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LSU Residential Life to open new Mass Communication (MCRC) Residential College in fall 2010

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LSU Department of Residential Life is excited to announce the opening of the new Mass Communication Residential College (MCRC) in fall 2010. This residential college is specifically designed to offer an educational and social community for the next generation of journalism, public relations, advertising, and political communication professionals. The program will be open to first- and second-year students, or any undergraduate international exchange students who are enrolled in the Manship School of Mass Communication. The MCRC will be home to approximately 100 students who will live in Jackson Hall, part of the Pentagon living and learning community. Residents in the MCRC will have the opportunity to engage in activities that will strengthen both their educational and professional careers.



Jackson Hall – in Pentagon Community



The Journalism Building

Residential Life is working closely with the Manship School of Mass Communication developing learning objectives, activities, course requirements and course offerings. Students will take at least two classes every semester with other MCRC students in one of the on-site community classrooms, and will have priority scheduling for their mass communication classes. There will be on-site academic advisors, study groups, an AP writing style tutoring program, and a one-on-one mentoring program designed to help new residents adjust to college life both socially and educationally.



Students take classes in on-site community classrooms

The MCRC, and our other residential colleges, provide a component of student life that interfaces learning both inside and outside the classroom and improves the academic atmosphere of LSU. An important part of the mission of the MCRC is to help acclimate students to the diversity of the mass communication field and empower them for successful careers. The Manship faculty and staff will conduct a variety of special seminars on topics such as resume writing and business etiquette to give students a head start in the professional environment.

Residential Life will make several improvements to Jackson Hall prior to fall 2010; the rooms will be painted, all the bathrooms will be remodeled, and the build-in wardrobes will be replaced with new moveable ones. Recently, Residential Life added brick and wrought iron gates between the five buildings of the Pentagon Community. The Pentagon courtyard is a popular community common area for residents, and the enclosing of the courtyard with card-access gates provides additional privacy as well as improved security. The Pentagon buildings are on the historical register, and the gates were designed to complement the architectural style of these historic buildings.



The Mass Communication Residential College will be our eighth residential college, joining four other discipline-based residential colleges; Agriculture, Business, Engineering, and the Basic Sciences Residential College, which opens in fall 2009. Residential Life also offers three cross-discipline residential colleges; Informational Technology, Herget and Global Studies which are open to all majors. The LSU Residential Colleges Program is included in the LSU Quality Enhancement Plan supporting the renewal of LSU's accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The program is vibrant and growing and has attained respect among peer institutions. Residential Life's entire living and learning program spans 17 residences halls that house our eight residential colleges, the Honors House, four Freshman Interest Groups, and four traditional communities. Learn more about Residential Life's living and learning programs at www.lsu.edu/housing.