



# ON-CAMPUS

RESIDENTIAL LIFE NEWSLETTER

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**WELCOME!**

Residential Life would like to welcome you to Spring 2011! Whether you are a returning student or an entering student, we encourage you to get involved in your community. This is your home away from home; please take the opportunity to make it safe and friendly. The Residential Life staff, Resident Assistants (RA), Building/Residence Hall Managers (BM/RHM), and Resident Counselors (RC) are here to help you succeed not only academically, but with your personal growth and development, so do not hesitate to let us know how we can help YOU!

**All Residents New for Spring 2011.**

**Want overnight visitation?**  
**NEVER lived in FIT residence halls?**  
**You must complete/attend:**

1. Complete [Mystudentbody.com](http://Mystudentbody.com): Essentials Course
  2. Attend 1st Floor Meeting Monday, January 25, 2011 at 10pm on your floor
  3. Attend Residence Hall Orientation Presentation Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at Business & Technology—2-3PM Art & Design—3-4PM
  5. Complete Orientation Survey: link will be sent to your FIT email
- DIDN'T live in FIT Residence Halls Fall '10 (but have lived in the halls prior to '10)? You must complete:**
1. [Mystudentbody.com](http://Mystudentbody.com): Essentials Course

Follow instructions sent to your FIT email

**All residents returning from Fall 2010 please check your visitation card for any outstanding requirements.**

**HOT  
NUMBERS  
PHONE NUMBERS  
YOU SHOULD KNOW**

**RESIDENTIAL LIFE  
27TH STREET 212-217-3900  
KAUFMAN HALL 212-217-3930**

**HEALTH SERVICES 212-217-4190**

**COUNSELING CENTER 212-217-4260**

**SECURITY 212-217-7777**

**INTERNET ISSUES 212-217-HELP  
CABLE ISSUES 212-217-4357**

**MAINTENANCE ISSUES 212-217-4440**  
(leaks, repairs, etc.)

**COLLEGE CLOSINGS 212-217-7792**

For a full directory, please visit:  
<http://www.fitnyc.edu/4733.asp>

**LAUNDRY VIEW**

We are very excited to announce the Laundryview project is now complete in Coed and Kaufman Halls. Resident students in Coed & Kaufman will be able to view the laundry rooms via the internet, see the availability of machines, and receive a text message alert when their laundry cycles are completed.

Visit: [www.laundryview.com/fitnyc](http://www.laundryview.com/fitnyc)

**NEED TO CHANGE YOUR MEAL PLAN?**

The last day to change your meal plan is:  
**Wednesday, February 2nd at 4pm.**

After this date you will not be able to change your meal plan. Before selecting a meal plan, please go to <http://www.fit.campusdish.com> to learn all about your dining options. To change your meal plan go to your MyHousing@FIT - MyHousing - Dining plans. Remember unused balance dollars cannot be refunded and must be used by the end of the spring semester.

# HOUSING LOTTERY FOR FALL '11/SPRING '12

Are you considering living on campus for Fall '11/Spring '12? Our application and Housing Lottery will be starting soon. Look for detailed information posted on your floor and sent to you via emails. Don't miss out! All students have until March 10, 2011 to fill out the online housing application to be eligible for fall housing.

Returning students will be placed in Kaufman Hall. Want to see what Kaufman looks like? There will be tours of Kaufman! Check the March newsletter for dates and times.

## WHY LIVE ON CAMPUS?

### TOP TEN REASONS:

1. **SECURITY**...24/7 Security Guards in lobbies and video surveillance
2. **CONVENIENT**...Short walk to academic buildings and public transportation
3. **LIVE-IN STAFF**...available for emergencies
4. **WIRELESS INTERNET AND CABLE TV**
5. **LAUNDRY FACILITIES**...in every residence hall
6. **WORKROOMS**...with 24 hour access
7. **ONE BILL**...No monthly rent or utility payments. Never worry about monthly rent payments during recess periods. Payment plans are available through FIT
8. **FREE ON-CAMPUS FITNESS CENTER AND RECREATION CLASSES**
9. **MAINTENANCE STAFF**...on call
10. **VIBRANT COMMUNITY**...Live and learn with your peers in a creative environment

VALENTINE'S DAY IN NYC

Top 10 Romantic Places in New York City  
 New York City is filled with great places for romance. New York City is one of the most romantic cities. Check out these romantic places if you're looking to impress your sweetheart on Valentine's Day!

