

# LIVING ON

PARENT & FAMILY NEWSLETTER

# CAMPUS

## Welcoming Your College Student Home for the Summer

When college students return home for the summer, the reunion is often a mix of joy, adjustment and rediscovery. Parents look forward to having their young adults back under the same roof, yet the transition can feel surprisingly complex. After months of independence, students come home changed — and it helps to meet them with openness and intention.

Start by setting clear expectations. Conversations about household responsibilities, shared spaces, curfews, work plans and finances are worth having early. Aim for collaboration rather than command, treating them as the adults they're becoming builds trust on both sides. After all, they've been managing their own schedules, solving their own problems, and navigating a world that doesn't revolve around family routines.

Many students return home exhausted and need time to decompress. Letting them rest, sleep in or simply be quiet isn't indulgent — it's recovery. Once they've had space to reset, they're more likely to re-engage with family life in meaningful ways.

Students may struggle with shifting between two different worlds. Listening without judgment often matters more than offering solutions.



**Most of all,  
tell them  
you're glad  
they're home.**

### **AND REMEMBER:**

**They're coming home with new perspectives, skills and confidence. Noticing these changes — and acknowledging them out loud — reinforces their sense of progress and belonging.**

# Has your student renewed their contract to live on campus for 2026-27?

## Contract renewal for on-campus housing began in February.

If your student has not yet made the decision as to where they want to live next year, remind them that convenience boosts academic engagement: a higher GPA and graduation in four years.

Living on campus provides a structured environment that supports good habits - regular meals, easy access to study spaces and a built-in community that helps students stay grounded and motivated. It's a chance to keep growing socially and academically while enjoying the convenience, safety and support systems that campus housing offers. For many students, those extra years on campus become some of the most formative and memorable parts of college life.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- / Most first-year students live on campus for a second year
- / Nearly half of our upper division residents continue living on campus beyond their second year

There is availability remaining in the dorms for the fall. If your student needs assistance in finding a space, please have them call the Housing & Dining office directly at 319-273-2333. Room self-selection is available until May 1.



# Helpful hints to prepare for the end of the academic year

Dorms will close following the end of the spring semester on Saturday, May 16 at 7pm. Students involved in commencement ceremonies may be allowed to stay until 9am, Sunday, May 17, with prior approval from their Residence Life Coordinator.

## PREPARE FOR CHECK-OUT:

1. Start packing now! Your student has probably accumulated more items than when you dropped them off at move-in, and there may not be enough free time during finals week to pack it all.
2. Contact any mail subscriptions to update your address. Amazon is a great example of this.
3. Students will check-out via Check-Out Envelopes. Envelopes and instructions will be provided to every student.
4. Roommates should work together to prepare their room for check-out. This includes removing personal belongings, removing items from walls, taking trash and recycling out, sweeping/vacuuming floors, and wiping down all shelves, sink, countertop and desks. On move-out day, please remove university provided mattress cover and place at end of the bed.
5. Pay any outstanding university charges. Your student should check their u-bill to view remaining charges and to avoid late fees.
6. For students spending the summer in Cedar Falls, housing on campus is available. Students can live on campus for the summer whether they are enrolled in summer courses. Students wanting to live on campus this summer need to complete a summer housing contract. See article on page 4 for more information about summer housing.
7. For more information on check-out procedures, please refer to page 7 of the Guide to Living on Campus - [uhd.uni.edu/housing/standards-conduct](http://uhd.uni.edu/housing/standards-conduct) or speak with your corresponding Hall Office, Mail & Information Desk, RA or Residence Life Coordinator.



**Summer will be here before we know it!**





# SUMMER HOUSING

*Students can live on campus all summer!*

Panther Village and Trailside Apartments are open during the summer for students wishing to live on campus. So, if your student planning to stay in the Cedar Falls area this summer for classes, work, an internship or otherwise, they should consider the convenience and affordability of living on campus. Summer housing is available to all students regardless of whether they are enrolled in summer courses. Students currently living off-campus, along with Hawkeye Community College and Allen students, are also welcome to take advantage of on-campus summer housing.

Summer housing contracts are now being accepted, visit [uhd.uni.edu/contract](http://uhd.uni.edu/contract) to access the housing contract. Summer housing begins Saturday, May 16.

Students with a fall housing contract and enrolled in fall classes can stay continuously through August so long as they have a summer housing contract that begins on or before the first day of the July four-week academic term. Students enrolled in summer courses, but not enrolled in fall classes are eligible to stay through the end of the summer term but may require relocation to accommodate fall move-in. Students enrolled in fall classes living off campus can stay through the last Friday in July. Students graduating in May can stay through Friday of the week containing May 31.

**Accelerate  
your degree  
with summer  
coursework.**

Help your student make strides toward graduation! UNI provides a wide range of summer classes designed to fast-track degree progress. Financial aid and job opportunities are available to support their plans. Explore summer course offerings at [summer.uni.edu](http://summer.uni.edu) and help your students make the most of their summer.



# SUMMER & FALL

# Employment Opportunities



## SUMMER Employment

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STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO WORK 40 HOURS PER WEEK DURING THE SUMMER.

