director (RHD). Each RA will be working hard throughout the year to sponsor some great programming to make DMC a fun and exciting community.

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All About McLLU: The Multicultural Living Learning Unit

Welcome (back) to McLLU and to those of you who will be living in our program house for the first time! If you are unfamiliar with the mission and purpose of McLLU, we’ve provided you with some background information.

McLLU, housed in Clara Dickson Hall, was founded in 1991 by a group of students who wanted to live in a community where they could learn from a culturally eclectic group of peers – a home where everyone would be welcome to share ideas, values, and experiences. This theme of open-mindedness has endured: residents continue to create an inclusive and socially
McLLU Turns 22!
This year, we are celebrating McLLU’s 22nd birthday. Join us for a year of great programs, activities, and special events!

just community that meets the diverse needs of a global student body.
A critical part of the McLLU community is academic and social programming. Residents participate in several established McLLU programs including “McLLUnity Nights,” led by residents, Cornell faculty, and staff that present individual life stories about activism, expression, and culture; and movie discussions where we show recent films in order to spark a discussion on a hot topics; and other events put on collaboratively with the other Program Houses. The McLLU community also organizes occasional trips. Recent destinations have been New York City and Washington D.C.
For more information about McLLU, call (607) 255-5306 or email McLLU@cornell.edu.

Get Involved!

RESIDENTIAL STUDENT CONGRESS (RSC)
RSC is the student leadership body representing all residential students. The group meets weekly on Tuesdays at 5:30pm to discuss pertinent issues regarding our residential communities, decide on funding, and host a variety of events including the Big Red Chill study break. The first meeting in the fall will be September 9, 2014 at 5:30pm. 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 dickson@cornell.edu.

RESIDENCE HALL LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS (RHLOs)
One way to get involved in making an impact in your community is to join Dickson’s Residence Hall Leadership Organization, also known as the Dickson-McLLU (DMC) Hall Council. The hall council is a group of students who represent the interests of all residents in the building to sponsor events, advocate for student concerns, and speak on behalf of the community. To get involved in your hall council, ask any of the DMC residential staff!
DMC Residential Staff

Meet Your Residence Hall Director

What’s a RHD?
The Residence Hall Director is a full time, live in professional staff person, and is not a student. The RHD is responsible for the long range planning as well as day-to-day operations of the building, and is the DMC representative to its parent organizations, Residential Programs, Dean of Students, and Cornell University.

The RHD has a Master’s degree in Higher Education and Student Affairs and is available for counseling, advising, information on DMC, and other issues relating to college life.

Who is the DMC RHD?
My name is David Sun and this will be my second year in the Dickson-McLLU Community. I am originally from New York City where I studied at New York University and received my Masters Degree in Education. Prior to that, I attended Rutgers University where I received a Bachelor’s in Psychology with a focus on Counseling and Group Relations.

My staff and I are here to help you get adjusted to life at Cornell and make DMC your new home away from home. My office is right in the main lobby, so feel free to stop by and say hi.

While students generally meet with me if there is an issue or concern that needs to be supported, I also enjoy meeting students and hearing feedback as to how we can make DMC the best possible community! Just as your resident advisors are here to answer any of your questions feel free to let me know if you need help with anything at all.

If there is anything you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to contact or visit me. I can be reached via email, scheduled appointment, or phone. I am looking forward to meeting you all at move-in and am so excited for the amazing year we have planned.

David Sun, RHD
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Meet Your Assistant Residence Hall Director

What’s an ARHD?
The Assistant Residence Hall Director is a live in para-professional staff person who is a current graduate student at Cornell. The ARHD works closely with the RHD and is mainly in charge of aiding and supporting student staff in becoming successful in their roles as RAs.

The ARHD serves as the advisor for many of the committees within DMC and is available for counseling, advising, information on DMC, and other issues relating to college life.

Who is the ARHD?
Kalrav Acharya will join the Clara Dickson Hall and McLLU residential staff as its ARHD for the ’14-’15 academic year. In this role, he will support student staff, professional staff, and residents.

