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
In 1970 the International Living Center opened its doors to Cornell students from all around the world. Renamed the Holland International Living Center in 1985 and now known mainly as HILC, this dynamic community is a home away from home for more than 140 students. Jerome “Brud” Holland ’39 & ’41 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.

HILC has committees you can join, events you can attend or help plan, and there is something happening almost every night of the week. There are so many opportunities to get involved at HILC that you may find it hard to find time to study, but don’t worry this is also a great environment if you are looking to get away from the “typical” college experience. Study groups are common, surprise birthday parties are a welcome break, and HILCers welcome new faces.

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/NewUndergrads/what-to-bring.cfm

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
• Incense burners
• Streamers
• Cinderblocks
• Hot plates
• 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.

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. 23rd @ 8:00 am
• Orientation – Aug. 23rd – Aug 27th
HILC is a Program House!

HILC is a Program House. This means we are a themed residence hall that offers a chance to develop your interests with like-minded students while experiencing the full breadth of the Cornell residential experience.

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)
- Sports & Wellness
- HILC Council

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 Unit 5ers) 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. Our first meeting in the fall will be September 13, 2011 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...
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— This year will be the 40th annual Casino night. Play card games and Roulette (no actual money involved). Raise money for charity and even win a prize yourself.
About Me ~
Hello, my name is Eric Hunting. I’m your Residence Hall Director and I am very excited to be part of the Holland International Living Center. I come to you from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Before coming to Cornell, I was at Grand Valley State University where I earned my B.A. in Sociology and B.S. in Psychology. From there, I went to Northern Illinois University where I earned my Master's in Counseling, Adult, & Higher Education. I've also studied in Jordan and Nicaragua.

About the RHD Position ~
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 HILC representative to its parent organizations, Residential Programs, Dean of Students, and Cornell University.

The RHD has a Master’s degree in Student Affairs in Higher Education and is available for counseling, advising, information on the about HILC and other issues regarding college life.
Meet The Staff

Hi! I’m Feven and I’ll be the Unit 1 Resident Assistant in the lovely land of HILC. I’m part of the class of 2014 and am currently majoring in either psychology, biology (with a focus on neurology and behavior) or both, in the College of Arts & Sciences, and this is my first year as an RA. I do a lot of stuff, but they can be compacted into the categories of eating, reading, talking, singing, and maybe sleeping. I hope you have a wonderful time in HILC community by staying involved in all we have to offer! Have a great year! I’m really looking forward to meeting everyone this year. We’re going to have a lot of fun together. I’m also very interested in learning about different experiences and different perspectives so please feel free to speak your mind about topics that interest you.

Hey guys, my name is Erin, this is my first semester as an RA. I transferred in last year from SUNY Geneseo, before that I was on a gap year traveling through Latin America and before that I was in Manchester, England finishing my last year of high school. The plan is to always continue traveling! I also run a lot and am always looking for new trails around Cornell. I am a Biometry and Statistics major, to me, math is the greatest! And lastly I have a twin on campus, so if I’m not waving back, just say “Hey Elaine”!

Hey! I’m also an international student from Mumbai, India and am a senior in Electrical & Computer Engineering. I transferred into Cornell in the Fall of 2012 from UMass Amherst and enjoy playing piano as well as eating lots of spicy food. Stop by and say hi!

Hi, my name is Ivy. I am a Junior studying Nutritional Science in the College of Human Ecology and absolutely love my major. I’m from Gainesville, Virginia but was born in Nairobi, Kenya. I come from a family of two awesome parents and two amazing sisters. They are my role models and keep me motivated when life gets tough. This is my first year as an RA and I’m looking forward to getting to know everyone. I love trying new foods, baking, watching movies (except scary movies), and enjoying the beautiful nature around campus.
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.