



# ON-CAMPUS

RESIDENTIAL LIFE NEWSLETTER

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# WELCOME!



Residential Life would like to welcome you to Spring 2012! 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!

**Best of luck this semester!**

### All Residents New for Spring 2012. Want overnight visitation?

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

1. Complete Mystudentbody.com: Essentials Course
2. Attend 1st Floor Meeting Tuesday, January 24th at 10pm on your floor
3. Attend Residence Hall Orientation Presentation Wednesday, January 25th from 2-4pm
4. Complete Orientation Survey: link will be sent to your FIT email

**DIDN'T live in FIT Residence Halls Fall '11 (but have lived in the halls prior to '11)?**  
**You must complete:**

1. Mystudentbody.com: Essentials Course
- Follow instructions sent to your FIT email

### Residential Life Orientation Events

1/24 @ 6pm in the Dining Hall: Know Your Neighborhood (free dinner!)

1/25 @8pm in the CoEd Basement: Meet, Greet & Mingle

1/26 @8pm in the Kaufman Basement: Safety in the City



### NEED TO CHANGE YOUR MEAL PLAN?

**The last day to change your meal plan is: Wednesday, February 1st 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.

# H.O.M.E Selection For FALL '12/SPRING '13

Living on campus for Fall'12/Spring '13? You **MUST RE-APPLY** through the H.O.M.E selection process. Applications will be available by early March. Look for detailed information posted on your floor and sent by Res. Life through your college email.

# HOW MANY PHONE NUMBERS YOU SHOULD KNOW

## ADVANTAGES\$

### ON CAMPUS

### OFF CAMPUS

#### TRANSPORTATION



Walk or free shuttle **Included**

Metro North **\$100-300.00 Monthly Pass**  
 NJ Transit **\$100-300.00 Monthly Pass**  
 LI Railroad **\$100-400.00 Monthly Pass**  
 Metro Card **\$104.00 Monthly pass / \$2.80 single ride**

#### CABLE, INTERNET, COMPUTER ACCESS AND COMPUTER PROGRAMS



Cable and Internet Services **Included**  
 Cyber Lounge/Computer Labs/Computer Programs **Included**

Cable and Internet Services **\$120.00-160.00/month**  
 Computer Programs **\$800.00/program**

#### FITNESS FACILITIES DANCE/YOGA/AEROBICS



Gym Membership **Included**

Gym Membership **\$100.00-120.00/month**

#### LOCKOUTS/LOCK SMITH SERVICE



Service Fee **Only \$5 - \$25**

Service Fee **\$200.00-300.00**

#### MOVIE NIGHTS

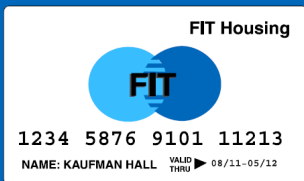


Movie Nights **Included**

Movie Night **Movie Admission: (per person) \$13.00**

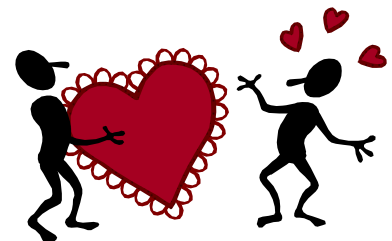
#### \* PLUS

Security, Maintenance, Res. Life Staff, Workroom, Laundry Room **24/7**



## LIVING ON CAMPUS... PRICELESS

<b>RESIDENTIAL LIFE</b>	
27TH STREET	212-217-3900
KAUFMAN HALL	212-217-3930
<b>HEALTH SERVICES</b>	212-217-4190
<b>COUNSELING CENTER</b>	212-217-4260
<b>SECURITY</b>	212-217-7777
<b>INTERNET ISSUES</b>	212-217-HELP
<b>CABLE ISSUES</b>	212-217-4357
<b>MAINTENANCE ISSUES</b> (leaks, repairs, etc.)	212-217-4440
<b>COLLEGE CLOSINGS</b>	212-217-7792
For a full directory, please visit: <a href="http://www.fitnyc.edu/4733.asp">http://www.fitnyc.edu/4733.asp</a>	



### Resident Appreciation Events

Nagler : 2/8 @8pm in Nagler Workroom

CoEd: 2/16 @7pm in CoEd Basement

Alumni: 2/23 @8pm in Alumni Workroom

Kaufman: 2/21 @8:30pm in Kaufman Lobby

### 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.

**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.

## Water Fountain

**We are proud to announce that Alumni Hall has a water bottle filling station (the Elkay EZH20 water bottle filling station). Kaufman Hall water bottle filling station is coming soon!**

- One-handed operation allows for a quick fill.
- Electronic sensor provides touch-less, sanitary operation; just place and fill.
- And the good news is that the filling station reduces our dependency on plastic water bottles, helps minimize disposable plastic bottle waste.

ENJOY – RESIDENTIAL LIFE DEPARTMENT



# RESIDENCE HALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Are you excited for BLOCK PARTY 2012?

Save the date! May 5, 2012.

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 Dining Hall on:**

**Wednesday, February 8, 2012**

**Wednesday, March 7, 2012**

**Wednesday, April 11, 2012**

**Wednesday, May 9, 2012**

Want to be on the RHCC Executive Board for 2012-2013? RHCC Elections are coming up in March! Remember that one of the requirements to run is that you attend two general meetings.

# 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 freakin' 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/>