1. **Central Park:** From Carriage Rides in Central Park and boat rides below Bow Bridge, to Bevedere Castle and the Conservatory Garden, Central Park may just be New York City's most romantic place
2. **Top of the Empire State Building:** If you're looking for an amazing view that's sure to impress, there's nothing that beats the sights from atop the Empire State Building. On a clear day, you can see as far as 80 miles, but nighttime offers the opportunity to gaze at the glowing city below.
3. **Tiffany's:** Pretend you're Miss Holly Golightly, grab yourself a pastry and window shop outside. Or, if you're feeling bold, head inside to peruse the merchandise up close.
4. **Brooklyn Botanical Gardens:** While it may be a bit chilly outside on Valentine's Day, when the cherry blossoms are in bloom in April, there is no where more romantic than the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens. Regardless of the weather, BBG's indoor environments offer visitors a pleasant respite from even the coldest of days.
5. **Brooklyn Promenade:** New York City always looks more beautiful from a distance, but you don't have to go very far to get that perspective. The Brooklyn Promenade offers visitors a spectacular view of lower Manhattan, as well as delicious nearby options, including the famed River Cafe, Grimaldi's and Jacque Torres chocolate shop.

### RA INTERVIEWS

RA Interviews are here! Below you will find the schedule. Please make sure that you attend the session you signed up for!

- Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 9am-Great Hall**
- Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm- Great Hall**
- Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 5pm-Haft Auditorium**
- Thursday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 2pm-Great Hall**
- Friday February 11, 2010 at 5:00pm-Great Hall**
- Tuesday, February 15th at 2:00pm-Great Hall**
- Wednesday, February 16th at 5pm-8<sup>th</sup> Floor A Building**

**RA Seminar: Sunday, February 27th at 10am-Great Hall**

6. **Ice Skating Rink at Rockefeller Center:** The rink will be less crowded once the holiday season has passed, but that won't diminish the romance of spending an hour or two twirling on the ice. And even if you can't skate gracefully, it gives you an excuse to hold hands.
7. **Metropolitan Museum of Art** From artifacts of Ancient Rome to the museum's collection of modern art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art offers you an opportunity to show off your more cultured side. If you need an escape from all the art try the Balcony Bar, overlooking the Great Hall, or from May until late Fall, you can head upstairs to the rooftop bar to enjoy a drink together.
8. **Hudson River Park** Spanning 5 miles from Battery Park to West 59th Street, the Hudson River Park offers an escape from the buzzing metropolis of New York City, as well as fantastic views of the Hudson River and New Jersey.
9. **New York City's Waterways** From scenic cruises to kayaking, New York City offers a vast array of ways to take advantage of the waterfront of Manhattan. A particularly popular "cheap date" is to take the Staten Island Ferry (it's free) from Battery Park City, which offers a great view of the harbor and the Statue of Liberty.
10. **Lincoln Center:** Even if you can't serenade your sweetie from Avery Fisher Hall, you can show off your savvy by taking a stroll by the Lincoln Center Fountain. When it's illuminated at night, it's a sight to behold.

<http://gonyc.about.com/od/bestofnewyorkcity/tp/romanticplaces.htm>

# DID YOU KNOW? FEBRUARY IS... BLACK HISTORY MONTH

January 17, 2011 is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. This national holiday was established in 1986 to recognize the achievements of Dr. King, one of the greatest civil rights leaders. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year, around the time of Dr. King's birthday. In New York City, there are several ways to honor Dr. King on his birthday.

