



HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE

YEAR IN REVIEW
2022 / 2023

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We are pleased to share with you this annual report documenting the experiences had within Housing and Residence Life during the 2022-2023 academic year. This document captures information about Dodge Campus housing only. It does not include statistics or data about Scott Campus housing at UNO.


Our mission calls us to provide a positive residential experience that will meet the ever-changing needs of students at UNO. This is no easy task. We house over 1000 students each year - each with their own unique needs, identities, interests, and perspectives.

We are proud of the ways we have worked to meet our residents' needs this year. We look forward to continuing to serve our residents together with our campus and community partners who are invested in helping to make the UNO experience one that helps push our Mavericks forward.

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2022-2023 Highlights

A vertical black sign with a red and white logo at the top and the text "UNIVERSITY VILLAGE" in white capital letters below it, mounted on a brick building.

HRL completed the renovation of every residential bathroom in University Village during the summer of 2022. All bathrooms were completely updated with showers, vanities, toilets, and modern fixtures.

The Residence Life live-in professional staff expanded from two to four individuals, allowing for more intentional professional staff support of student-staff RAs and residents.


HRL hosted 127 programs/events in housing with an average attendance of 26-27 residents at each program.

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) student-leadership organization returned to life in housing after a two-year hiatus. The group had 20 active members and hosted nine large-scale events for residents.

Maintenance Manager Kevin Hovendick was named UNO Employee of the Month in September 2022. The RA Staff was named the campus Undergraduate Student Staff Team of the Year in April 2023.

HRL updated marketing materials and expanded informational offerings for prospective students, including four additional Housing 101 informational sessions that were offered in previous years.

HRL Increased the number of housing applications (+26%) and signed contracts (+100) for the next academic year (23-24).

A group of three students walking on a path in front of a brick building. One student is wearing a red Adidas sweatshirt, another is wearing a black shirt, and the third is wearing a grey hoodie. They are walking towards the right side of the frame.

Mission

Housing and Residence Life at the University of Nebraska Omaha creates a positive residential experience and supports the evolving needs of our students.

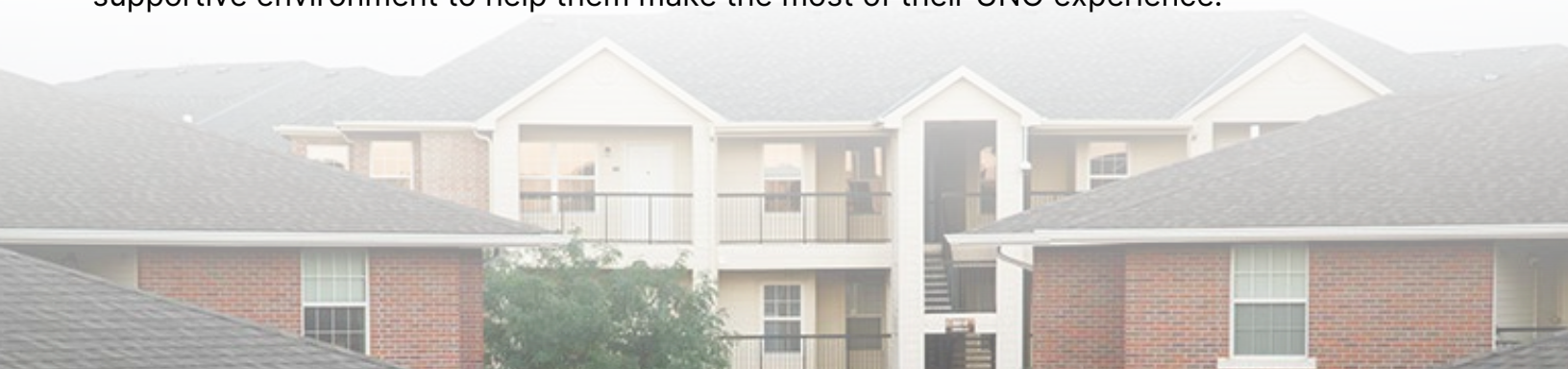
Vision

Provide a safe and inclusive community where students are able to achieve success in obtaining their educational goals (curricular and co-curricular).

Theory & Practice

Housing and Residence Life focuses heavily on cultivating a living experience promoting supportive connections between students, staff, and faculty. We aim to promote learning through our programs and services with an emphasis on academic support, inclusion, student involvement, wellness, and achievement. The practical reality of this focus in HRL is grounded in decades of research in higher education and student development theory. This research has consistently indicated students who are actively engaged and integrated in the campus community, including involvement in academic and social activities, are more likely to persist and succeed in college (Tinto's Theory of Student Integration) and have higher levels of personal and intellectual growth (Pascarella and Terenzini's Theory of Student Engagement). More specifically, research shows that the unique experience of living in on-campus housing correlates to higher levels of academic engagement and greater interaction with faculty and academic supports (Inkelas & Weisman, 2003; Pascarella & Terenzini, 2005), both of which are associated with increased academic performance. The experience of living on campus contributes to students' education and helps students learn (Schroeder and Mable, 1994).

