

## Why live on campus?

Each year most of our SCSU freshmen and many upperclassmen choose to live on campus. Living on campus contributes to greater satisfaction with student college experiences and academic success. National research shows that students living on campus:

- Are more satisfied with their living environments
- Are more likely to graduate and to enter graduate school
- Meet more diverse people
- Are exposed to a wide range of ideas and cultures
- Develop strong interpersonal skills
- Finish college in less time
- Have increased contact with faculty and other students
- Are more likely to develop a healthy self-esteem

## Great location

Living on campus puts you within walking distance of your classes, labs, the library, theater and athletic facilities. You will save time that you can reinvest in your academic work, co-curricular interests, and pre-professional experiences. Additionally, University Dining Services offers a wide variety of options for value and convenience. Dining locations throughout campus include a traditional dining hall, convenience stores, and specialty restaurants in the Adanti Student Center.

## Achieve academic success

Living on campus supports students as they work towards achieving academic success, admission to their academic programs of choice, and preparations for professional certifications. A review of SCSU students' cumulative GPAs over the years show that students who live on campus have higher GPAs than those living off campus. How does living on campus help raise GPAs? Here are just a few reasons:

- Live among people of common interests and majors
- Benefit from high-speed internet connection in your room
- Access residence hall computer labs
- Nightly quiet hours create environments conducive to individual and small-group studying
- Residence Hall staff members organize educational programs that support academic success

## Take the lead

Living on campus will provide you with many student leadership opportunities. By developing your leadership skills on campus, you will be prepared to be an active leader in your future career and community.

**Residence Hall Councils:** Getting involved with your Hall Council, the student-run governing body is a great way for you to meet others and develop skills in organizing and hosting events. Hall Councils plan educational and social activities, recommend improvements, and advise on policy issues.

**The Residence Hall Association (RHA):** Joining RHA, the governing body for all the halls, is an excellent way to meet new people, plan campus activities, and develop further leadership skills.

You can also get involved in many volunteer service projects or apply for one of the over 250 student employment positions including the **Resident Advisor (RA)** position that's offered through the Office of Residence Life.

### **Make friends and broaden your horizons**

In your hall, you will meet people from around the state, country, and world. It will not take long to make new friends and memories that will last a lifetime.

Other advantages of on-campus living are countless opportunities for involvement. Movies, field trips, theatrical and musical performances, workshops, guest speakers, sports, and impromptu gatherings are just a few of the many activities awaiting you and your friends. In addition, the Residence Hall staff host over 300 social, cultural, and educational programs to enrich the quality of life.

### **Great housing options**

I invite you to explore the nine residence halls that make up our residential community through a scheduled campus visit or a virtual tour on our website, [www.southernct.edu/residencelife/](http://www.southernct.edu/residencelife/). We offer single, double, and triple-occupancy rooms for first and second year students.

We hope that you will consider joining us on campus next year!

-Office of Residence Life