Hello!

The Holland International Living Center (HILC) staff and I would like to welcome you to Cornell and to the community. We are so happy that you are here! This letter is designed to help you learn more about the HILC community, the staff, move-in day, leadership opportunities within the community, and more. If you have any questions or need clarification feel free to contact me at:

HILC@cornell.edu

Can’t wait to meet you!

Your RHD,

Eric
About HILC

HILC’s philosophy has its roots in celebrating the international experience of all people.

HILC is dedicated to creating a globally conscious community. Originally conceived as a space to matriculate international students into Cornell, HILC has grown to encompass more. Our residents are both international and domestic students, from multicultural families, and students with experience and interest in the international community. HILC encourages its residents to be active participants in an internationally focused community by educating others, sharing experiences, and appreciating all cultures represented. HILC strives to be a hub of international life and global engagement on the Cornell Campus.

In 1970 the International Living Center opened its doors to Cornell students from all around the world. Renamed the Jerome Holland International Living Center in 1985 after Jerome “Brud” Holland (’39 & ’41) and is now known mainly as HILC. This dynamic community is a home away from home for more than 140 students. Jerome Holland was the US Ambassador to Sweden among many other accomplishments and had a strong commitment to international issues. HILC is part of his legacy.

International students and American students share rooms, stories, and their lives in HILC. You can walk down the hall and meet someone from the other side of the world. Undergraduate students of all class years (and the occasional graduate student) live here and help one another learn about Cornell, Ithaca, and the US.

We know you will come to love HILC as much as our current residents and alumni have. Don’t forget to check out Unit 4 to see what departing HILCers have had to say about their experience.
Move-In Info

**What to Bring**

There is a computer lab in RPCC, but you might want to bring a computer. You may bring additional lighting (NO SPIDERLAMPS), surge protectors with a UL approved label, warm clothes for winter, cookware to use in the kitchen, a bike, and other items that will make you feel comfortable.

For more information on what to bring, check out the Housing website.

http://living.sas.cornell.edu/live/movingin/

**What Not to Bring**

- Except for fish (10 gallon tank maximum) pets are not permitted in the halls. If you are interested in keeping certain small pets, check out the Ecology House.
- Halogen lights over 150 watts, “spider lamps”, and extension cords are not allowed
- Candles
- Streamers
- Hot plates
- Incense burners
- Cinderblocks
- Toasters and toaster ovens

You can find a complete list on our Housing Website (see previous link).

*Students may be documented and charged by Housing or other fire and safety officials if prohibited items are found in your room.

**What’s Here**

Aside from mingling with students from around the world, you will also have the following available:

- Library
- Community kitchen spaces (Amenities include: sink, fridge, microwave, & stove)
- 3 lounges and a large common area
- Laundry room and vending machines locate on the ground floor

**Additional Move-in Info:**

- PREPARE (new international students orientation) - Aug. 19-22
- Halls Open - Aug. 22nd @ 8:00 am
- Orientation - Aug. 22nd - Aug 25th
HILC

As a Program House, HILC has a lot to offer.

In HILC the students lead. We have many committees you can join and events you can help plan. We hope you will take advantage of all that HILC has to offer and give back to the community through our committees.

What HILC has to offer:

• International Affairs Group
• Friday Afternoon Thing (FAT)

Want to know more about the other program houses? Click on the pictures below.
How To Get Involved...

**HILC Council**
- This group is the overarching student government body in HILC, consisting of a President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Country Night Coordinator, and representatives from the other committees, as well as any general members (HILC residents or Out of House Members) that would like to attend. This group plans most of the major events in HILC and decides on funding requests from International student groups across the Cornell campus.

**Sports and Wellness**
- If you like to stay active and healthy then this is the committee for you. This group plans activity and wellness based programs, including intramural sports teams for soccer, volleyball, etc. Additionally, they have planned programs on healthier eating habits with the The Health Nuts.

**International Affairs Group**
- This group is for residents that are interested in providing engaging programs to the hall centered around international issues.

**Residence Committee**
- If you are interested in Marketing, introducing others HILC, the Cornell housing process, and making sure that everyone knows how to take care of our community then you should consider the Residence Committee. Students in this committee attend housing info sessions to talk about HILC, help the RHD with putting together marketing materials, and write newsletter articles about building issues (like keeping the winter cold out of your room). Residence Committee members also review HILC housing applications and assist in room selection for upperclassmen in the spring. (A little hint– the more involved you are in HILC the better your lottery number will be at HILC housing selection).

**Friday Afternoon Thing (FAT)**
- Need to relax after a long week? FAT plans fun and relaxing events every Friday afternoon. This can be anything including painting, card games, making stress balls, playing life sized RISK or Clue, or just fooling around in the snow. Have a knack for having fun? Join this committee and get others to relax a bit.

