Residential Life: Planning for Summer

As the spring term is now upon us, it is important to communicate the end of academic year checkout process for your son or daughter.

The residence halls will close at noon on Friday, May 20. Please ensure your son or daughter has packed their belongings, cleaned their room and checked out of the residence hall by Friday, May 20. Students are responsible for the condition of their room at checkout and should schedule an appointment with their Resident Assistant (RA) once their area of the room is cleaned and all belongings have been removed. The RA will inspect the room, go over any damages and collect room and mailbox keys from your student. Please note all RAs will hold a floor meeting in late April to discuss the checkout process.

If your son or daughter is graduating and participating in the commencement exercises on Saturday, May 21, they have until 5:00 p.m. on that day to check out of the residence halls.

Finally, if your student will be remaining on-campus for summer housing, they will receive instructions in late April regarding the moving process. Residential Life will work with them to move from their current housing assignment to their summer housing assignment. For more information on our summer housing program, please refer to the Charlotte Residential Life webpage. Space is limited!

We hope your son or daughter has enjoyed their residential experience at the Charlotte Campus!

Conferences and Competitions

More than forty-five students have had the opportunity this year to participate in conferences and competitions. Such opportunities allow students to learn more about their chosen profession, club or organization and network with peers and professionals. This issue of the Parent Connection will highlight a few of these rewarding trips. Below, Ice Chippers president Crystal Stanley reflects on a competition the club (pictured above) attended in Boone, NC.

“Our time in Boone was great. The carvings taught us all something and helped better our skills. Each of us chose a design before traveling so a machine could carve a template into each block. Once there, we unveiled our pieces and had an hour to carve out our designs. With all the people there watching and taking pictures, the pressure was on. Each member had their own piece to carve but had professionals there to watch us and help us in any way needed. From the competition aspect, we had three students place. Kristina Baun took first with her angel fish, Lydia Ross took second with a seahorse and Megan Payne was third, carving a goldfish.

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There was also down time as well in Boone. Gary Ross, the owner of Ice Sensations, let us stay in one of his condos he had for the weekend. As a club we bonded even closer. From cooking for each other to just hanging out as a group, we learned more about each other. The trip to Boone was not only good for us as individual carvers, but connected us all in friendship and unity.”

Eleven College of Business students and members of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) attended Harvard Business School’s 20th Annual Dynamic Women in Business conference in February. The students listened to three keynote speakers, attended panel sessions regarding topics such as consulting, entrepreneurship, finance, retail, marketing, sales and social media and participated in a networking lunch.

Student members of the National Society of Minorities in Hospitality (NSMH) attended the 32nd annual NSMH conference in Atlanta, GA. Of the ten students who attended, three were elected to national leadership positions! Joshua Fleming was elected to National Programs Director, Steven Tiller to National Chairman and Fred Jenkins to National Treasurer. NSMH faculty advisor Scott King also won advisor of the year at the conference.

**Knife Kit Sharpening**

**Date:** March 30 and April 19  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Location:** 3rd floor, Academic Center (near Printing & Mailing Services)  
**Cost:** $2 - $5, depending on the style

**Commencement Ceremony**

**Date:** Saturday, May 21, 2011  
**Location:** Time Warner Cable Arena (333 E. Trade Street, Charlotte, NC)  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.  
(Arena opens at 9:00 a.m.)  
**Arrival time for students:** 8:30 a.m.

View our [commencement website](#) for more details, including information regarding student preparation, accommodations and frequently asked questions.

Take a look at the [March student life calendar](#) for current events and activities!