Hello! I am Kalrav Acharya, Assistant Resident Hall Director for Clara Dickson and the Multicultural Living and Learning Unit. I grew up in Auroville - a small town in Southern India, and have come to Cornell as a fellow at the Cornell Institute of Public Affairs (CIPA). My Bachelors was in Business and Economics from Warren Wilson College. Before joining Cornell, I was in India working as a program associate, conducting research studies on the livelihoods of marginal farmers. I am excited to join the Cornelian community and look forward to getting to know each and everyone of you.
Meet Your McLLU RAs

What is an RA?
The RAs are live-in student staff members who have been trained in various resources on campus, educational programming, different types of counseling, and crisis management. The Dickson/McLLU Complex has 16 RAs and you may go to any of them if you have questions or problems. There is an RA on call every night of the week and on the weekends to respond to any emergencies in the building. The RAs will be some of the first people you meet upon moving into the Dickson/McLLU Complex. They are here because they care about you and want your experience to be as successful and positive as possible.

Andrea Kim
Hi! My name is Andrea Kim and I am currently a sophomore in the College of Industrial and Labor Relations. I’m also involved on campus as an ILR Peer Advisor, VP of Communications for Multicultural Greek Letter Council (MGLC), and Sister of Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc. I also work as a student manager for Cornell Conference Services and a Student Administrative Assistant in the RPCC Housing Office.

Gilbert Agyeman
Hello! My name is Gilbert Agyeman and I am senior in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences majoring in Biological Sciences and minoring in Biomedical Engineering. I am originally from Ghana, but have spent most of life in Connecticut. My goal is to become an academic physician where I can apply my knowledge of science and technology to discover new drugs and techniques that will advance the quality of medical care in the United States. Outside of class, I enjoy playing basketball, soccer, and ultimate Frisbee.

Meet Your Dickson RAs

Charles Paton
Hey! I’m Charles Paton, a sophomore in the College of Human Ecology. I major in Policy Analysis and Management with a minor in Business. On campus, I am a research assistant in the Pharmaceutical Advertisements Research Lab. Our lab analyzes the effects of advertisement exposure on consumer behavior. In my free time, I enjoy rock climbing, camping, fishing, playing smash bros, and browsing reddit with friends. I frequent the fitness centers to run and lift, so come find me if you ever need a gym buddy. I look forward to meeting you all and can’t wait to share this year with you!

Gabriela Bosque
Hi! My name is Gabriela Bosque and I am excited for my second year as an RA in Dickson. I am from Guaynabo, Puerto Rico and I am a senior in the school of Arts and Science, majoring in Biology with a concentration in Neuroscience and Behavior. Aside from school I am part of Vision Latinoamericana at Cornell, a biology advisor for first-year students, and I am involved in research. Cornell is full of great opportunities for everyone although it can be overwhelming, remember that you are not alone and that you have plenty of resources that are willing to help you out!

Jessie Weber
Hi! My name is Jessie Weber and I’m from Hershey Pennsylvania. I’m a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences and a prospective Government major. I’m particularly interested in International Relations and Foreign Languages, along with many other intertwining disciplines. Dance, music, writing, art, and service are all integral to my well-being and I will always have food and time for any residents who are struggling through their problem sets.
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Meet Your Dickson RAs

**Rohan Bhatia**
Hello! My name is Rohan Bhatia, and I am a second year RA in the Dyson School as an Applied Economics and Management major. I lived Clara Dickson my freshmen year and thoroughly enjoyed my experience. Currently, I am heavily involved in Ithaca's student run radio station- 93.5 WVBR. Additionally, I am a teacher's assistant for a class, and I am part of a social fraternity on campus. I look forward to meeting everyone, and making Dickson a great place to live in the upcoming year!

**Advitya Khanna**
Hi! My name is Advitya and I am from northern India. For nine years, I have lived in an international boarding school in the Himalayas. I am currently a sophomore in the School of Arts and Sciences. I love sports and I am excited to meet all of you this year!

**Linda Gao**
My name is Linda Gao, and I am a senior in Arts & Sciences. I'm a Computer Science & Economics major originally from Blue Bell, Pennsylvania (a suburban town 40 minutes outside of Philadelphia). This will be my 3rd year as an RA, and I'm looking forward to meeting my residents.

Meet Your Dickson RAs

**Miguel Castellanos**
Hello and welcome! My name is Miguel Castellanos and I am the resident advisor on the 4th floor, 5 side, of Clara Dickson Hall. I am a junior in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) studying Environmental Engineering. Fun fact about me is that I enjoy Latin dancing a lot and it has become my passion over the past few years. I look forward to seeing all of you in the fall and if you have any questions regarding residential life feel free to contact me at anytime!