**Residential Student Congress (RSC)**
Will you be living on campus next year and want to make a difference in your community? Join the Residential Student Congress (RSC)! RSC is the student leadership body representing all residential students at Cornell. 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. The RSC is a great way to have your voice heard, plan some fun events, or simply get some more leadership experience.
Fun Events and Yearly Traditions

HILC has many events that have been happening for years & we often hear from our alumni about their fond memories of events like International Dinner and Casino Night. Some of the events have happened every year since HILC opened. Most of our large events are planned and put on by residents instead of staff. Get involved and join the fun!

The Plunge—First major event in the fall includes a trip to Taughannock Falls State Park.

Country Nights—Present about the country you are from or a country you are interested in. A different country is presented each week.

International Dinner—One of the biggest events of the year! HILC residents cook traditionally cultural dishes from around the world.

New York City Trips—HILC plans two trips into NYC. Over Thanksgiving, we travel to see a Broadway. During the spring we spend a day at the The Met.

Casino Night—Play card games and Roulette (no actual money involved). Raise money for charity and even win a prize yourself. Last year we raised over $300 for the Southside Community Center!
About the Residence Hall Director Position ~
I am a full time, live-in professional staff person and not a student. I am responsible, with some help from the RA’s, for the long term planning as well as day-to-day operations of the building and serve as the representative to HILC’s parent organizations, Residential Programs, Dean of Students, and Cornell University more broadly. My role beyond this is to assist you in acclimating to Cornell and HILC. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to swing by my office or drop me an email.

About Me ~
I’m originally from MI. Here to be exact…. I read (a lot), write (a little) and enjoy a really good cup of coffee. I hold BA degrees in Sociology, Psychology, and a MS in Counseling, Adult, and Higher Education. I’ve traveled and attended school in both Jordan and Nicaragua. I love to travel and immerse myself in other cultures. I also know a little Arabic and am currently learning French.

YOU MIGHT SEE US AROUND!

The furry friends of HILC

You may see these guys around HILC from time to time. Apricot and Sanchez (1st/2nd Pics) belong to the RHD and will most likely be seen lounging in the apt. window. Basil is a regular guest at HILC and loves to meet new people. If you see him, feel free to introduce yourself.
Meet The Staff

My name is Erin and this will be my second year as an RA in HILC and I love it here! I am a big traveller and HILC is my way to learn about new cultures and places while I am in Ithaca. I am a senior and studying Statistics in CALS. Outside of school, I like to stay pretty active by running and playing soccer. I highly recommend joining HILC’s intramural soccer team if you’re interested! Stop by Unit 3 to say hi, catch up or if you have ideas for the building!

Hello, everyone! I’m Jiahui, otherwise known as Jia. I belong to the class of 2016, am a proud pre-med, and am double majoring in Chemistry & Asian Studies. I was born and raised in Xi’an, China and moved to Portland, OR when I was ten years old. I’m fluent in Mandarin and English, and have made some adventurous attempts at French in my high school years (Bonjour!). Some organizations I’m involved in on campus are Alpha Phi Omega, Alpha Epsilon Delta, Welcome Weekend, and Squirrel Club. Last year, I also co-founded a debate club called Debate in Science & Health. Aside from my perpetual hobbies of eating, sleeping, and watching squirrels, I also like oil-painting, Chinese calligraphy, cooking, contemplating the meaning of life, more eating, more sleeping, and watching more squirrels.

Hello! My name is Elisabeth Mistur and I am a sophomore in CALS from Troy, NY. I am majoring in communication and minoring in fine arts. I have a bunch of hobbies that include painting, playing the piano, playing the cello, and playing soccer. It sounds completely cliché, but I really enjoy meeting new people – don’t be scared if I ask you lots of questions! Although I find contentment in being around others I also really enjoy my quiet time. I am very passionate about my faith and am involved in a Christian organization on campus called Cornell Faith and Action (CFA). Can’t wait to be a part of the HILC community!

Hello HILC residents! My name is Phoebe, and I am a junior studying Ocean Sciences with a growing passion for coral reef ecology and health. I am very interested in Indonesian performing arts—particularly Balinese dance and Balinese and Javanese gamelan—and have been playing with the Cornell Javanese gamelan ensemble for a year now. I also love spending time outside, eating good food, playing with cats, and learning new languages. I’m really looking forward to meeting you all!
North Campus Faculty Programs is a cornerstone of the North Campus living-learning community, helping to create a shared experience and supportive environment that fosters academic and intellectual learning, personal development, holistic well-being, and a sense of belonging and connectedness. While faculty in the program are pivotal to each of these dimensions, they play a leadership role in the dimension of learning.

In particular, faculty serve to reinforce the centrality of intellectual life at the university, with opportunities to: encourage intellectual curiosity and exploration; inspire learning outside the classroom; make the residence hall a space for learning as well as living; unify and bridge academic specialization to offer a one-university experience; help students develop core competencies; cultivate the university’s values, including our commitment to diversity and inclusion and civic responsibility; and advise and mentor students.