Welcome to the Low Rises, Class of 2017!

On behalf of the Residential Programs staff, I am thrilled to welcome you to your new home-away-from-home at Cornell—The Low Rises! We are busy preparing for your arrival in August and have lots of exciting events planned to help you make the most of your experience at Cornell. I hope this newsletter helps you learn more about the Low Rise community, our faculty and staff, move-in day, and the leadership opportunities within our community. If you have any questions after reading this newsletter, feel free to contact me at lowrises@cornell.edu. I can’t wait to see you all on August 23!

Lindsay Hansen
Residence Hall Director, Low Rises 6 & 7
Low Rises 6 & 7—By The Numbers

- The Low Rise community is comprised of 2 nearly identical buildings—Low Rise 6 and Low Rise 7. You will have access to both buildings.
- There are 4 units in each building, 6 suites in each unit, and 7 students in each suite. Suites are comprised of single, double and triple rooms.
- There are 8 Resident Assistants, 1 Residence Hall Director, 1 Faculty in Residence and 2 Faculty Fellows that work with the Low Rise community.
- We have 2 ping pong tables, 2 laundry rooms, 2 main lounges and 1 piano.

The Perks of Living in the Low Rises!

- Suite-style housing that helps you meet people and find your place at CU quickly!
- Eat, study and get your mail next door at Robert Purcell Community Center (RPCC).
- Play basketball, tennis, lacrosse or soccer in the fields outside of Low Rise 7.
- Roll out of bed and have brunch with Low Rise faculty every Sunday at RPCC.
- Catch the bus to Central Campus in front of Low Rise 7 every ten minutes!
- Go for a walk or ride your bike on the Gorge Trails behind Low Rise 7.
- Check out a concert next door at Just About Music (JAM)!
- We take you on trips! Stay tuned for information about a cruise on Cayuga Lake, apple and pumpkin picking and a trip to the Corning Museum of Glass.
Low Rise Leadership Opportunities

Low Rise Hall Council

If you are interested in student government and want to be a leader in your residential community, the Low Rise Hall Council may be the organization for you! This group is advised by RAs who help Low Rise residents from every unit address community concerns, plan programs and provide direction to RAs and staff regarding the interests and needs of the community. Involvement in Hall Council will allow you to hone your communication skills, contribute to a team, collaborate with other groups on campus, and importantly, contribute to the culture and direction of the Low Rise Community. Hall Council meets Sunday nights at 9 pm in the Low Rise 6 Main Lounge.

Residential Student Congress

Hall Council members represent their community in Cornell’s Residential Student Congress (RSC). RSC aims to foster a sense of cohesion within the campus residential community by involving its members as active participants in the process of self-governance. It provides a forum to communicate and exchange ideas, as well as voice concerns about residential life. RSC meets Tuesdays at 5:30 pm in Willard Straight.

National Residence Hall Honorary

National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) is a national organization that recognizes the top 1% of student leaders living on college campuses across the country. Students making significant contributions to the Low Rise and Cornell residential communities are nominated for membership. Involvement in Hall Council and RCS is a great way to get nominated for membership into this prestigious group. Several Low Rise residents, staff and faculty members were honored by NRHH during the 2012-2013 academic year.
Meet your Residence Hall Director!

My name is Lindsay Hansen and I am your Residence Hall Director (RHD). I work closely with RAs and faculty members to plan programs and oversee the day-to-day operations of the Low Rise community. I earned a B.A. from Hamilton College and a M.Ed. from the University of South Carolina. I live with my husband, Zach, and our dog, Molly, in Low Rise 6. My office is located in Low Rise 7 next to the laundry room. Feel free to stop by if you want to chat, relax, or ask questions. I am here to help you succeed at Cornell!

What is a Resident Assistant?

Resident Assistants (RAs) are live-in student staff members that strive to create a sense of community within the Low Rises. RAs are chosen through a lengthy selection process and are trained in counseling, crisis management, educational programming, and roommate mediation, among other important topics. Your RA can play an integral role in connecting you to the Low Rise and Cornell communities. Get to know your RA!

2013-2014 Staff:

Look at the first 2 numbers of your room to find your RA!

Dhruv Patel, 6106
Hope Craig, 6206
Meghan Furton, 6306
Alan Marcus, 6406
Natasha Herrick, 7106
Kenny Byers, 7206
Troy Batugal, 7332
Lisa Awaitey, 7406
Low Rise Faculty Programs

Faculty engagement and involvement is integral to your success as a Cornell student. In the Low Rises, our experienced Faculty in Residence and Faculty Fellows strive 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 outside of the classroom.

Faculty in Residence, Cheryl Finley

Cheryl Finley is an Associate Professor in the Department of History of Art and Visual Studies. Cheryl earned her Ph.D. from Yale University in African American Studies and History of Art. Her research interests include African American and African Diaspora art history and visual culture, cultural memory theory, history of photography, the art market, museum studies, African architecture, and cultural heritage tourism. Cheryl and her daughter, Noura, live in Low Rise 7. Cheryl and Noura enjoy hosting students in their home for meals, spa nights and study breaks. Cheryl takes students to new exhibits at the Johnson Museum of Art, “dinner and a movie” film screenings, and a variety of performances on- and off-campus.

Faculty Fellows, John and Nava

Cheryl and the Low Rises staff collaborate often with our Faculty Fellows, Nava Scharf and John Belina. Nava and her husband, Stanley, have worked with Cornell Faculty Programs since the program began in 1980. Nava served as the first Faculty in Residence in the Low Rises and has been a FF since 1989. John has worked as a FF in the Low Rises for several years. John and Nava host “Brunch with Belina and Nava”, every Sunday from 10:30 am to 1 pm at RPCC, among other programs.
Move-in Day: The Basics

What to bring:
- A fan
- A bike and lock—Register your bike here: http://bigredbikes.cornell.edu/
- An alarm clock
- Towels and toiletries
- Bathrobe and sandals
- Warm clothes and boots for winter
- Surge protectors with UL label
- Bedding to fit an extra long twin bed
- Stackable storage crates and organizers
- A container to carry toiletries back and forth from the bathroom
- Kitchen supplies for use in community kitchens
- Anything else that will make you feel at home!

What NOT to bring:
- Pets
- Candles
- Toasters
- Cinder blocks
- Extension cords or multi-plug adapters
- Banners or tapestries
- Free-standing microwaves
- Spider lamps or halogen lamps
- Refrigerators that draw more than 7.3 amps to start and 1.4 amps while operating
- Extra furniture

More information on what to expect on move-in day and how you can prepare for a successful move to Cornell can be found at http://newstudents.cornell.edu/first-year/moveinday.html#c.