WELCOME TO THE TOWNHOUSES AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY!

Congratulations on being selected to live in the Townhouse Community during the 2013–2014 Academic Year. The staff of the Townhouses are anxiously awaiting your arrival to campus in August!

Townhouse Features

- Occupancy: 310
- Residents per Townhouse: 4-6
- Townhouses: 78
- Resident Hall Director: 1
- Assistant Resident Hall Director: 1
- Resident Advisors: 8
- Buildings: 9 (Letters A-H and the THCC)
- Room Arrangement: Two or three double rooms per Townhouse
- Laundry rooms: 3 (G, E, Community Center)
- Heating/Air conditioning: Is in each individual apartment

- 3 TCat Bus Stops
- 2 Blue Lights
- Community Center:
  - Student mail
  - 2 study lounges
  - Laundry rooms
  - Large programming/lounge space
  - 2 ping pong tables
  - Piano
  - Cable TV in community center
  - Sand volleyball court
  - Composter

- Demographics: All first year students from across the country and world!

Blue Light Services

There are 123 Blue Light phones and 485 indoor emergency phones on campus. For direct connection to Cornell Police, lift the receiver or press the button. Use the phones when you are lost, having car problems, want to report a suspicious incident or a medical emergency, or for any other kind of assistance or information. As soon as the connection is activated, the location of the phone is displayed on the Cornell Police switchboard. If a caller doesn’t or can’t speak, an officer is immediately dispatched to the phone site.
The Townhouse Community offers incoming residents a truly unique first-year experience. If you have been placed in a townhouse, congratulations! You will undoubtedly have a wonderful experience living in this unique townhouse context.

So what makes the Townhouses so remarkable?

Let’s begin with the living space. Each townhouse is fully-furnished with a personal kitchen, a large living room/common area, and a spacious bathroom. Residents experience the convenience of a bathroom in their own living space, and a full kitchen to make their meals in convenience. But at the same time, Townhouse residents acquire life skills that prepare them for a successful future in the Cornell community and beyond. Between classes and extracurriculars, they learn to maintain a household and cooperate with three other roommates in a physical setting that is unlike other dorm rooms. They learn to manage their time and energies to balance the freedom of apartment-style living, develop problem-solving skills, take responsibility for their property and duties in the house, and appreciate different personalities while building relationships with them.

Because the Townhouse Community is so large, it allows for many social opportunities. The Community Center space, home to mailboxes, study rooms, and a large recreational space, is often used for programs, including weekly Study Breaks (nighttime snack breaks), large indoor-outdoor barbecues, holiday festivals (Oktoberfest, Obon, Dia De Los Muertos), movie nights, and the end-of-year “Dump-n-Run” clothing/appliances exchange. The sand volleyball court in E/F quad hosts a community-wide volleyball tournament, and in nice weather, the vast grassy spaces between each of the 4 quads become areas for sunbathing, studying, and (on some nights) RA-sponsored s’mores making bonfires. Residents interested in the planning of these programs can join the Townhouse Hall Council, which is best known for its wildly successful Glow Party each year for North Campus. No matter what time of year, the Townhouse community offers its residents a special way to experience Cornell living.

Lastly, the townhouse setup fosters an intimacy that cannot be beat. The external quads and living room area of the Townhouses encourages first-years to interact with their resident advisors, better preparing them to rely on them as peers and mentors as well as authorities when they need academic, personal, and social support throughout each semester. In my time as an RA, I grew so close with my quad because I had the physical capacity to invite my residents into my own home, whether it be to work through a personal conflict over coffee or to watch youtube videos while attempting 500-piece puzzles at one in the morning. Proximity generates closeness, and we all certainly felt that in the Townhouses. While I will miss hosting a 5-day holiday craft series in my living room during winter Study Week, I know that the future first-years will be in excellent hands with this dedicated staff, and have the time of their lives living in the Townhouses.

Memo From Former Townhouse Resident/RA: Hannah McGough

What to Bring and NOT Bring to the Townhouses:

Before you come to campus, you might want to decide what to bring to fill your space. Here are a few things to think about talking with your housemates and roommate about bringing:

- Television
- Dishes
- Microwave
- Pots and Pans
- Silverware and Cooking Utensils
- Vacuum
- Rug for the bathroom floor or other area rugs
- Cleaning supplies (for kitchen, bathroom and individual rooms)
- Cable TV (Time Warner Cable = 607-275-4959)
Make the most of your 1st year on Campus and get involved within the Townhouses!

- Corning Museum of Glass
- Museum of Tolerance (NYC)
- MET (NYC)
- White Water Rafting
- Skiing at Greek Peak
- BBQ’s
- Holiday Craft Series
- Make your Own Ice Cream
- Create your own dumpling
- Dunkin Donut Night

- Valentines Day Party
- Volleyball Tournament
- Speed Meeting
- Community Service Projects
- Glow Dance
- Pre-Med Brunches
- Pie Night
- Dump and Run
- Fifa Nights
- Movie Night

Townhouses have many programs, social and education throughout the year. A few of the programs we had last year are listed/pictured below:

AND MUCH MORE.............!
I am the Hall Director of the Townhouses. I work very closely with Sidd to make sure that everything run smoothly within the Townhouses. Together we manage the day to day events/activities/tasks of the community including: programming (BBQ, volleyball tournaments, ice cream socials and more), social activities, advising the Townhouse Hall Council, working with the Eco Reps to educate residents on sustainability, maintenance/residential/judicial concerns and much more! Sidd and myself are here to make your transition and 1st year at Cornell a safe and memorable year. If you have any questions prior to moving to campus I can be reached at 604-255-9607 or ksb95@cornell.edu. Mike, Tinkie, Nemo and I look forward to living next to you!
Some of the folks you will be interacting with in the Townhouses will include:

Name: Emily Murphy (RA)
Favorites:
Place on campus: Physical Sciences Building
Place to go in Ithaca: The Commons
Place to eat on campus: Big Red Barn
Place to eat off campus: the Antlers
1 thing that you would recommend the incoming freshmen to do before they graduate: go to Buttermilk Falls
AND
Fun fact: I have the most beautiful niece in the whole wide world!

Name: Anjelique Parnell (RA)
Major: ILR, 2014
Favorites:
Place on campus: Catherwood Library in the winter and the Arts quad in the Spring
Place to go in Ithaca: the Nines which is a pizza place that is amazing
Place to eat on campus: Max’s in the Statler
Place to eat off campus: Plum Tree
1 thing that you would recommend the incoming freshmen to do before they graduate: to get a job or join a club filled with people that you would never imagine to meet otherwise.
AND
Fun fact: I am on the Cornell Women’s Track and Field team. I do long jump and sprints. A cool track fact is that I am 5ft tall and I horizontally jump 4x my height.

Name: Diego Arenas (RA)
Biological Sciences Major, Class of 2014
Favorites:
Place to go on campus: rooftop access of the Physical Sciences building
Place to go off campus: Buttermilk Falls
1 thing that you would recommend the incoming freshmen to do before they graduate: hiking trails around Ithaca and before you graduate
AND
One fun fact: I am really good at making Crepes with fresh fruit

Name: Seth Kline (RA)
Major: Physics, 2014
Favorites:
Place to go on campus: rooftop access of the Physical Sciences building
Place to go off campus: Buttermilk Falls
1 thing that you would recommend the incoming freshmen to do before they graduate: hiking trails around Ithaca and before you graduate
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RA's at Cornell have many different roles. They are peer counselors, community builders, academic resource people, programmers, and administrators. RAs spend a significant amount of time getting to know residents as individuals and generating enthusiasm as they bring students together to create floor and hall communities.
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Name: Ben Peters (RA)  
Major: Hotel, 2015  
Favorites: 
Place to go in Ithaca: Robert Treman Park  
Place to eat on campus: Terrace (Statler)  
Place to eat off campus: Boatyard Grill  
1 thing that you would recommend the incoming freshmen to do before they graduate: run a couple miles with Happy Dave from Okenshield's. AND 
One fun fact: When I get bored in class, I imagine my professors and classmates performing rock and roll music.

Name: Rachel Carleton (RA)  
Major: Communications and Natural Resources in CALS, 2014  
Favorites 
Place on campus: the benches at the top of Libe slope  
Place in Ithaca: Sunset Park  
Place to eat on campus: Ivy Room  
Place to eat off campus: Miyake  
1 thing that you would recommend the incoming freshmen to do before they graduate: everyone should have their picture in the Cornell Daily Sun before they graduate!  
AND 
One fun fact: I spent a summer in Prague teaching English to preschoolers!!

Name: Nick Wint (RA)  
Favorites: 
Place on Campus: Running trail around Beebe Lake  
Place to go in Ithaca: Taughannock falls  
Place to eat on campus: Statler  
Place to eat off campus: Chipotle  
AND 
One Fun Fact: I am on ROTC
Meet the Faculty that live/interact with the residents that reside in the Townhouses:

**Faculty in Residence (live in): Chris Hernandez**
(his wife Karen Kim, children Nick (left) and Maxwell (right))
Degree: Ph.D. Biomedical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering.

He teaches Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering and leads a research team studying orthopedic biomechanics.

Professor Hernandez lives in the Townhouses (F1) with his family right next to the students and is looking forward to interacting with the students in the dining hall, at hall events and in sand volleyball court.

**Faculty Fellow (live off): Bryan Duff with his children Liam (left) and Avery (right). Not pictured is Brayn’s wife Kerin**

Degree: Ph.D. Curriculum and Instruction

Bryan was a former high school teacher and soccer coach, but decided to leave behind the crowded hallways and smelly locker rooms. He admits missing the shenanigans of his high school students; for example, he frets that none of his college students has ever sat in the passenger seat of a school van and tossed a SlimJim in a perfect arc over the van into the coin-catcher at a tollbooth, stalling traffic for a mile. However, since getting a job at the college level, he has enjoyed nearly every day spent with college students interested in education.

**Faculty Fellow (live off): Xiling Shen with his wife and children.**

Degree: Ph.D. Electrical Engineering

Dr. Xiling Shen is an assistant professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Cornell University. He received his B.S. and M.S. degree from the Electrical Engineering Department of Stanford University in 2001 and his PhD from Stanford in 2008. Professor Shen researches systems biology and synthetic biology. Currently, he is studying cancer in stem cells.
Enjoy the rest of your summer and we will see you at the Townhouses in the fall!

Townhouse Community

Townhouse RA Staff
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