

## **Commencement 2017 Housing Q & A**

### **What is the commencement lottery and room selection process?**

This is the reservation process by which degree candidates receive a lottery number so they can secure housing in the residence halls for their families for graduation weekend. This is an alternative to staying at a hotel, renting a local home, etc.

### **How does the commencement lottery sign up process work?**

**STEP 1** is for the student, using their NetID, to apply online for a lottery number and timeslot. (Completing Step 1 allows the student to then make the reservation at a later date (see Step 2).  
→To complete Step 1, [apply online here](#) between 10:00am, Monday February 1, through 11:59pm EST, Tuesday, February 28, 2017. This is random lottery process, not a first-come, first-served sign-up process, so there is no need to stress about signing up as soon as the site opens.

### **When is the room selection process for commencement?**

**STEP 2** of the reservation process takes place in person at Robert Purcell Community Center Wendy Purcell Lounge on Wednesday, March 8. Refer to the timeslot assigned to you in Step 1 (above). This is the time for you (the student) to make the actual reservation.  
→To complete Step 2, arrive at RPCC Wendy Purcell Lounge 15 minutes before the timeslot assigned to you. Your number will be called and you will then proceed to the reservation desk to select the number of beds (only single twin beds available) needed (8 maximum) and location.

### **How many beds can I reserve through the room selection process?**

You can reserve up to 8 single beds during the room selection process on March 8. If you still need more beds, you can sign up for additional beds starting at 10:00am, Thursday, March 9 at the Residential and Events Services office located in 206 Robert Purcell Community Center or by mailing your request to [commencement\\_housing@cornell.edu](mailto:commencement_housing@cornell.edu)

### **What buildings are available?**

**On Cornell's North Campus:** Court-Kay-Bauer, Ecology House, High Rise 5, Mary Donlon, Mews and a very limited number of Townhouses may also be available.

**On Cornell's West Campus:** Alice Cook House, Carl Becker House, Flora Rose House, Han Bethe House, and William Keeton House.

**On Ithaca College's campus (2.5 miles from Cornell):** Emerson Hall and Garden Apartments.

 **What is the cost? How to pay?**

Commencement guest housing is charged at a weekend three-night package rate. The rate is the same for a 1-, 2-, or 3-night stay, and includes a breakfast buffet on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Payment is due at time of reservation. Students who are currently registered will be bursar billed. Non-registered students need to make payment by credit card. The rates are as follows:

Residence Halls: \$215 per person (includes 3 nights housing plus Saturday and Sunday breakfast buffet).

Townhouses: A very limited number of four single bed Townhouses may be available at \$970 total (includes 3 nights housing plus Saturday and Sunday breakfast buffet for 4 people).

Ithaca College: \$215 per person in Emerson Hall and Garden Apartments.

 **What nights does my commencement housing include?**

Friday, May 26; Saturday, May 27; and Sunday, May 28.

 **What if my family will only be here for one night?**

The cost is still the same – it is a 3-night package, whether you use all 3 nights or not. No exceptions.

 **What happens at the commencement room selection process on Wednesday March 8th?**

On March 8, you need to arrive at Robert Purcell Community Center 15 minutes before your assigned timeslot. Your number will be called and you will then proceed to the reservation desk to make your reservation (8 beds maximum).

 **What if I can't make my timeslot or no longer live in Ithaca?**

You can complete an [online request](#) form after enrolling in the lottery. The deadline is Monday, March 6.

 **What if I miss the lottery sign ups or my room selection timeslot?**

Starting at 10 am on Thursday, March 9, you may reserve any available housing at the office of Residential and Events Services, 206 Robert Purcell Community Center.

## **What is the cancellation process?**

All cancellations for confirmed reservations through Monday, April 3 incur a \$50 cancellation fee. No refunds will be made after Monday, April 3, 2017. All cancellations must be in writing to: [commencement\\_housing@cornell.edu](mailto:commencement_housing@cornell.edu).

## **What is included in the room?**

Rooms are furnished with bed sheets, blankets, pillows, and towels. All beds are single beds and the majority of the residence halls have shared common bathroom facilities.

Becker House, Ecology House and the Townhouses offer air conditioning.

Court-Kay-Bauer, Mews, Cook House, Bethe House, Keeton House, Rose House and Ithaca College's Emerson Hall are air-controlled buildings, but do not have individual air vents in each room nor thermostats. Of note, rooms on west campus have ceiling fans to complement the building's fixed temperature setting. All air-controlled buildings have a temperature setting between 71 and 74 degrees.

High Rise 5, Mary Donlon Hall and Ithaca College's Garden Apartments are not air Conditioned or air controlled.

## **Where can guests staying in residential halls park?**

There is no charge or permit required for parking in the residence hall parking lots beginning at noon Friday, May 26 through Monday, May 29, on a space-available basis. Special parking permits are not needed for the weekend.

On Saturday, there is no charge or permit required to park on campus.

On Sunday, there is no charge or permit required to park in outlying campus parking lots designated for Commencement parking.

Between 8:00am and 4:00pm on Sunday, all central campus roads will be closed. Check the Road Closures page at <http://www.commencement.cornell.edu/May/roadclose.html> for Commencement day road closure information.

Please visit <http://commencement.cornell.edu/May/parkseat.html> for additional parking details.

RVs – Daytime RV parking on campus Saturday and Sunday will be in the A Lot at North Campus. No overnight RV parking on campus is permitted. Please call the Park Service at 800-456-CAMP (456-2267) for more information about overnight camping in the Ithaca area.

## **How can I get a reservation confirmation?**

Students need to confirm their reservation [online](#). Once you have confirmed your reservation, you will receive an email confirming the details of your reservation. Student may add two additional email

addresses for reservation notification when signing-up for the lottery. Please ask your student to either add your email address then or forward the reservation confirmation email to you.

### **Where and when can I check-in?**

Check-in begins at 4:00pm Friday, May 26

#### **Guests staying in North Campus Residential Halls**

(Court Kay Bauer, Ecology House, High Rise 5, Mary Donlon Hall, Mews and Townhouse Apartments should check in at:

Robert Purcell service center during the following hours:

Friday	May 26	4:00pm	2:00am
Saturday	May 27	6:00am	2:00am
Sunday	May 28	6:00am	8:00pm
Monday	May 29	8:00am	Noon

#### **Guests staying in West Campus Houses**

(Cook House, Becker House, Bethe House, Keeton House, and Rose House) should check in at their building's house office main desk during the following hours:

Friday	May 26	4:00pm	8:00pm**
Saturday	May 27	7:30am	6:00pm**
Sunday	May 28	7:30am	8:00pm
Monday	May 29	8:00am	Noon

\*\*After-hour check-ins: The Bethe House Office will be open 4:00pm to 2:00am on Friday, May 26, and 6:00am to 2:00am Saturday, May 27, for West Campus guests.

#### **Guests staying at Ithaca College**

should check in at Emerson Hall during the following hours:

Friday	May 26	4:00pm	11:30pm
Saturday	May 27	8:00am	11:30pm
Sunday	May 28	8:00am	9:00pm
Monday	May 29	8:00am	1:00pm

### **What if my guests plan to arrive after service center hours?**

The graduating senior needs to pick-up the guest room keys during the service center hours. You can then give the keys to your guest when they arrive.

#### **Additional Questions?**

Email: [commencement\\_housing@cornell.edu](mailto:commencement_housing@cornell.edu)

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