



Housing and Food Services

UW Standard of Excellence

We strive to provide our students, faculty, staff and visitors with an exceptional housing and dining experience that reflects our mission statement: *working together to enhance student life*. We link our student residents to the excellent resources that are available on campus and in the community, so that they may develop to their fullest potential in their personal and collegiate lives, inside the residence halls and the halls of academia. We fulfill the needs of the entire campus community with facilities and programs that are convenient and that are designed to enhance and support the campus experience. We embrace diversity as a core value: we have established a residential community that includes students from all walks of life, and from all over the state, the nation and the world. We strive to provide this diverse community of residents with a living environment that is based in trust, openness and compassion.

Academic Community

We foster the holistic growth of our students. We provide our student residents with the opportunities and resources they need to pursue their academic interests both inside the classroom and in their own residential communities. We have linked the residential and academic communities through our collaboration with other departments; as a result of these collaborative efforts we have established residential Living-Learning Environments with the goal of making academic life a thriving part of the residential experience. We work to provide a living environment for our students that is secure and comfortable, and which at the same time opens the doors of the mind and encourages and supports the exploration of intellectual pursuits.

World Leaders in Research

We encourage our student residents to forge paths of enquiry and discovery. We ensure that our residents are kept informed of research opportunities and resources, and we provide an environment that supports the exploration of different pursuits. We actively seek opportunities to support the UW's research efforts and link ourselves to the research community. We were instrumental in the development of

Rosetta@home, a project in which unused computer resources are collected and utilized in research on cures for diseases such as cancer, HIV/AIDS and malaria. What started with the contribution of a few hundred staff computers has now increased to several hundred thousand computers worldwide. As a result of our initiative, the cures for some of the world's most serious diseases may be found. We strive to make the best use of opportunities for collaboration, thereby making a positive impact on the world around us.

Celebrating Place

We recognize and celebrate the bounty and diversity of the Northwest with foods that are natural, healthy and locally produced. We instill in our student residents a feeling of connectedness to and appreciation for the halls where they live, the UW campus environment, and the Pacific Northwest as a whole. We have established strong floor and programmatic communities in the residence halls, thereby strengthening students' connections to one another and creating a home-like environment. We enthusiastically participate in programs such as Fall Fling and Dawg Daze, which reinforce the relationship our students have with the University community and which open their eyes to the beauty and excitement of our campus and its surroundings. We promote outdoor activities and the exploration of the broader Pacific Northwest environs. We work to ensure that this new world to which our students have come to live and learn becomes for them a place they are proud to call home.

Spirit of Innovation

We have transformed the housing and dining experience on the University of Washington campus. We have created innovative, contemporary dining facilities featuring sustainable resources and a selection of gourmet, eclectic foods, and as a result have altered the community's view of campus dining. We have transformed the housing experience with the introduction of Living-Learning Environments and innovative programming in our residence halls. Nordheim Court, one of our apartment communities, was the first university apartment facility in the country to align

itself with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards for certification, which were adapted for residential use in cooperation with the Green Building Council. We continuously strive to recognize and support the food- and housing-related goals and values of our students and guests, thereby providing living and dining environments that members of the community feel they are truly a part of. We welcome student involvement in our projects. We applaud their contributions to our programs: their initiative has won national recognition. In working with our students we find that our ideals are similar, and our collective goals are realized much faster.

World Citizens

We are stewards of our immediate community and of the world around us, seeking to ensure a positive future for our students and for the environment. We challenge our students with new experiences, providing them with programs and resources that will help them to grow into leaders who will bring positive changes to our world. We look for ways in which we can address the need to protect our environment, and strive to incorporate environmental sustainability efforts into life on campus. We have reduced our resource impact through energy and water conservation, recycling and composting, building design, and the use of renewable resources. As we strive to be responsible citizens of the earth, we also seek to instill these qualities in the students who look to us for guidance.

Being Public

We collaborate with campus departments as well as with local and international organizations, striving to provide our students with the resources they need to be successful as they venture forth into the world. We communicate with parents, students, faculty and staff on local and international levels. We are trusted to carry the responsibility for the care of the thousands of students who live in our residence halls. We are committed to fostering the growth of our students, and understand the importance of gaining the trust of the organizations and individuals with whom we collaborate.