Supporting learning through social & educational activities

Each residence hall offers a variety of social and educational activities in addition to weekly newsletters (Stall Stories) and monthly bulletin boards. Residence Life works closely with Wellness and Counseling Services to provide healthy lifestyle resources and individual support for students in distress. To create a community that lives and develops together and build bridges between what is learned in the classroom and through life experiences, the CARDINALS model focuses on the following areas:

- Connecting college to career
- Academics
- Residential safety
- Diversity & Cultural Awareness
- Investing in yourself
- Needs & Wants
- Arts & Athletics
- Living well (healthy lifestyle choices)
- Sustainability

Higher grades & graduation rates - Two reasons why your student should live on campus!

- Students who lived on campus last year had a **3.28** cumulative grade point average (GPA), while non-residents had a **3.13** average
- The four year graduation rate for students who live on campus is **almost 10% higher** than students who commute from home
- Over **83%** of first year students live on campus
- **84%** of students living in the residence halls report they are able to find people in their residence hall to support their academics*
- **95%** of people living in the residence halls report feeling safe*
- **75%** percent of people living in the residence halls feel well connected with people in their hall/floor/wing*

*According to the Spring 2011 Residence Life Survey

“A living on campus provides students with the entire college experience keeping them more updated and in touch with the school and social life than an off-campus living experience does.”

- A. S., first year student

Hall Amenities

Otterbein’s eleven residence halls, two apartment complexes and five theme houses offer 1,370 students the ability to live and learn on campus! All residence halls feature the following amenities:

- Wireless and wired high-speed internet
- Computer labs with laser printers open 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Cable television with over 70 channels and lounge areas with flat-panel LCD televisions
- High-efficiency (HE) washers and dryers (free use)
- All buildings are secured 24 hours a day and accessed only by residents through ID cards
- Campus Police available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Snack & beverage vending machines, microwaves in lounges
- A variety of lounge areas including TV & study lounges
- Most halls have a pool table and Wii gaming system

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