

## LSU on-campus residents have higher GPA

Every semester the Department of Residential Life conducts a grade study of LSU students to evaluate the academic standing of on-campus compared to off-campus students. The report from fall semester 2006 reveals that students who lived in LSU residence halls, residential colleges and East and West Campus Apartments (ECA and WCA) earned higher marks overall than their off-campus counterparts. The average GPA for all freshman females living on campus in fall 2006 was 2.950 compared to an average GPA of 2.732 for freshman females living off campus. On-campus freshman males also averaged higher grades (2.801) than their off-campus peers (2.646). On-campus sophomore males and females also performed better than off-campus sophomores. Residential Life uses this information to improve the academic environment in the residence halls, residential colleges, ECA and WCA by developing activities and services that provide more academic support where residents need it. The findings from fall semester 2006 highlight the academic benefits of the on-campus experience, where communities with the overall highest GPAs were the two honors halls, East and West Laville at 3.373 and 3.251 respectively, followed by East Campus Apartments (3.098), Miller (3.040) and Evangeline (3.011). In addition, Residential Life is especially proud of our student staff or RAs and RCRA's, of which 17 were on the Dean's List and 8 were on the Chancellor's Honor Roll. Research shows that participating in study groups can increase a student's academic success, and could result in improved grades. The academic initiatives in on-campus housing provide LSU students the tools they need to succeed. By exclusively housing only LSU students, we continue to strive to provide the learning environment and services to support student's academic achievement. Residence halls are a natural setting for study groups, the development of faculty-student relationships, and easy access to academic support services is just another convenience of living on campus.

