



# ON-CAMPUS

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# HOUSING LOTTERY FALL '10-SPRING '11 EZAS 1, 2, 3

FIT STUDENTS (CURRENTLY LIVING ON OR OFF CAMPUS) ENROLLED IN A FULL TIME GRADUATE OR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR **KAUFMAN HALL ONLY**

WHEN?	WHAT DO I DO?
<p><b>1. Complete Your Housing Application</b> online now thru March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010</p>	<p><b>ALL STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE AN APPLICATION BY MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> TO BE eligible for the lottery.</b></p> <p>Go to MyHousing@FIT – Step 1</p>
<p><b>2. Select Your Roommates</b></p> <p>March 15<sup>th</sup> to March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010</p>	<p>Return to MyHousing@FIT – Step 2. Click "Roommate Requests" to enter your choice of roommate(s). You must have your roommate(s) name and student ID number (@xxxxxxxx).</p> <p>All roommates must log-in and request each other under Step 2. You cannot choose roommate(s) who did not apply (see #1).</p>
<p><b>3. Select Your Accommodation</b></p> <p>Notification of Lottery date/time to select accommodation:</p> <p>March 22<sup>nd</sup> to March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010</p> <p><b>YOU ARE ONLY SELECTING A "ROOM TYPE", NOT AN ACTUAL ROOM (Kaufman large double, small double, triple, quad, single).</b></p> <p><b>ALTHOUGH YOU ARE VIEWING A ROOM NUMBER, YOU ARE NOT SELECTING AN ACTUAL ROOM BUT A TYPE OF ROOM ACCOMODATION (Kaufman large double, small double, triple, quad, single, etc.)</b></p>	<p>Students will receive an email indicating their lottery number and date/time to select an accommodation.</p> <p>At your designated date/time, go to MyHousing@FIT and click "Room Selection".</p> <p>It is recommended that you select an accommodation at the earliest assigned date and time.</p> <p>When selecting an accommodation you will view rooms to select. YOU ARE ONLY SELECTING A "ROOM TYPE", NOT AN ACTUAL ROOM.</p>

# HOUSING LOTTERY FAQs

## WHAT IS THE LOTTERY?

The lottery is the process by which eligible students will be awarded a lottery number and sign up time to select a type of housing accommodation. Applicants will be offered available accommodations at Kaufman Hall ONLY.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All current FIT students enrolled in a full time (graduate/undergraduate) program are eligible to apply for Kaufman Hall ONLY. New/entering students are assigned to 27<sup>th</sup> Street. Students dismissed from the residence halls or ineligible for lottery through FIT's Conduct/Judicial system will not be offered housing.

## IF I ALREADY LIVE ON-CAMPUS, DO I NEED TO APPLY IN THE LOTTERY?

YES; all residents must re-apply for housing annually in the Lottery.

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I DON'T APPLY BY MARCH 20, 2010?

Lottery applications submitted by March 20<sup>th</sup> will be given priority. Housing applications submitted after March 20<sup>th</sup> will be offered housing based upon availability.

## ARE KAUFMAN HALL FLOOR PLANS AVAILABLE?

Yes. Kaufman Hall floor plans and pictures are available on the college website, under Residential Life.

## WHAT IS THE "BEST" LOTTERY NUMBER?

The best lottery number is #1. The lower your number the better your chances are at selecting your preferred accommodation.

## WHAT IS THE HIGHEST LOTTERY NUMBER?

This would change each year depending upon the number of applications submitted.

## WHAT IS THE ADVANTAGE OF APPLYING WITH ROOMMATE(S)

Applying with roommates increases the chances of selecting your preferred accommodation.

## I APPLIED WITH A ROOMMATE BUT WE HAVE DIFFERENT LOTTERY NUMBERS?

Each applicant is assigned a lottery number. It is to your advantage to have the roommate with the lowest (best) lottery number select an accommodation at the earliest assigned date/time. When your desired accommodation is available, all selected roommates will also be assigned.