**Amanda Singerman**
Hi! My name is Amanda Singerman and I am a junior in the College of Human Ecology. I am majoring in Human Biology, Health and Society, and hope to become a pediatrician. I’m from a very small town in Westchester, New York, but both of my parents are from Argentina so you’ll probably hear me speaking in Spanglish whenever I’m on the phone with my mom. I love working with kids and I tutor third grade children at the local elementary school. I am also the Vice President of Membership Programming of my sorority, Alpha Chi Omega. I love drawing, singing, dancing, and meeting new people! I am so excited to get to know the newest residents of Clara Dickson Hall!

**Lipi Gupta**
My name is Lipi Gupta and I am a senior Physics major, Math minor. I am from Corvallis, Oregon, and I absolutely love the Pacific Northwest. I'm involved with the Hindu Student Council, Interfaith Engagement Collective, and of course RAing! I also am a research assistant at the Cornell Laboratory for Accelerator-based Sciences and Education, and I really love accelerator physics research. I'm also a cinephile, and listen to a lot of Lana Del Rey remixes.
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Meet Your Dickson RAs

Joseph Orselli
Hi, I'm Joe Orselli and I'm an engineering student here at Cornell University. I'm originally from Long Island, New York where I lived with my mom, dad, grandma, brothers' Pete and Phil, my sister Roro, and our pet turtle Wasabi! In my free time I play ultimate Frisbee and run club track and field. Last semester I worked at the Ithaca Sciencenter and this upcoming semester I would really like to join a project team. Most of all, I'm looking forward to being an RA and getting to meet you. Please, come up and say hi if you see me!

Kennedi Williams-Libert
Hi! My name is Kennedi and I am a sophomore in the College of Arts & Sciences. I’m originally from Brooklyn, New York. I am passionate about law and I hope to be a Supreme Court Justice one day. In my free time, I enjoy photography, watching the Cosby show, and enjoying my family's Caribbean food and music!

Anthony Will
My name is Anthony Will (you may learn to know me as "Tone") and I am a second year RA in Clara Dickson! I am an ILRie from Detroit, MI and I hope to pursue a career in the music industry, first as an artist and eventually as a talent manager and/or A&R representative. I lived in Dickson my freshman year so this will be my third year in the building! You can often find me drawing cartoons, exploring esoteric thought, rapping, and watching historical documentaries - who has time for Game of Thrones? Right?! Anyone? I digress... My best means of communication is email so don't fret to shoot me a message if you have any questions about anything (abw95).

Elbert Mets
Hi, my name is Elbert! I'm a sophomore Biology major, concentrating in Neurobiology, in the College of Arts and Sciences. I'm studying on the premed track and plan to attend medical school following my time here at Cornell. Some of the groups I'm involved with on campus campus include Encouraging Young Engineers and Scientists or EYES, in which I help teach science lessons to elementary school students, Biology Service Leaders, and the premedical fraternity, Phi Delta Epsilon. Outside of these activities, I enjoy running, traveling, and scuba diving. I look forward to meeting all of our residents this year and plan to assist in making our residence hall a supportive and enjoyable community. If you have any questions or concerns please never hesitate to reach out to me.

Anna Zhu
My name is Anna Zhu and I am a third-year RA in Clara Dickson Hall. I completed my undergraduate in the College of Human Ecology as a Human Biology, Health and Society major. I am currently getting my Master of Health Administration through the 5-year Sloan Program. I look forward to getting to know all my new residents this year!
Kit was born and raised in Illinois, spent summers in Idaho, and went to high school and college in the Northeast. He received his B.A. in Physics and Philosophy from Yale College in 1981. After a fellowship at the Max Planck Institute in Stuttgart, Germany, he conducted research on the atomic structure of silicon surfaces at Cornell, earning his Ph.D. in Applied and Engineering Physics in 1991. Kit joined the Cornell faculty in 2002 in the department of materials science and engineering and also holds a research appointment in the Cornell Center for Materials Research. He teaches an introductory course on nanotechnology to first-year engineers and has immense enthusiasm for manufacturing and visualizing very small structures. He is equally motivated to challenge students to prototype and commercialize their novel technological ideas and supervises the annual Advanced Materials Enabled Innovation Competition. Kit, his wife Julie, and their children Jeremy and Gwen, all enjoy the outdoors, especially hiking and fishing. Julie is a business consultant, advising on products ranging from specialty cards to jewelry. As a faculty fellow for the Clara Dickson/McLLU community over the past year, Kit enjoyed the conviviality of the weekly house dinners—he is looking forward to being the faculty-in-residence host for the dinners in the coming year at their new Monday evening time. The family’s housecats, Cleo and Tiger Lily, are eagerly anticipating visits with all the first-years who need quality time with animals.