We hope your midterms are going well! In this week’s email, you’ll find pertinent information about changing your Meal Plan, winter break, paying for spring housing and more. Scroll down for details.

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Meal Plan Changes
Residents interested in increasing or decreasing their Meal Plan for the spring semester may stop by the housing office to complete a Meal Plan Change Form. We encourage students to submit the form as soon as possible as spring 2019 charges are due on November 13. Cancellation requests will be accepted starting October 8 by submitting a Petition to Cancel with supporting documentation.

Not Returning For Spring?
Students requesting to break their License Agreement for spring 2019 for room or board may submit the Petition to Cancel Form with supporting documentation starting October 8.

The Great California ShakeOut: October 18, 10:18 a.m.
On Thursday, October 18, at 10:18 a.m., our campus and residential facilities will participate in the Great California ShakeOut. At precisely 10:18 a.m., take a few minutes to locate a safe place to “duck and cover” as you would in the event of a real earthquake. Afterwards, the fire alarms will sound and we’ll evacuate. Remember to comply with the evacuation alarm and the directions of Housing and Residence Life staff. For more information on evacuation sites, see the next announcement.

Earthquake Preparedness Procedure
In the event of an earthquake, please remain in your apartment and find a secure and sheltered space away from windows and glass. The proper procedure is to drop, cover and hold until the major event has subsided. Based on the type of emergency, it may be necessary to evacuate buildings.

Students must comply with the evacuation alarm and the directions of Housing and Residence Life staff. The Evacuation Site for Phase I and Phase II is in the far northeast corner of Lot 7. The evacuation location for GEA is on the grassy median on Mariondale, just south of GEA. A Cal State LA staff member will give you instructions after your arrival to the evacuation sites. Remain in these designated areas until you are accounted for and given permission to leave the area and re-enter your apartment.

**Winter Session 2019**
Have you considered taking classes during winter break through the College of Professional and Global Education (PaGE)? Courses are only three weeks long and can help you graduate faster. Registration begins October 16. Visit the [Winter Session 2019 webpage](https://www.csula.edu/winter-session) for more information.

**Eagle Patrol: Public Safety Escort Service**
Do you stay late on campus for classes or events? Call the Public Safety Office to get an escort back to housing. The service is offered by Public Safety 24/7 and is free. Get additional [Public Safety Escort Service information here](https://www.csula.edu/security-public-safety/escort).

**Eagle Alert Emergency Notifications**
In case of a campus emergency, Cal State LA automatically notifies currently enrolled students by sending a message to your Cal State LA email and cell phone. Make sure your number has been updated on file so you can receive [Eagle Alerts](https://www.csula.edu/eagle-alert).

**Money Matters**

**Spring Housing Charges – Check Your GET Account**
Spring 2019 housing fees will be added to your GET account soon. The full payment is due Thursday, November 1, for students paying per semester. If you are paying per installment, your first payment is due Thursday, November 1, and your second payment is due December 1.

**Don’t Jeopardize Your Financial Aid**
You may lose your financial aid if you’re not enrolled in at least 12 units for the upcoming spring semester, or if your grades are below the GPA requirement. Please read the current Satisfactory Academic Policy (SAP) in order to maintain continued funding during your attendance at Cal State LA. Review the [SAP Policy here](https://www.csula.edu/financial-aid/financial-aid-policy).

**2019–2020 Free Application For Student Financial Aid (FAFSA) Information**
The 2019–2020 FAFSA launched on October 1, 2018. [The Center for Student Financial Aid](https://www.csula.edu/financial-aid/apply-fafsa) will have information sessions on campus to help answer your FAFSA questions. The scheduled will be available soon. Visit their webpage for details. Remember that the 2019–2020 priority funding consideration deadline is March 2, 2019. Apply early!

**Start Planning And Saving For Housing Winter Break**
When: December 15, 2018 – January 18, 2019; total of five weeks.
Who’s Eligible: Students who have housing agreements through spring semester 2019 are eligible to live on campus during winter break and intersession.

Who’s Not Eligible: Students finishing their coursework in fall 2018, studying abroad in the spring, withdrawing from the University or approved for an early termination of their housing agreement, and new spring 2019 applicants are not eligible for winter break.

How to Apply: **Winter break housing is not part of the Academic Year 2018–2019 License Agreement.** If you wish to contract for housing during the winter break, then you will be required to complete a Winter Agreement Addendum. The Agreement Addendum will be available late October and must be completed by November 15, 2018.

How to Pay: Winter break financial aid is not available due to a short agreement so fees for winter-break housing will have to be paid out-of-pocket and in-full by the requested deadline. Options for payment plans are not available. If you plan to stay during winter break, start saving money now or put aside a portion of your fall financial aid disbursement.

**Events & Opportunities**

**Cooking Is Golden Tonight, 6–7 p.m.**
Learn to cook healthy food on a budget. The second of six classes is tonight from 6–7 p.m. in the Dining Commons’ Private Dining Room. Win prizes every week. Those who attend every session will be entered in a raffle to win a grand prize, but you can just drop in for one. If you want to cook, wear closed-toe shoes and pull your hair back.

**Run/Walk with Res Ed: Every Mon. and Thurs. at 7:30 p.m.**
Join us for a weekly walk or run around campus on Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Meet at the Housing Basketball Courts for a quick stretch before we begin.

**Residence Hall Association (RHA) Meeting, October 11, 6:30 p.m.**
Want to make a difference in your community? We are looking for creative and enthusiastic people to help us plan events. Join us on Thursday, October 11, to get involved with RHA. Find out more about [RHA online](#). (Phase II Lounge)
Study Abroad Information Sessions (Date & Times Vary)
Do you have your heart set on studying abroad? Get additional information and find out how to receive financial support to make your dream come true. Check out the different information sessions online. (Locations vary)

U-SU Calendar of Events
The University-Student Union has a variety of cultural, social, musical and entertaining events throughout the year. Check out their calendar for upcoming events.

Now Hiring Mentors: Final Deadline November 13
College Spring is looking to hire mentors to work with high school students during the spring semester. Get more information and apply online: CollegeSpring Mentors.

Reminders

Facilities Announcements
- Reporting Pests
  If you see pests in your apartment, please report it right away by filling out a Work Order.
- Wireless Laundry Facilities
  Did you know that you can check on the status of your laundry from the comfort of your own home computer or cell phone by logging into this laundry website? Check how many minutes you have left on your machine or have an email or text sent to you when your laundry is complete. For advice on how to use our laundry machines, watch this video.
- Tips On Keeping Your Air Conditioning (AC) Running
  - Avoid Tampering With Your AC
    Tampering with your AC unit can damage or even break it. If you have concerns that your AC is not working properly, please submit a Work Order.
  - Keep It Set Between 75–78 Degrees
    On hot days, it can be tempting to turn your thermostat to a very cool temperature, but we recommend setting it in the range of 75–78 degrees. Keeping the settings in this range will maximize the efficiency and life span of the AC unit. In addition, setting it too low will cause it to run not stop and could cause it to break down.
• Turn Off Your AC When You Leave
  Help us save energy by turning it off when you leave your apartment.

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