## WHAT DO I DO IF THE SYSTEM SHOWS THERE ARE NO ACCOMMODATIONS TO SELECT?

There may still be individual spaces available. The system will only show accommodations that match your request. You and your roommate/s must go back to "Roommate Requests", click on remove button, and deselect all roommates. You will not see available spaces until all roommates have de-selected each other. Once completed, re-enter "Room Selection" to see what open spaces are available. Remember; these spaces may not be in the type of accommodation you originally requested but it will offer you the opportunity to secure a space.

If you do not select an accommodation or if there are still no spaces available you will be contacted as students withdraw and spaces become available.

## WHAT DO I DO IF I DO NOT GET AN ACCOMMODATION?

Students who applied in the lottery will be contacted in the order of their assigned lottery number. You will be contacted as spaces become available. We have been able to offer on-campus housing accommodations to all interested applicants by early summer.

## HOW WILL I BE NOTIFIED ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE LOTTERY?

After March 25<sup>th</sup> you will be notified through your student email account. You will receive an email letting you know your "type" of accommodation and roommate information.

## IF I AM AWARDED HOUSING, HOW WILL I BE BILLED?

Accepted applicants will be billed by their student email account for the type of accommodation awarded. Payment must be made by the due date indicated on your bill.

**Please note: the Housing Lottery is for a "type" of accommodation, not a specific room. Types of accommodations include small double, large double, triple, quads. Room assignments may change prior to check-in. Residential Life reserves the right to change or consolidate assignments. If you still have questions, visit our offices conveniently located in the lobbies of Kaufman or Alumni Hall.**

FIT Residential Life Department - Kaufman Hall (212)217-3930 Alumni Hall (212)217-3900

CHECK IT OUT  
KAUFMAN HALL

## Kaufman Hall Tours

FIT STUDENTS (CURRENTLY LIVING ON OR OFF CAMPUS) ENROLLED IN A FULL TIME GRADUATE OR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR KAUFMAN HALL ONLY

**This is your chance to check out Kaufman Hall!**

**All tours include walking from 27th Street to Kaufman Hall (31st Street), a tour of the work study room, gym, laundry room, cyber lounge, and some sample rooms.**

**TOURS WILL MEET IN THE C-BUILDING LOBBY  
AT 6:15PM AND 9:15PM ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

**MONDAY, MARCH 8  
TUESDAY, MARCH 9  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10  
THURSDAY, MARCH 11  
FRIDAY, MARCH 12**

**FIT  
SHUTTLE**

There is a FREE van service between Kaufman Hall (West 31st Street) and the Feldman Center (C Building on West 27th Street)! The van runs from 8:00PM until 5:30 M, 7 days a week. The van departs from the **Feldman Center on the hour and half-hour** and from Kaufman Hall on the **quarter hour and three-quarter hour.**

**SPEED ROOMMATING**

**LOOKING FOR A ROOMMATE FOR THE FALL LOTTERY?  
COME MEET NEW PEOPLE AND SEE IF YOU HIT IT OFF!**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 9th: 1-2PM and 7-8PM  
THURSDAY, MARCH 11th: 1-2PM and 7-8PM  
COED BASEMENT**

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, FIT!

CA TEAM ADHAMIYAH BAGHDAD IRAQ 09-10



TEAM 2  
1479<sup>th</sup> CIVIL AFFAIRS COMPANY

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION  
IS PRESENTED TO

JOCELIN ENGEL  
and the girls at F.I.T

In appreciation of your donations to the Civil Affairs Team. The selfless actions that all of you have done, have made a tremendous impact upon many people that are so far from home. Your patriotism and support to your country is a true inspiration to all, and reflects great credit upon all of you.