As a department, Housing and Residence Life helps to ensure students have a safe and supportive environment to help them make the most of their UNO experience.



Our Team

The HRL staff is comprised of 33 professional and student staff members responsible for providing a positive residential experience on campus. Our staff provides direct, intentional support for residents living on campus at all hours of the day, every day of the year.



HRL Maintenance Manager Kevin Hovendick was selected as the UNO Employee of the Month for September 2022!

The Dodge Campus HRL Resident Assistant staff was awarded the 2022-2023 Undergraduate Student Staff Team of the Year award in April 2023!



Trent Fredericksen
Associate Dean of Students / Director



Marshall Kole
Associate Director, Housing and Residence Life



Kevin Hovendick
Maintenance Manager



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Assistant Director, Business Operations



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Maverick Village Residence Life Coordinator



Sihley Pawaskar
University Village Residence Life Coordinator



Emily Cole
University Village Residence Life Coordinator



Shane Surface
Maintenance Assistant



Dustin Rogers
Maintenance Assistant



Peggy Simon
Custodian



John Wolfe
Custodian



Resident Assistant Staff
20 wonderful humans

Resident Services

Safety and Security

24/7

HRL staff was on-call and available to respond to resident needs and concerns for every hour of the 2022-2023 academic year.

Maintenance

689

Maintenance requests received and completed by HRL maintenance staff (less than one request per resident)

The HRL maintenance team is available 24/7 to assist with facilities issues in residential apartments. Over 90% of all maintenance requests submitted by residents are resolved the same day they are submitted or within 24 hours of receipt.

Desk Services

2017

Items (keys, vacuums, etc.) checked out by residents

9042

Packages logged and distributed to residents

Desks are staffed 8 AM - 8 PM on weekdays, and 12 - 4 PM on Saturdays.

The Resident Experience

Students living on campus have ready access to supports and resources which contribute to a unique and rewarding experience at UNO.

85.5% of Dodge Campus residents agreed Housing and Residence Life creates a positive residential experience

86.5% of Dodge Campus residents agreed Housing and Residence Life staff is welcoming

74.8% of Dodge Campus residents agreed living on campus had helped them feel more connected to UNO

78.2% of Dodge Campus residents agreed living on campus had enhanced their overall experience at UNO

"Compared to other universities, I'm grateful that I get to live here. I think the individual rooms are huge."

"Love the experience here, truly made my transition from living at home to on campus much easier."

"My experience has been amazing!"



Exceptional RA Staff

90.9% of residents agree their RA is available to them when needed

96.1% of residents agree their RA is approachable, friendly, and kind

95.5% of residents agree their RA communicates and upholds UNO's expectations and policies in HRL



Programming in HRL

The 2022-2023 year marked a full return to programming on campus with no restrictions or limitations due to COVID. Housing and Residence Life staff on Dodge Campus worked to re-establish the vibrancy of the housing community by planning and hosting events for our residents throughout the school year.

127

Events/Programs hosted by HRL staff for residents in Dodge Campus housing

5

Programs hosted for residents each week, on average, by HRL staff

3405

Individuals checked into events hosted by HRL staff in housing

27

Attendees, on average, to each event hosted in HRL

902

Unique student attendees checked into programs

532

Housing residents who attended more than one event in housing

9

Alcohol-alternative Saturday Night Socials (SNS) programs held after 9 PM on Saturday nights

57

Attendees, on average, to each SNS program hosted in HRL

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) is a student leadership organization within housing. The group was active this year for the first time since 2019. RHA focused primarily on creating a foundation for future success and providing fun social programs this year.

RHA HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2022-2023

Consistent, active engagement from a core group of 20 residents

Hosted 12 programs with an average attendance of 57 residents

Re-affiliation as a student organization on campus

Updated the RHA organizational constitution

RHA
RESIDENCE
HALL
ASSOCIATION

MAVERICK VILLAGE

Program Highlights

Our programming this year focused on providing opportunities for residents to make social connections within housing, collaborating with campus partners to bridge housing and the UNO campus, and connection housing to the Omaha community.

Welcome Home Weekend, August 2022

Three nights of large-scale programs in housing during move-in and the first week of classes drew the attendance of hundreds of residents to each event.

