Hi there!

The High Rise staff and I would like to welcome you to Cornell and the High Rise community. We are so happy that you are here! This letter is designed to help you learn more about the High Rise community, the staff, move-in day, leadership opportunities within the community, and more.

We are two buildings but 1 community!

If you have any questions or need clarification feel free to contact me at:

highrises@cornell.edu

Also, check out our website: www.Cornellhighrises.com and our Facebook Page Cornell High Rises - Jameson and HighRise 5

Can’t wait to meet you!

Your RHD,

Didi
About the High Rises
There is a lot you need to know about the High Rise community before you move in. Look at the list of things to bring and things not to bring.

What are “The High Rises”
The High Rise community includes both Jameson Hall and High Rise 5 Hall. These buildings mirror each other and have a community center, Robert Purcell Community Center (RPCC), located in between. Staff who live in High Rise 5 and Jameson work in both buildings and are here to serve and help you. Theses two buildings make up what we call the High Rise community.

What’s here?
Each building has two elevators, vending machines, ground floor bathroom, and a trash room. Stairs are located on the exterior perimeter of the building and are not accessible from the ground floor.

Our community is set up in suite style, with four rooms sharing one bathroom. There are no common areas within a suite, but there is a large lounge on every floor.

In addition, there is a community kitchen on every floor. Amenities within the kitchen include: sink, microwave, stove, oven and community refrigerator.

Individual rooms come with window shades, wireless network, a bed, desk, study chair, study lamp, chest of drawers, wastebasket, and recycling receptacle. All rooms are carpeted, and you may bring additional lighting (NO SPIDERLAMPS).

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, a micro-fridge (you must rent one of ours), a bike, and more. You can find a more extensive list on the Housing website.

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
- Multiplug adaptors & Extension cords
- Toasters and toaster ovens
  You can find a complete list on our Housing Website.
- *Students may be documented and charged by Housing or the Fire Marshall if prohibited items are found in room.*
How to Get Involved

One of the best ways to know what is going on and making friends is to get involved! One of the easiest ways you can get involved is by joining the High Rise Hall Council. This is a group of High Rise students from every floor in the community.

They address and solve issues within the community, discuss building safety and facilities issues, maintain a budget, and plan programs and events year-round for the High Rise community. Through the Hall Council, you will also have the opportunity to become involved in the Residential Student Congress (RSC). Everyone is welcome to be part of Hall Council.

Want to know more? Ask your RA or me (your RHD), and we will be happy to give you more information. Look for signs about the first Hall Council meeting during the beginning of the year.

RESIDENTIAL STUDENT CONGRESS (RSC)

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 5:30 pm 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 or RA.

National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH)

The National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) is a national organization founded as a way to recognize the top 1% of student leaders living on college campuses across the country. Students who have made significant contributions to the residential community are nominated each year to be part of NRHH. One way to be part of NRHH is to get involved in Hall
Staff to help You… RHD and ARHD

Your Residence Hall Director (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 High Rise 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 High Rises, and other issues relating to college life.

Rebecca Adidi Etim (aka Didi)… Your RHD

My name is Rebecca Adidi Etim, but you can call me Didi. I am your RHD (Residence Hall Director). This is my fourth year working at Cornell and I am very excited to be part of the High Rise community.

I am originally from Santa Barbra, California, but I lived in Michigan for some years. Before coming to Cornell I was at Grand Valley State University where I earned my B.A in Photography and studied Arabic. I then went to Northern Illinois University where I earned my Master’s in Counseling, Adult and Higher Education and studied American Sign Language.

Though I live in the community I am not a student. I am a full time employee at Cornell. In addition to my responsibilities above (in Your Residence Hall Director) I oversee all large-scale problems, concerns, and issues within the community as well as supervise all 10 of the RAs in the High Rise community.

My office is located on the ground floor of Jameson. Feel free to stop by to ask questions, chat, hang out, or pet my dog (yes I have a dog, named Basil. You might see him from time to time. He is very friendly and loves to meet new people). I am always open to meeting new people. Hope to see you soon!