Presented This 29<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2009

JOSEPH BERDIS  
CW2, OD  
Team Leader

FRANK HALSTEAD  
SSG, USA  
Team Sergeant

ABEL TORRES  
SSG, USA  
Team Sergeant



In December 2009, Residence Hall Manager Jocelin Engel worked with Building Manager Katelyn Shankey, RA Ashley Maine, and RA Alyssa Bermudez on a program called "Treat the Troops". This program was designed to give some local soldiers from Brooklyn serving in Iraq during the holidays some warm thoughts and treats. Over 100 lbs of food, books, magazines, toiletries, holiday decorations, socks and pillows were generously donated by the Residents of 27<sup>th</sup> street. Approximately 80lbs of these goods were shipped overseas to SSG Abel Torres of the US Army to share with the Civil Affairs Team. In response to this huge donation the Civil Affairs Team sent a Certificate of Appreciation, a photograph and SSG Torres sent a personal note, thanking "the girls at FIT". The remaining 30lbs of collected items were donated to the Haiti relief effort organized by FDNY EMS Station 57 in Brooklyn.

## BE A PART OF CONDUCT APPEAL BOARD

**WANT TO GET INVOLVED?  
WANT TO MAKE YOUR OPINION COUNT?  
WANT TO BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION?**

IF YOU ANSWERED YES TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO APPLY FOR A POSITION ON THE

**Conduct Appeal Board  
Spring '2010, & Fall '2010 – Spring '2011**

**CONDUCT APPEAL BOARD POSITION DESCRIPTION**

Positions are available for residents interested in becoming members of the FIT Conduct Appeal Board. The Appeal process of the Conduct and Judicial System serves to insure fairness. Any resident

may appeal a sanction to the Conduct Appeal Board. The Conduct Appeal Board will review the student's file, speak with the student(s), and render a decision. The board can decide to uphold, modify or reverse the sanction.

**TO APPLY**

Any student wishing to apply must meet the following criteria:

**Must not be on Residence Hall or College Probation**

- **Must live in the Residence Halls**
- Must have a 2.5 Grade Point Average or higher
- Must have an open schedule during the day for conduct hearings
- Resident Assistant (Fall '10-Spring '11) cannot apply (conflict of interest)

Applications are available at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PKJ6L8V> completed application by March 5th.

Applications will be reviewed by the Director of Residential Life and the Assistant Director for Outreach and Judicial Affairs

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICANTS IS FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2010, 5pm**

**GET INVOLVED!  
LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!**

Conduct Appeal Board members will be given priority in the 2010-2011 housing lottery for Kaufman Hall.

## GET TO KNOW YOUR RES LIFE STAFF

**Name:** Kyle Zack  
**Position:** Resident Counselor— Alumni Hall  
**Years at FIT:** 2 years  
**My favorite thing about working at FIT is...** my delightful coworkers!!!  
**I love the website...** failblog.org  
**My favorite place in NYC is...** Either Central Park in the early fall or running down the WSH in the summer  
**The one food I could never live without is...** fried chicken  
**My happy-life mantra...** Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly

**Name:** Vivian Chen  
**Position:** Resident Counselor—Magler Hall  
**Years at FIT:** 1 year  
**My favorite thing about working at FIT is...** discovering all of the amazing talents the students and staff have!  
**I love the website...** cuteoverload.com  
**My favorite place in NYC is...** K-town on 3<sup>rd</sup> St. between Broadway and 5th. There's so much to do and eat!  
**The one food I could never live without is...** my grandma's dumplings  
**My happy-life mantra...** we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

# SPRING BREAK

### Before You Leave

- Secure your dorm room or apartment.
- Unplug appliances.
- Make sure all windows are closed and locked.
- Leave a copy of your travel itinerary with someone back home.
- Don't leave valuables in your room.

We will be asking students to inform us if they are remaining in the halls. Signs will be posted at the end of March.

### Limit alcohol.

If drinking alcohol is part of your break, remember that it can impair your judgment and actions. Alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes kill someone every 31 minutes and nonfatally injure someone every two minutes. Don't drink and drive. There are plenty of non-alcoholic alternatives.

