Greetings Transfer Student,

On behalf of the Office of Residential Life & Housing, I am excited to welcome you to Clark University. I know the information you care about is your room and roommate (or whether you got that single you asked for), but after you skim to that info, hopefully do a happy victory dance around the house, group text all of your friends, and search for your roommate on Facebook… COME BACK AND READ THIS WHOLE EMAIL!!! You are responsible for knowing everything in it, and you will quickly learn that “I didn’t read it” is not a viable excuse at Clark! Enclosed in this email you will find a vast amount of information regarding your room assignment, residential life services available to you, and even information about your RA’s, so be sure to read all the way to the bottom and click all the links!!!! If you have any questions about your housing assignment or the other information contained in this email, feel free to e-mail me at kforti@clarku.edu.

On behalf of the entire RLH staff, we all look forward to meeting you in August and welcoming you into the Clark community. We hope the rest of your summer is relaxing and peaceful.

Sincerely,

Kevin Forti
Director, Residential Life and Housing

YOUR ASSIGNMENT:

You have been assigned to the following room for the 2011-2012 academic year:

Hall: Johnson Hall
Room: 0100
Room Type: D (Double)
Room Charge: $2,250 Fall Semester, $1,750 Spring Semester
Room Phone: 7951234
Your Campus Mail Box: Box 1234

For details on housing rates and payments please visit our room rates webpage or contact your Student Accounts Counselor.

About your room assignment:
All first year and transfer room assignments are done “by hand” by our professional staff members. Whenever possible, the Residential Life and Housing Office has paired you and your roommate based upon numerous factors based on the roommate preferences you indicated on your Transfer Housing request form. In the case of single rooms, it is more difficult to assign students to the building of their choice because we only have limited singles available.

Unfortunately, it is sometimes not possible to assign all Transfer Students to their first choice of Residence Hall, especially when those requests are for buildings already filled with returning students. If we were unable to assign you to the hall you requested and you would like to be considered should space open up in the future, please let me know via email. Please understand there is no guarantee spaces will open up… its entirely dependent on whether students leave Clark. In some cases, during the summer you may be notified by email that your room assignment has changed or you are being relocated to another building as it is sometimes necessary to consolidate rooms in the event of a student deferring or choosing not to attend Clark.

What to bring:
It is often difficult to decide what you will need at College. We have some suggestions about what you should and should not bring with you to Clark. You can find this information and much more on the What To Bring page.
Arriving on campus:
Residence Halls open for Transfer Students at 9:00AM on Thursday, August 25th. Please plan to enter campus via Downing Street from Main Street. Greeters will be on hand to direct you to your residence hall. If you live more than 500 miles from Clark, you may request to arrive on campus a day early on Wednesday, August 26th (residence halls will open at 12:00 noon and you can pick up your key at the RLH Office located at 22 Downing Street). If you have not done so already and wish to request this 500 mile allowance, please email me with your request by August 1, 2011. Requests received after this date may not be able to be honored. Please note that this exception ONLY applies to students whose permanent address is 500 or more miles from Clark University, and only for the fall semester of your first year at Clark. This early arrival exception is intended to allow students from far distances arrive in time for the start of orientation, and is therefore not necessary in subsequent openings. Should you require late departure or early arrival permission in the future you will have the opportunity to extend your housing contract for a nominal fee as outlined in the Housing Contract. If you will be attending one of the special orientation programs, are an athlete, or have other permission to arrive early, you will be receiving instructions about your arrival in other mailings this summer or from your host program.

ON-CAMPUS SERVICES:

Mail Services
As indicated above, your on campus mailbox is: Box 1234. This is your mailbox for your entire Clark Career. To avoid delays in mail delivery, do not list your campus box as a P.O. Box. Mail addressed to you at Clark should be postmarked as follows:

Clark Transfer Student
Campus Box 1234
Clark University
950 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01610

You may send packages to yourself before you arrive on campus. These packages will be held at Mail Services and can be picked up when you arrive. Mail Services will be open during Orientation for you to pickup any mail you have already received.

Dining Services:
Some of you may have already selected a meal plan when you were filling out your housing applications, however if you have not done so, or are considering a change, you should be sure to check out the various options available through Clark Dining Services. This year Dining Services has completely reworked all of their meal plans to make them more flexible than ever! If you did not pick a different plan, you are automatically enrolled in the All Access Plan. If you decide you want to change your plan to something else, you can do so by contacting your Student Accounts Counselor.