*Didi

The Assistant Residence Hall Director (ARHD)

The High Rise Community also has an Assistant Residence Hall Director; he is a full-time graduate student at Cornell who works part-time in our community. The ARHD’s job is to assist the community by developing meaningful events for the community.

Vinnie Pierino…Your ARHD

Hi there, my name is Vinnie Pierino. I am originally from sunny South Florida, around the West Palm Beach area. I lived there all my life until I moved to pursue my undergraduate degree at the University of Florida (Go Gators!). There my major was Health Science and received a minor in Business Administration. I enjoyed my incredible time there, but I can’t wait for all the excitement that is Cornell.

While at Cornell I will be pursuing my Masters in Health Administration in the College of Human Ecology. I am extremely excited for my time at Cornell and am very excited to be the Assistant Residence Hall Director (ARHD) for the High Rise communities. I have worked with housing my entire undergraduate career, and I will look forward to working their again. If you see me around feel free to say hi, or if you ever need me feel free to contact me. Can not wait to meet everyone and get to know you all.

Vinnie
Staff to help you… Resident Advisor (RA)

Resident Advisor (RA)

Resident Advisors (RAs) are live-in student staff members who have been trained in counseling, mediation, educational programming, and crisis management. They are all fulltime undergraduate Cornell students, so you might see them some of your classes or around campus!

There are 10 RAs in the High Rise community, one for each floor. There are 5 RA in High Rise 5 and 5 RAs in Jameson and they all serve and work in both buildings.

They are here to build community on the floor, help solve any problems you may face, and make High Rise 5 and Jameson a wonderful place to live. You may see them host a program, solve a roommate conflict, or walk the building during their nightly rounds.

They are amazing resources to go to if you want to plan a program or event, or have questions about the High Rise community, Cornell, Ithaca and anything in between.

High Rise 5 RAs

Ground Floor & 1st Floor HR5 RA: Claire D.

Hey! My name is Claire, and I’m from small-town Chardon, Ohio. I’m an only child, but I do have 6 cats and 4 dogs. I am inexplicably addicted to chapstick and bread and brie, and love hiking and rock climbing (and anything else outside). I am Super Smash Bros 64 addict, (so challenge me). I also love literature and writing – I’m an English Major, and a tutor at the Writing Walk-In Center. Stop by!

2nd Floor HR5 RA: Rohan

Hey everyone! My name is Rohan and I am extremely excited to be an RA in the High Rise community next year. I am a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences pursuing a major in Economics. Currently I live in New Jersey. I enjoy playing tennis, reading the news, and hanging out my friends (and of course my residents to be). On campus I am part of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and am the Co-President of Phi Beta Lambda, which is a business club. Feel free to ask me any questions about Cornell, and I hope all of you enjoy your experience here as much as I currently am.
Staff to help you…

High Rise 5 RAs

3rd Floor HR5 RA: Joy

My name is Joy and I'm going to be your Resident Advisor this year. I'm a senior Policy Analysis and Management major and a first year Sloan student in Health Administration. I've been involved in an array of activities during my time at Cornell including club sports, Alpha Phi Omega, Sigma Chi Delta, University Assembly, class council, and prank clubs. Please feel free to ask me anything about my experiences and how you can get involved. During my down time I like to play the ukulele and the guitar and go squirrel watching. If you ask I might even take you to one of my secret spots on campus. I look forward to meeting you all. See you all soon.

4th Floor HR5 RA: David

Hello High-Risers! I'm David, from Buffalo, NY. I'm a Junior Animal Science major in CALS, minoring in Education. I'm a pianist with the Cornell University Klezmer Ensemble, and I enjoy writing, playing music, and biking or running around Cornell's beautiful campus. Please come by to visit and chat anytime!