### Facilities:

- / **Custodial Assistant** – Primary responsibilities include general cleaning of dorm rooms
- / **Painter Assistant** – Assist with the set up and clean-up of painting projects, surface preparation, area protection and paint application

**APPLY NOW**



## FALL Employment

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IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO APPLY TO WORK ON CAMPUS THIS FALL!

### Housing:

- / **Administrative Assistant** – Assist with the administration of Roth and Trailside and provide leadership and direction for the front desk
- / **Desk Assistant** – Work at Roth and Trailside and support and uphold hall and university policies and procedures, and assist with the administration of the dorms
- / **Student Desk Manager** – Mail & Information Desk assistance to residents regarding personal, interpersonal and academic concerns
- / **Student Support Assistant** – Work at the Mail & Information Desk and support and uphold hall and university policies and procedures, and assist with the administration of the dorms

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### Dining:

- / **Dining Service Assistant** – Work in the dining halls, catering or retail stores

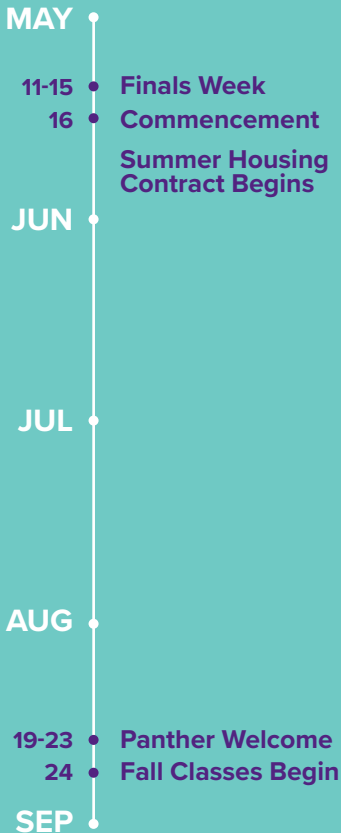
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# Congratulations to our graduating student staff!



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES



For a complete listing of upcoming events, see the UNI Calendar:  
[unicalendar.uni.edu](http://unicalendar.uni.edu)

### HOUSING

Mark Brooks  
Hillary Burken  
Aubri Christiansen  
Landon Clay  
Kaela Clemen  
Willow Corse  
Catie Head  
Hailey Hines  
Carly Hope  
Tatum Iverson  
Nathan Kasal  
Josie Koenigs  
Kennedy Leonard  
Ian Less  
Zach Loerts  
Ryan Madden  
Gwenn Moran  
Allison Mullen  
Nichole Peters  
Skylar Redford  
Alaynah Reick  
Jazmyn Sellers  
Jordan Smith  
Kaylee Tigner  
Laura Turnbull  
Cecilia Venenga  
Yanting Wang  
Ellen Waynawhere  
Jocelyn Wells  
Abi Wenke  
Garrett Zieser

### DINING

Braedynn Batson  
Tara Bonsall  
Katelyn Braga  
Alivia Cline  
Laura Comstock  
Payton Cozzens  
Justice Dyer  
Jesse Hokanson  
Karen Garcia Bautista  
Carter Koeppen  
Caitlin McCabe  
Jacey Ordal  
Hannah Pietila  
Alyssa Pudlido  
Kayah Rowe  
Paige Rummel  
Madeline Schomer  
Lily Stevens  
Allison Stewart  
Shelby Swick  
Allison Tamblyn  
Natalie Walker



Send a  
“HUG FROM HOME”

Finals week is May 11-15 and Commencement is May 16. Let your student know you're thinking of them during this stressful and exciting time with a Hugs from Home care package.

**FUEL UP FOR FINALS – \$45.00**    **HAPPY & HEALTHY – \$31.00**

The perfect pick-me-up to get your special student through finals week! Packed with writing utensils and note cards, as well as high-protein snacks and energy drinks - a treat for those late-night study sessions!

**RISE & SHINE – \$36.00**

Includes two Pop Tarts, cereal, oatmeal, Nutrigrain bar, Special K bar, Clif Bar, box of granola bars, frosted donuts, honey bun, orange juice and a Dunkin Mocha.

**SNACK ATTACK – \$31.00**

Includes Chex Mix, Pringles, Doritos, Cheez-Its, Sour Patch Kids, gummies, a candy bar, cookies, sucker and a two-liter bottle of pop.

Includes pretzels, sunflower seeds, Twizzlers, trail mix, Nutrigrain bar, granola bar, Goldfish, popcorn, fresh fruit, gum and a bottle of juice.

**ALL NIGHTER – \$36.00**

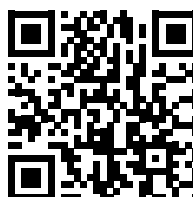
Includes Chex Mix, Mini Oreos, M&Ms, Clif bar, Awake bar, gum, a 5-Hour Energy, Reign and Dunkin beverage.

**PARTY COOKIE – \$31.00**

Personalized 12” chocolate chip cookie with two boxes of candy, four suckers and a 12-pack of pop.



SHOP ONLINE



More packages available online. With plenty of options to choose from, parents can send encouragement, birthday wishes or a get well message any time of the year.

[uhd.uni.edu/services/hugs-home](http://uhd.uni.edu/services/hugs-home)



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