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service:** In honor of Dr. King's achievements in bringing people together to address important community issues, thousands will gather on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to participate in community service projects. The slogan is: "A day ON, not a day OFF." [Find a community service project in New York City.](#)

**Artists Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.:** Honor the life and work of Dr Martin Luther King with a free celebratory night of music featuring the powerful work of artists whose vision coincides with King's voice for justice, peace and civil rights. *Peter Jay Sharp Theatre at Symphony Space 2537 Broadway at 95th St., 646-505-4493 January 17, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. FREE admission*

**Raising Citizens: Martin Luther King, Jr. Festival at the Children's Museum of Manhattan:** Teach your children about Dr. King and his legacy with a visit to the Children's Museum for their weekend-long Martin Luther King, Jr. Festival. Events include discussion of Dr. King's life and teachings, craft projects, and performances by the world-famous Harlem Gospel Choir. *Children's Museum of Manhattan, 212 W. 83rd St. between Broadway and Amsterdam, 212-721-1234 January 15-17, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Museum admission is \$10, free for museum members and children under one.*

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Walking Tour of Harlem:** NYC Discovery Walking Tours will mark the birth of Dr. King with a tour of Harlem that will include stops at the Apollo Theatre, Lenox Lounge (where Billie Holiday performed), and the site of the NYC assassination attempt. *NYC Discovery Walking Tours -- Martin Luther King Weekend in Harlem Saturday, January 15 and Sunday, January 16 at 2 p.m. Cost is \$18 per person, call 212-465-3331 to make reservations and find out the meeting place.*

**A Communal Celebration In Honor Of Martin Luther King, Jr.:** Join the Jewish Community Center for a day of community service in honor of Dr. King. New Yorkers of all ages can team up on volunteer projects, give blood, or donate warm coats for kids. *Jewish Community Center 334 Amsterdam Avenue at West 76th Street January 17, 2011, all day. FREE admission Call 646-5055708 for more information*

**New York University's Annual MLK Celebration Week:** New York University is hosting an entire week of events in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. The week's schedule includes lectures, exhibits, film screenings, community service initiatives, and more. This year's event is happening later in the year, commemorating the February 10, 1961 speech delivered by Martin Luther King, Jr. on the NYU campus. *New York University 2011 MLK Celebration Week February 7-12, 2011 Most events are free and open to the public. [See the NYU calendar for more details.](#)*

<http://manhattan.about.com/od/eventsandattractions/a/mlkdaynyc.htm>

## LUNAR NEW YEAR

Although it is always in January or February, the Chinese New Year does not fall on the same date each year. This year Chinese New Year is on **February 3, 2011**. It is the year of the Rabbit. Find below some ways to celebrate the Chinese New Year in NYC!

### Firecracker Ceremony & Cultural Festival

**Date:** Thursday, February 3, 2011

**Where:** from 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. in Roosevelt Park (between Grand & Hester Streets)

*The firecracker detonation, with expected attendance by local politicians and community leaders, is intended to ward off evil spirits. A large stage will feature all-day cultural performances by traditional and contemporary Asian-American singers and dancers. Plus, a dozen lion, dragon and unicorn dance troupes will march through Chinatown's main streets, including Mott Street, the Bowery, East Broadway, Bayard Street, Elizabeth Street and Pell Street.*

### 12th Annual Chinatown Lunar New Year Parade & Festival

The parade usually winds throughout Chinatown along Mott, Canal, and Bayard streets, and along East Broadway.

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. - 4 pm, Sunday, February 6, 2011

**Place:** Canal Street South

*The spectacle features elaborate floats, marching bands, lion and dragon dances galore, Asian musicians, magicians, acrobats and procession by local organizations. Over 5,000 people are expected to march in the parade, which will start at Mott Street and promenade through practically every street in of Chinatown, finally dispersing at Worth Street. The parade is expected to conclude at 3 pm, at which time an outdoor cultural festival will take place on Bayard Street featuring more performances by musicians, dancers and martial artists.*

<http://gonyc.about.com/cs/holidays/a/chinesenewyear.htm>

# RESIDENCE HALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Are you excited for BLOCK PARTY 2011? Save the date! May 7, 2011.**  
 Come to RHCC's General Meetings to give input and get updates on this FIT tradition!  
 Plus, come voice your questions, comments and concerns about your campus.  
**RHCC General Meetings are 10pm in the Cafeteria on:**  
**Wednesday, February 9, 2011**  
**Wednesday, March 2, 2011**  
**Wednesday, April 6, 2011**  
**Wednesday, May 11, 2011**

Feel free to Email RHCC's Executive Board at: [RHCC\\_club@fitnyc.edu](mailto:RHCC_club@fitnyc.edu) or friend us on Facebook: **Residence-Hall Community-Council** to learn how to get involved and ask any questions.