Housing Goes to the Zoo!, October 2022

HRL took 65 residents for an afternoon at Omaha's world-renowned Henry Doorly Zoo.

Faculty and Staff Recognition, May 2023

HRL staff collected nominations from housing students to recognize faculty and staff who made positive contributions to student success at UNO. A total of 25 recognition awards were distributed to faculty and staff.

Self-Care in Housing, September 2022

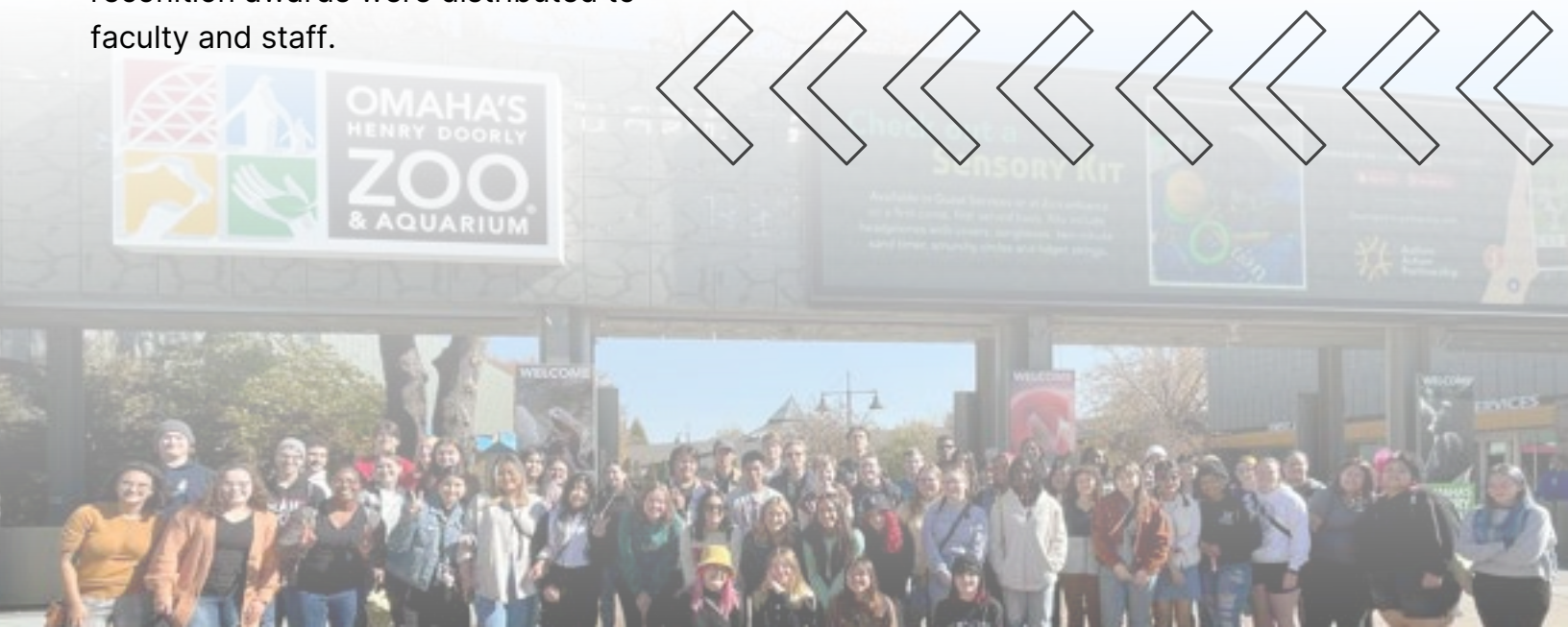
RHA hosted a self-care program focused on opportunities to practice holistic wellness. The program had 126 attendees!

Adulting 101 Series, Spring 2023

HRL staff worked with partners from the Criss Library, Career Services, Maverick Food Pantry, and College of Business Administration to host a series on life-skills.

Exotic Petting Zoo, May 2023

MV RAs partnered with the Honors Program to host an exotic petting zoo in housing for 178 resident attendees.



Academic Success

An important focus of assessment in HRL this year looked at how residents living in Maverick and University Village performed academically, and how that compares to students who do not live in on-campus student housing.