5th floor & 6th floor (Sky Lounge)

HR5 RA: Shaniqua

Hi My name is Shaniqua. I am a rising Junior majoring in Chemistry. I will be a RA in High Rise 5 on the 5th floor. I am from Binghamton, NY a small city about an hour from Ithaca. I try to get involved with as many clubs as my free time permits. I am a part of North Campus Program Council, Teatrotaller and Culture to Culture Pals. I am also a member of Cornell's Cheerleading team and AXΣ Chemistry Fraternity. On my free time I like hang out with my friends or draw and paint. Feel free to come to my room to chat or pick up some candy from my candy bowl! Excited to meet you all!! :-)

Staff to help you…

Jameson (High Rise 1) RAs

Ground Floor & 1st Floor HR1 RA: Oliver

Hi all, I’m Oliver, welcome to Jameson! I’m really excited to be a Resident Advisor in the High Rises this year. I am a Biology and Society major in the College of Arts and Sciences, in my junior year here at Cornell. I play the guitar, paint, and I rowed for Cornell on the Varsity Crew Team. I love martial arts; I am currently a third degree black belt in Taekwondo, and have won the gold medal in the Jr. Olympics. But I truly love to help people, and would definitely consider myself a teddy bear. So if anyone ever feels like hanging out, need to talk, or just want to say hello, feel free to stop by!

2nd Floor HR1 RA: Claire Z.

Hi my name is Claire. I’m a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences, majoring in Government and Economics and minoring in Business and East Asian Studies. I was born in Xi’an, China, and then went to Sydney, Australia and Dallas, TX for high school. On campus, I am involved in Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity and The Visible Hand, the economics journal under Cornell Economics Society, and Korean American Student Association. I enjoy swimming, working out, and talking to people. So feel free to come talk to me about anything! I look forward to meeting you! 😊
Staff to help you…

Jameson (HR1)

3rd Floor HR1 RA: Peter

Hello! My name is Peter. I am a Junior at The School of Industrial and Labor Relations, concentrating in Human Resource Management. I live on Long Island and love to go into New York City almost weekly! I come from a very traditional Italian household, and I love coffee. Please stop by to chat over a cup!

In the past I have worked for The Walt Disney World Resort and had the time of my life! I worked on the WORLD FAMOUS Jungle Cruise. Please feel free to ask me any questions about my experience or for some jungle jokes.

I have also served on Cornell’s Student Assembly representing all students to the administration. Let me help you get involved!

Walt Disney said "if you can dream it, you can do it." Cornell is a great stepping stone to help you reach your Dreams and I am here to help! - Pete

4th Floor HR1 RA: Aishini

Hey Everyone! My name is Aishini and I am a senior in the College of Human Ecology. I am from Potomac, Maryland and absolutely love the greater Washington D.C Metropolitan area! This is my second year being an RA and I am very excited to come back to the High Rise community. On campus I am involved with research, the Asian and Asian American Forum (for Mental Health) and AIESEC Cornell. Some of my favorite things to do on campus are going on runs, attending a multitude of cultural events on campus and trying all sorts of different foods at the different dining halls, cafe’s and restaurants!

5th Floor & 6th Floor (Sky Lounge) HR1 RA: Tara

Hello hello! My name is Tara, and I am a junior at the Cornell School of Hotel Administration. I am also a local, or "townie" as they call it at Cornell, so if there's anything you want to know about Ithaca, feel free to ask! Some of my hobbies are painting, baking, and sailing. With a hotelie RA as your tourguide, together we will embark on gastronomical adventures and culinary conquests! I can't wait to meet all of you and show you the amazing wonders of Cornell. Drop by my door any time or shoot me an email!
Staff to help You…Faculty

Why faculty?

The High Rise community is fortunate to have five very involved faculty members in our community. These full time CU faculty members have a strong interest in and devotion to the students who live in the halls. They attend, sponsor, and plan programs within the High Rise community with the intent to know you better and make your transition to Cornell a successful one.

You may see our FF at a High Rise program or hanging around the community, so feel free to introduce yourself!

Learn more at http://tiny.cc/nuwsfw

Faculty Fellow
Brisa

Brisa is a linguist and teaches the language and culture of the Spanish-speaking world in the Department of Romance Studies. She specializes in foreign language instruction, pragmatic competence in foreign language education, use of advanced technology in foreign language acquisition, curriculum development, and assessment.