**Want to be on the RHCC Executive Board for 2011-2012? RHCC Elections are coming up in March! Remember that one of the requirements to run is that you attend two general meetings.**

## UPCOMING RESIDENT EVENTS

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| Make note of the upcoming resident appreciation events, sponsored by residential life that will be taking place in your hall! | <b>Nagler Lobby Event</b><br>2/3/11 at 9:30pm | <b>Alumni Workroom Event</b><br>2/9/11 at 1pm | <b>Residential Life Office Event (Alumni)</b><br>2/10/11 at 1pm<br>Get a tarot card reading, do some activities, have some snacks and be the first to get info about events in NYC! |
|   | <b>Kaufman Lobby Event</b><br>2/7/11 at 8pm   | <b>Coed Lobby Event</b><br>2/16/11 at 1pm     |   |

## EASY TIPS FOR GOING GREEN IN COLLEGE

Getting ready to throw yourself back into that world of dorming? And do you care about the environment? Well, good luck. Being green is pretty hard. Resources are being wasted left and right and most of the kids around you don't care. That doesn't mean you have to throw in the non-recyclable towel. There are so many things you can do to reduce your carbon footprint and give back to Mother Earth. Here are some tips to help the planet and inspire your peers to do the same:

- 1. Skip the single serving snack-packs.** Get a big bag and make your own single-serving portion in a small plastic bag when you're on the go. Wash the bag out when you're done and do it again the next time. It's that easy.
- 2. Chill out with the AC.** Tons of college students keep their AC's running just because they can. That's not cool! (Note: yes, the pun was intended.) Don't act like a monkey when it comes to the environment. Leaving your AC running while you're out hurts the planet regardless of whether or not you're paying the bill.
- 3. Turn off your computer.** I know, I know. It's so tempting to leave your AIM on all day long so your friends can leave you little messages and see which classes you're in, etc. BUT (there is always a "but"), it's better for the planet *and* your computer if you just shut it off when you leave.
- 4. Buy used books.** Not only is buying new books bad for the environment (because it supplies a demand for deforestation), but it's also way more expensive than buying used books. Plus, used books may already have tons of helpful notes scribbled in the margins, which will help a ton come finals.
- 5. Take notes on your computer.** Bring your laptop to class and take notes on it instead of in a notebook. Not only will you save on paper (again, good for your wallet and the environment), but if you're anything like me, you'll have much more organized notes.
- 6. Bring your own cup.** It's really easy yet so many people don't do this. Have a mug in your bag for coffee when you make a stop before class. Just because you need to stop at Starbucks doesn't mean that you have to use one (or two) of their paper cups with the logo on it. And if you do need to wear the logo, buy one of their mugs and use that each time. (You can also carry your own container for water from the fountain, sodas, or whatever else you drink.)
- 7. Avoid the bottled beer.** When you're out at the bar buy anything but the bottled beer. Beer on tap, for example, gets put into big pint glasses. The bar washes them and reuses them. Your Corona Light, however, ends up in the garbage and who knows whether or not your local college bar recycles. (*Editor's Note: It most likely does not.*)
- 8. Read your school newspaper online.** In fact, read all your entertainment online. You can get newspapers, magazines, entertainment, and even books online these days. There's hardly an excuse to buy print media, *especially* considering the fact that it drains our resources from the planet.
- 9. Ask your teacher about email.** When I was in college, it was totally acceptable to email my professors my homework assignments and papers. Many teachers prefer grading things online and not having to deal with shuffling papers from classroom to classroom. Don't print out anything you don't need to (class syllabus, assignments and review sheets included).
- 10. Buy used.** This applies to more than just your books. It applies to your clothes, your furnishings, your bike, your car...everything. A lot of people think that they can't have a leather coat and also be Green, but that is not true! Used things have already been made; it's worse to let them go to waste than to not use them at all. Keep that in mind before you buy anything brand new again.

It can be hard to have a positive influence on those around you in college, but believe me it's much better to try to do the right thing and hope people follow than to just follow. Lead by example and show everyone else how easy going Green can be.

<http://collegecandy.com/2008/09/06/easy-tips-for-going-green-at-school/>