### Be active.

You've probably been sitting most of the year working at the computer, studying, or in class. During the break, take the opportunity to start a fitness program. Do a variety of fun activities like walking, dancing, playing volleyball, swimming, and more. It doesn't need to be hard to be beneficial. Avoid injury by starting any new activity slowly. Be active for at least 2½ hours a week. Include activities that raise your breathing and heart rates and that strengthen your muscles.

### Plan a successful trip.

If you are going on a trip, be prepared. Are vaccinations required? Are there special food, destination, or other things you need to consider ahead of time? If you are taking medications, do you have enough for the trip? Know what's happening en route or at your travel destination.

### Protect yourself.

Love is all around, and so are sexually transmitted diseases. The only 100% sure way to prevent sexually transmitted diseases and unintended pregnancy is by not having sex. If you choose to have sex, using latex condoms and having a monogamous, uninfected partner may help lower your risk.

Women are more likely to be victims of sexual violence than men. Women who experience both sexual and physical abuse are significantly more likely to have sexually transmitted diseases. Take precautions and avoid situations or persons that may place you at risk for harm.

### Watch your step.

There may be temptations on your break that involve different or high-risk activity. Think twice before putting yourself at risk for injury. Be sure to use appropriate safety gear before venturing out, such as seat belts, life vests, or knee pads. Remember that unintentional injuries kill more Americans in their first three decades of life than any other cause of death. In fact, injuries (both unintentional and those caused by acts of violence) are among the top ten killers for Americans of all ages.

### Know the ropes.

When swimming and boating, know what's expected and what you can do to prevent injury or death for yourself and others. Know how to swim. Wear your life jacket while boating. Avoid alcoholic beverages while boating. Complete a boating education course. Participate in the vessel safety check program.

### Protect yourself from the sun.

After a cold winter, it's tempting to stay in the hot sun all day. Although getting a little sun can have some benefits, excessive and unprotected sun exposure can result in premature aging, changes in skin texture, and skin cancer. Always wear sunscreen with at least SPF 15. For eye protection, wear wraparound sunglasses that provide 100 percent UV ray protection.

### Eat healthy.

Having fun takes energy and fuel. Be sure to eat a variety of foods, including plenty of vegetables, fruits, and whole grain products. Also include low-fat dairy products, lean meats, poultry, fish, and legumes. Drink lots of water and go easy on the salt, sugar, alcohol, and saturated fat. Good nutrition should be part of an overall healthy lifestyle, including regular physical activity, not smoking, and stress management.

### Be smoke-free.

Avoid smoking and secondhand smoke. Just 20 minutes after smoking that last cigarette, your body begins a series of positive changes that continue for years. Quitting is one of the best things you can do for yourself and others.

### Get help.

If you or a friend has an alcohol or drug problem, has thoughts of suicide, or is in crisis for any reason, get help. Call 911 for emergency services, 800-662-4357 for substance abuse help, and 800-273-TALK (8255) for the national suicide prevention lifeline.

<http://www.cdc.gov/family/springbreak/>

STUDENT CORNER  
WHAT ARE YOUR SPRING BREAK PLANS?

Michael Cregan  
(Fashion Design)  
"Work on school work."

Meiki Wong  
(FMM)  
"My family is planning a cruise!"

Tamara Stein  
(Photography)  
"I'm going to London!"

# RESIDENCE HALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Are you excited for BLOCK PARTY 2010? Save the date! May 1, 2010.**  
 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 Coed Basement on:**  
 Wednesday, March 3, 2010  
 Wednesday, April 7, 2010  
 Wednesday, May 5, 2010

**INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE RHCC BOARD for '10-'11? PICK UP AN APPLICATION IN THE ALUMNI LOBBY RESIDENTIAL LIFE OFFICE FROM ADVISOR, VIVIAN CHEN by MARCH 5, 2010.**  
**GET INVOLVED, GAIN LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE, BE THE VOICE FOR STUDENTS**  
 RHCC board members will be given priority in the 2010-2011 housing lottery .