She enjoys speaking with students about language learning strategies, service-learning opportunities, and the Spanish-speaking world.

Look for her when you move in, and don't be shy about introducing yourselves.

Faculty Fellow
Iago

Iago holds PhD in History and is a faculty in the Department of Near Eastern Studies. He teaches courses on Iranian History, Modern Iranian State and Society and is the Coordinator of the Persian Language program. His research interests include the evolution of modern nation-states in the Middle East, Islam in the Caucasus, and the Russo-Caucasian militant networks in Russia and abroad. He enjoys talking to students about the U.S. policies in Iran and former Soviet countries, the collapse of the Soviet Union and the new world order, Iranian nuclear program and the future of the U.S. in the Middle East. Iago speaks Persian, Megrelian, Georgian, Russian and English.

Faculty Fellow
Flavien

Flavien is a linguist and teaches French culture and language within the Department of Romance Studies. Flavien has always been involved in student learning outside the class room, but has only recently become a Faculty Fellow. This year will mark Flavien’s second year as a Faculty Fellow in the High Rise community. His well-known and highly attended program Coffee Hours is one of students’ favorite programs in the High Rise community. Here students have the opportunity to hang out and mingle with a wide range of faculty that teach freshman and upper-class courses at Cornell.

Flavien is always willing to talk with students about anything (in English and/or French), so do not be shy and say “hi”.
Anthony was born in New Zealand, grew up in Canada and got his BS at Brigham Young University in Provo Utah in Environmental Science. After graduate work at the University of California Riverside and a post doc at the University of Tennessee he joined the Department of Microbiology and Graduate Program in Environmental Toxicology at Cornell in 1999. Research-wise, he is interested in a number of things including the ability of microorganisms to degrade pharmaceuticals, the ability of bacteria to form biofilms, and, with former Faculty in Residence Dr. Michel Louge, the role microbes play in stabilizing sand dunes. He is passionate about undergraduate research and loves to talk with students about the great research opportunities available at Cornell. In his spare time Anthony loves to kiteboard and participate in triathlons.

Anthony was a faculty in residence in Balch Hall for four years and at the Townhouses for two years prior to joining the High Rises as a Faculty Fellow. He enjoys engaging with students while doing such activities as meeting for dinner, discussing current events and the latest scientific breakthroughs, visiting museums, attending the Cornell Concert Series, holding cheese tastings, and making ice cream with liquid nitrogen. He also really loves to hold internationally themed dinners where he can share his love for travel and culture.

Frances has been a Cornell faculty member since 1994, and teaches Chinese Mandarin in the Department of Asian Studies. She has a passion for teaching and mentoring students and is the recipient of many awards, including the Clark Distinguished Teaching Award and the Kendall Carpenter Memorial Advising Award.

Frances was Faculty-in-Residence in Court-Kay-Bauer from 2007 until 2013, prior to which she was a Faculty Fellow since 1996. Very active in student life across campus Frances is also the faculty advisor for over ten student organizations, in addition to being the advisor of the Pi Delta Psi fraternity and the Kappa Delta Phi sorority.

She is very excited about joining the High Rises community as Faculty Fellow starting this year.

Frances’ husband Phiroze has degrees in music and engineering and is a music professor at Ithaca College. They both enjoy interacting with students.
Program to look for

Part of the role of your RA is to put on and host program/events for your floor, the building, and/or the community. Here are some you might see this year.

- High Rise T-Shirts
- White Water Rafting
- NYC Trips
- Lunar New Year
- Skiing and Snowboarding
- Floor Movies
- Hot Coco and Coffee Hour
- Hall Council programs
- Wii and/or Xbox game night (and other games)
- Midnight Breakfast
- End of the Year BBQ

Look for posters, notes from your RA, and emails from me about these programs throughout the year.

Your RHD’s contact information

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Left to Right: Brisa, Cornell President Skorton, Iago, Didi, & Janis Whitlock (Faculty)