Included Laundry:
A few years ago the Residential Life and Housing Office revolutionized our campus laundry facilities, bringing in new, high efficiency laundry machines which in keeping with Clark’s energy sustainability goals have saved tremendous amounts of water and electricity. Each year these new machines save over 500,000 gallons of water, including over 180,000 gallons of hot water. These machines are bigger and hold more clothes, while also getting those clothes cleaner. The best part is that it’s all free to students living on campus! Yes, all laundry on campus is free. The only laundry fee you may pay is if you deem a warm or hot water wash is necessary. In that case, you will need to deposit 50 cents into the machine to activate the hot water. We believe that cold water washes are just as effective as hot water, and saving hot water saves large amounts of energy and helps our environment.

Advanced Cable TV Services:
If you live in a residence hall or a Clark owned house, Clark provides you with basic/expanded cable TV services as well as access to the Internet via the Clark computing wired and wireless network. The Basic/Expanded cable service provided by Charter Communications offers students access to all the analog channels charter offers (generally channels 1-100) as well as unscrambled High Definition network channels (if you have a HDTV with a QUAM tuner that can pick these channels up). If you would like additional cable TV services or your own dedicated, high speed Internet connection, you can contract directly with Charter to access options such as Digital Cable, HD Services, Premium Channels, DVR/Cable Boxes, etc. Pricing for these services are based upon the incremental upgrade rates you would pay to add the service to a residential plan. For example, if you wanted to add a cable box to your home, you would pay an extra $5.00 per month.
over your base bill. Because Clark pays the basic bill for its residents, students only pay the extras for the add-ons. For more details on pricing please see the current Charter Flyer. If you are interested in ordering you can visit the Charter Truck during Week One, or contact them using the information found on our Cable Services webpage.

Vending Machines:
You will find vending machines all over campus and in your residence hall. These machines operate on coins or cash, and also accept cash card (money you may choose to apply to your student ID which can be used for on-campus food purchases, as well as at local restaurants). Please respect these machines. If they are misused or vandalized they will be removed and you and your hall-mates will be billed for them (and they are not cheap!)

OUTSIDE VENDOR SERVICES:

Microfridge Rentals:
In a separate mailing you may have received information from Collegiate Concepts, which is a company which offers our students the opportunity to rent a new or used microfridge unit. Please note that the only microwaves permitted in the residence halls are those built into the microfridge units, as they use less energy and are safe for the wiring in the residence halls. You can find out more information and place your rental order at their website: www.collegefridge.com

Laundry Services:
Keep an eye out in your mail for information from E&R Cleaners. E&R provides our students with a variety of laundry services, from washing and drying, to dry cleaning, to linen and towel rentals. E&R Cleaners even has a convenient drop off/pickup office in Maywood Street Hall. If you would like more information, refer to the mailing sent to you or check out http://www.eandrcleaners.com.

Storage Opportunities:
While it may seem like a lifetime away now as you start packing for college, your first year at Clark will fly by, and before you know it, it will be time to pack your residence hall room and move on home. If you live a great distance away, or would prefer not to have to move everything home with you, you should begin exploring collegeboxes.com. Collegeboxes is Clark’s partner storage provider. They will pick up your packages on campus in the spring, store them for you, and drop them back in your room so that they are waiting for you when you return in the fall. They also offer shipping services to send your belongings to and from your home.

Bed Linen Program:
Our Bookstore has partnered with a company that provides a linen program offered as a convenience for students. Some students have trouble finding sheets to fit the extra long beds on campus, and this company provides the proper linens and can offers special student discounts and free shipping on most orders. click here to view linen options and place orders.  Linen Program

YOUR RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCE:

Having been assigned to Johnson Hall, we thought it would be a great opportunity to let you know a little about your new home, and the staff who will be there to assist you as you embark on this exciting new phase of your life. Johnson Hall is home to up to 160 Residents - including 4 Resident Advisers (RAs). Floor charts and more information can be found online here as well. The Johnson Hall RAs wanted to introduce themselves, and below is a little information they have provided for us to share with you:

Meet the Johnson Hall RAs!

