

# RESIDENTIAL LIFE

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Living on campus provides students with opportunities for learning outside the classroom, leadership development, social outlets and entertainment.

Mashburn Hall is a four story suite-style residence hall, located across George Rice Drive from the Pope student center. All rooms in Mashburn Hall are equipped with high speed wireless internet and digital cable. All cable, internet, electricity, and water services are provided at no additional cost to the resident. Students must provide their own computer and television if desired.

Each floor has at least two Resident Assistants (RAs). RAs are returning student leaders who are an essential part of the Residential Life team as they assist students in their transition to Dalton State. All of our RAs are friendly and approachable, so feel free to talk to any staff member about any concerns you may have. They are great resources regarding how to get involved on campus and effective study habits. RAs help students learn to live cooperatively with others by developing community, mediating conflicts, and reporting policy violations. In addition, RAs sponsor many programs throughout the year. Stop by the TV in the main lobby to learn more about these events and other timely updates about Mashburn Hall.

At least one RA and Professional Staff member are on duty every day of the week. For assistance after the office and front desk are closed, residents can call the RA on Duty phone number: 706-508-3937.

## Living On Campus

A student must be enrolled in at least 9 credit hours per semester in order to live on-campus. Students will complete a housing application on their MyDaltonState after being accepted to Dalton State College. Students will follow the instructions on the application, review and sign the contract to officially submit your application. The housing contract is your agreement with Dalton State College Residential Life for the entire academic year, and will be held responsible for all fees associated with Residential Life.

## Residential Life Policies

**Accommodations:** Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, students needing housing accommodations must be registered with Andrea Roberson (aroberson@daltonstate.edu or 706-272-2524) in Disability Access and must provide an accommodation approval form. Requests for special accommodations or service animals must be received at least 30 days prior to anticipated occupancy.

**Bicycles:** Bicycles must be parked in racks located in the front of Mashburn Hall and may not be parked in any location that obstructs pedestrian traffic. Bicycles may not be kept in student rooms or stored in any other part of the residence hall. Bike helmet and bike lights are recommended.

**Break Closing:** The college officially closes Mashburn hall during the winter break and only those who have approved for break stay are permitted inside Mashburn during that time period. Residents are not allowed to return to Mashburn Hall until it has officially re-opened. You should be aware that there may be interruption in utility services (i.e., heat, a/c, electricity, water) due to maintenance that can only be accomplished during breaks. During breaks, Corvias and Dalton State College personnel may move furniture or other items in order to service

heating/air conditioning units. Before you leave, be sure to unplug all electronics and take any necessary items before leaving for break.

**Cleaning:** Residents are responsible for keeping their room, bathroom, and suite in a clean and sanitary condition. It is important to develop and follow a cleaning schedule with your roommates or suitemates. Damage and/or cleaning charge of \$125 or more will be assessed for rooms or suites left in unsatisfactory condition at check-out.

**Cooking:** Mashburn Hall has two common kitchens located on the first and third floor in which residents may cook. Residents are responsible for cleaning up after themselves when they use the kitchens. Residents are allowed to bring a microwave (under 1,100 watts) and a mini fridge (under 3.5 cu. Ft.). For the safety of all residents, do not leave food unattended while cooking. A common mistake is to overcook popcorn. Burnt popcorn may activate the fire alarm which causes all residents to evacuate. If your actions cause the Fire Department to respond, you may be billed a \$200 fine in addition to any costs for cleanup and/or restoration.

**Courtesy Hours:** Courtesy hours are in effect at all times; 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in all areas of Mashburn Hall. A student's right to study and sleep will be respected. Residents and their guests will lower their voices and/or volume of their equipment if asked to do so at any time.

**Garbage and Recycling:** Residents are responsible for emptying their own garbage and recycling and transporting it to the trash dumpster.

**Hosting Guests:** Residential students are allowed to host other students at any time as long as it does not interfere with a roommate(s)' right to sleep, study, privacy, and/or normal use of the room (as stipulated by the roommate agreement). Guests as well as other students are limited to a stay of three consecutive nights per week, no more than nine nights in a month. Staying longer than three nights is considered cohabitation and can be documented through the student conduct process. One night is considered staying in a suite, that you are not a resident of, after 12:00am. A resident may have no more than two overnight guests at any one time, provided all roommates/suitemates approve. All residents are responsible for the behavior of their guests at all times. Overnight guests must be at least 16 years of age. All overnight guests must have their vehicles registered with the Residential Life and place the vehicle registration pass in the lower left hand corner of the rear window of their vehicle.

**Laundry:** Laundry rooms are located on each floor in Mashburn Hall. Washers and dryers are owned and operated by an external vendor. Students are responsible for supplying their own detergent, fabric softener and bleach. Laundry that is left in the laundry room for more than 48 hours will be collected and donated.

**Lockouts:** For your personal safety, it is important to lock your room and suite door each time you leave and carry your keys and Roadrunner ID with you at all times. After the 15th day of classes in the fall, residents are billed \$25 each time they request lock out assistance. From 1:00am – 9:00am, the lock out assistance fee is \$50. To request lock out assistance after hours, call the RA on Duty number. Residents may be required to show proof that the keys are in their room and if the keys cannot be produced, the RA will report the keys lost and the students will be billed for a lock change.

**Mail and Packages:** All residential students are assigned a mailbox located in the main lobby of

Mashburn Hall.