STUDENTS WHO LIVE ON-CAMPUS AT UNO EARN A HIGHER AVERAGE GPA THAN STUDENTS WHO LIVE OFF-CAMPUS

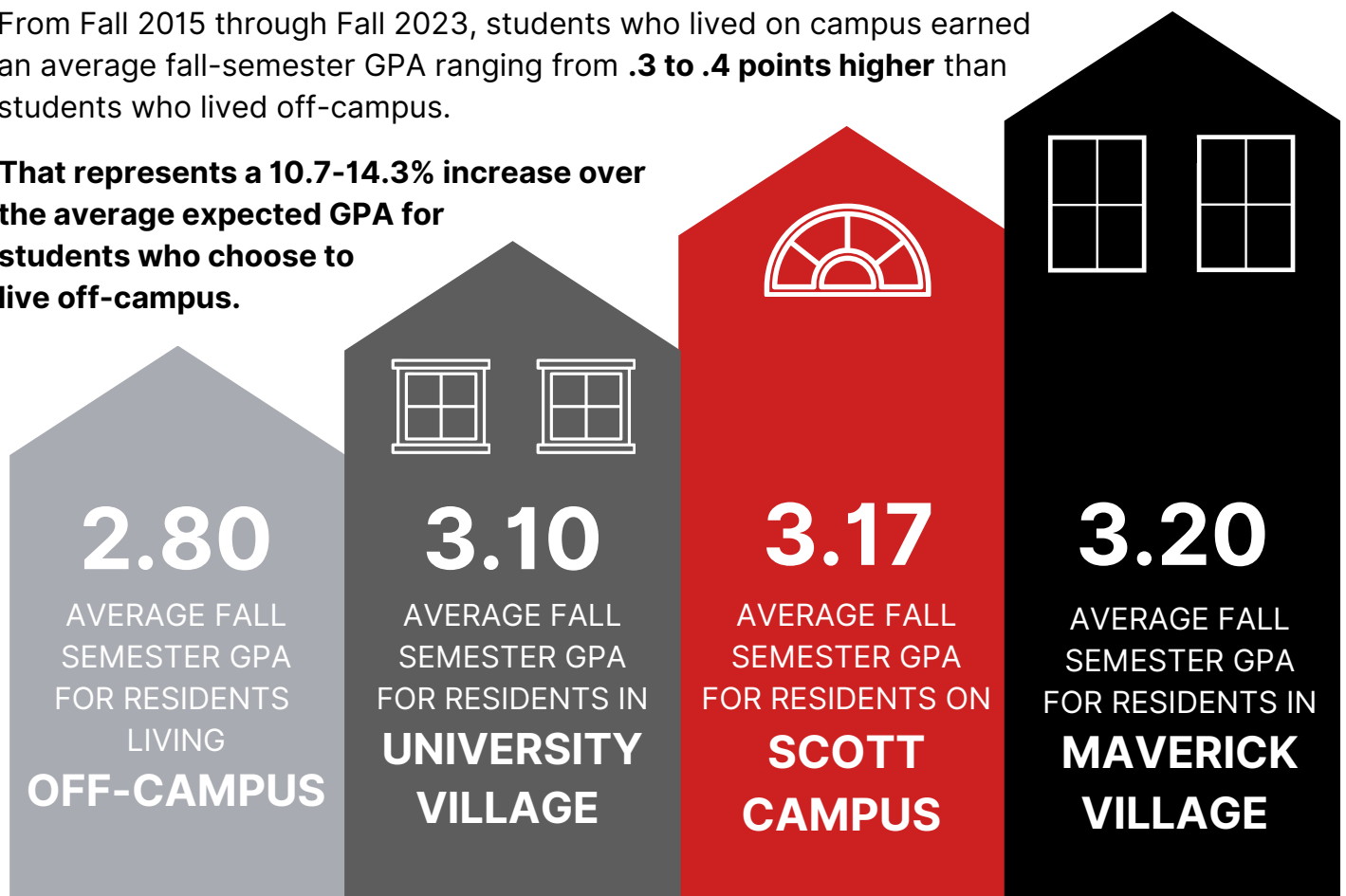
FALL 2022 AVERAGE GPA DATA

	Maverick Village	University Village	Off-Campus
Freshman	2.57	2.76	2.63
Sophomore	3.35	3.45	2.94
Junior	3.40	3.31	3.08
Senior	3.60	3.17	3.12
Graduate	3.78	3.63	---

Student GPA Achievement Over Time

From Fall 2015 through Fall 2023, students who lived on campus earned an average fall-semester GPA ranging from **.3 to .4 points higher** than students who lived off-campus.

That represents a 10.7-14.3% increase over the average expected GPA for students who choose to live off-campus.



2.80

AVERAGE FALL SEMESTER GPA FOR RESIDENTS LIVING OFF-CAMPUS

3.10

AVERAGE FALL SEMESTER GPA FOR RESIDENTS IN UNIVERSITY VILLAGE

3.17

AVERAGE FALL SEMESTER GPA FOR RESIDENTS ON SCOTT CAMPUS

3.20

AVERAGE FALL SEMESTER GPA FOR RESIDENTS IN MAVERICK VILLAGE