Juliette Coatsworth
Hey there future Johnson Hallers!
My name is Juliette (Jules) Coatsworth and I will be your RA for the oncoming semester. I'll let you know a bit about myself, Clark, and Worcester and will be more than happy to answer any additional questions you might have!
First of all, I am a junior, class of 2013, and I am originally from Glastonbury, Connecticut, which is about a hour southwest from Worcester. I am majoring in psychology with a minor in management and am in a handful of clubs, such as the Student Alumni Relations Committee (SARC), Psi Chi, and the Business Insight Committee (BIC). When I'm not busy with school, work, or being an RA, you will most likely catch me playing xbox, guitar, watching action movies, or running around outside and enjoying the weather.
Clark is a great place and hopefully you will feel at home with all the other Clarkies on and off campus. Johnson Hall is in the Fuller Quad, along with Sanford Hall (a first year hall) and Dodd Hall (an all class, females only hall), tucked away in one of the corners of the Clark Campus. Everything is easy to get to and only a few minute walk! Hopefully, you will come to love Johnson as a home.

A few things you may want to keep in mind while packing:

- a raincoat/umbrella/rainboots/snowboots: it is definitely a drag being wet during a class
- a brita filter or some sort of water pitcher: there are kitchens on every floor so it's incredibly easy to use the provided facilities
- bed risers: some beds have built in risers and some don't, and it is incredibly handy to store things under your bed
- a fan: it's not usually so bad, and last year, it wasn't terribly hot at all, but it can get to be melting hot, so a nice fan can really make everything seem more enjoyable

That's it! Like I said, don't hesitate to email me if you have any questions or comments of any sort. Otherwise, I'll see you during Week One! -Jules

Matt Thompson

Hello Johnson Hall Resident! My name is Matt Thompson, the ravishing Johnson Basement RA for 2011-2012. I'm a sophomore Psychology major with a Biology minor reigning from the small town of Oxford, Massachusetts who's pumped for my first year as an RA. On campus, I'm involved with Clark's Concert Band, Jazz Workshop, intramural soccer, and a few other clubs and organizations. I'm a big fan of being goofy, running, anything musical, food, and having a good time. If you were to stop by my room, you'd most likely find me creeping on Facebook, jamming on the keyboard, eating Cheez-its, or hanging out with friends. During the school year, feel free to stop by anytime! And in the meantime, if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns about anything at all don’t hesitate to email me at mthompson@clarku.edu. So stoked for what I’m sure will be a great year! -Matt

Elena Stocchiero

Dear Johnson Hall Residents, My name is Elena Stocchiero, and I will be the Head Resident Advisor of Johnson Hall this year. I want to congratulate with you for having been chosen to become part of the Clark community, I am sure you will love it and you will become fundamental members of it as every Clark student is. I am currently a third year student at Clark and I am majoring in Philosophy and International Relations. I assure you that you will discover how Clark is a place full of resources and opportunities and, particularly, I hope I can help you making it even more enjoyable. Remember that I will be present and available for you in any occasion and I will do my best to help you out throughout the year. Last, but not least, I wish you a great year together at Clark and an amazing end of summer. –Elena

Paul Puiia

Hello, everybody. My name is Paul Puiia (…poo-ya) and I am a sophomore at Clark University. I am majoring in Art History (with a focus on modern art and industrial design) and Geography. I’m originally from Scarborough, Maine but as of this week live in Tucson, Arizona (I’m sitting in a new house, 107 degrees Fahrenheit outside, lizards everywhere, surrounded by boxes yet to be unpacked). A few things about me: I love music, and do a lot of production and play guitar (I play anything from “post-rock” to doom). My favorite movie is 2001: a Space Odyssey. When I watch T.V. I watch Tim and Eric Awesome Show Great Job, Metalocalypse, Spongebob, and Late Night with Jimmy Fallon. My favorite album of this year so far is “Hardcore will Never Die but You Will” by Mogwai. I’m greatly looking forward to meeting everybody and being your RA. This will be my first year as an RA, but don’t worry: I guess there’s a lot of training that I’ll have before you all arrive at Johnson Hall. I promise, based on my experience, that we’re going to have a fun (and productive, and exciting, and reasonably quickly-passing) year together. -Paul