



Welcome to the Residential Education & Housing digital brochure!

In this guide, you will find:

- Overviews of our housing for first year students, including floor plans, video tours and photos!
- Links to housing for students in their sophomore and upperclass years
- An overview of the TCNJ residential experience
- Things to consider as you decide whether to live on campus
- Housing costs and policies

In addition to our tour staff, we have housing staff in a tent in front of TW ready to answer any questions!

But we will relocate to the Brower Student Center if weather interferes!

CONTACT INFO FOR QUESTIONS AFTER TODAY:
housing@tcnj.edu

Why Live On Campus?

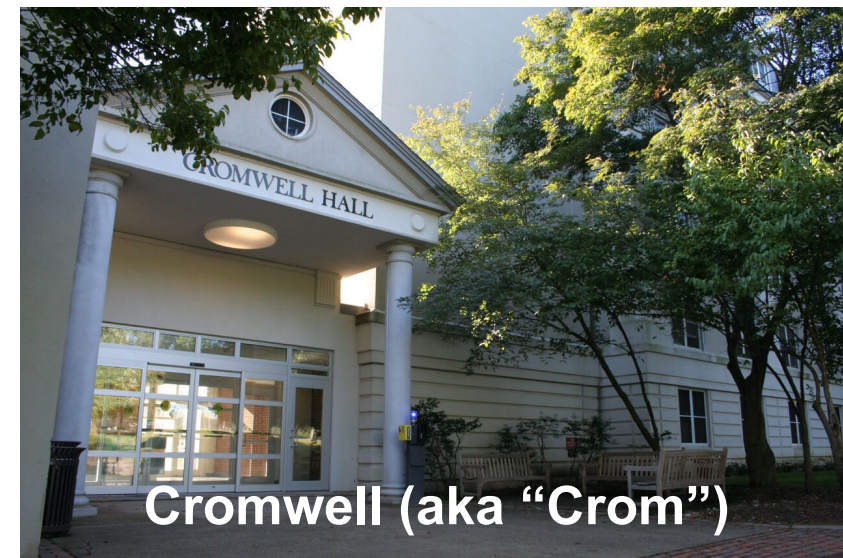
Multiple national studies have found that living on campus has both significant social and academic benefits.

Specifically:

- Residential students tend to have higher quality social interactions than commuters. It is easier for students to meet people and create new friendships.
- Seniors who live on campus were more engaged with advisors and faculty than their off-campus peers.
- High quality interactions between students and peers or students and their faculty are linked with better academic engagement and success.
- Easier access to campus events and programs—and getting involved in the student organizations that run many of them—provides great co-curricular opportunities that provide an out of classroom learning experience AND can be translated into future job skills.
- Students are able to more easily form study groups, which aid academic success, peer social supports and friendships. (and potentially future career networks!)



Where do first year students live?



These are the two buildings we are showing today...



Travers & Wolfe (“the Towers”)



Cromwell (aka “Crom”)



- ★ Traditional corridor-style housing.
- ★ Primarily double occupancy rooms.
- ★ Rooms include a small sink & mirror.
- ★ Community bathrooms.
- ★ Lounges on every floor, laundry facilities on odd floors.
- ★ There’s a late night dining facility here!

- ★ Suite-style housing.
- ★ Most suites have 3 double bedrooms with a shared bathroom.
- ★ Lounges on every floor, laundry rooms on even floors.
- ★ Home of Umoja, our multicultural living-learning community!

Nope... no air conditioning in rooms, but the main lounge in both these buildings are air-conditioned and a great place to meet new people, hang out with your friends studying or playing a game, or participate in programming.



Commonalities of our first year housing spaces

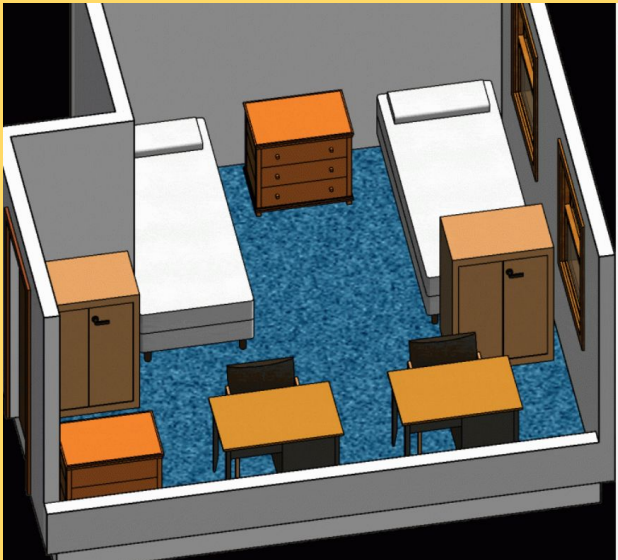
- Each student will have a bed, dresser, desk, desk chair & wardrobe (or closet)
- All have WiFi
- Every building has at least one lounge
- None have air conditioning
- All buildings have FREE laundry facilities
- All buildings have vending machines for drinks & snacks
- Most rooms are doubles
- Small number of singles and triples



Allen, Brewster & Ely Halls (ABE)

Part of our “Lakeside” complex which borders the campus loop and overlooks Lake Sylva.

- Standard doubles and singles
- Communal bathroom
- Houses approximately 150 students
- Built in 1931, formerly hosted women’s teas in the Allen Drawing Room
- 3 lounges: includes a baby grand piano and pool table
- Each room has a unique layout
- Close to the Library and Eickhoff Atrium



Centennial Hall

Part of our “Lakeside” complex which borders the campus loop and overlooks Lake Sylva.

- Standard doubles and singles
- Communal bathrooms
- Houses 214 students
- 3 lounges: includes study lounge, social lounge and game room
- Pool table and piano
- Built in 1955, renovated in 2009
- Most spacious rooms on campus
- Single sex by wing
- Close to the Library and School of Education



Norsworthy Hall

Part of our “Lakeside” complex which borders the campus loop and overlooks Lake Sylva.

- Standard doubles and singles
- Communal bathroom
- Houses 166 students
- Built in 1932, renovated in 2014-2015
- Includes a main lounge & game room with kitchen, ping pong table
- Each room has a unique layout
- Close to the Library and Eickhoff Atrium



Travers & Wolfe (“The Towers”)

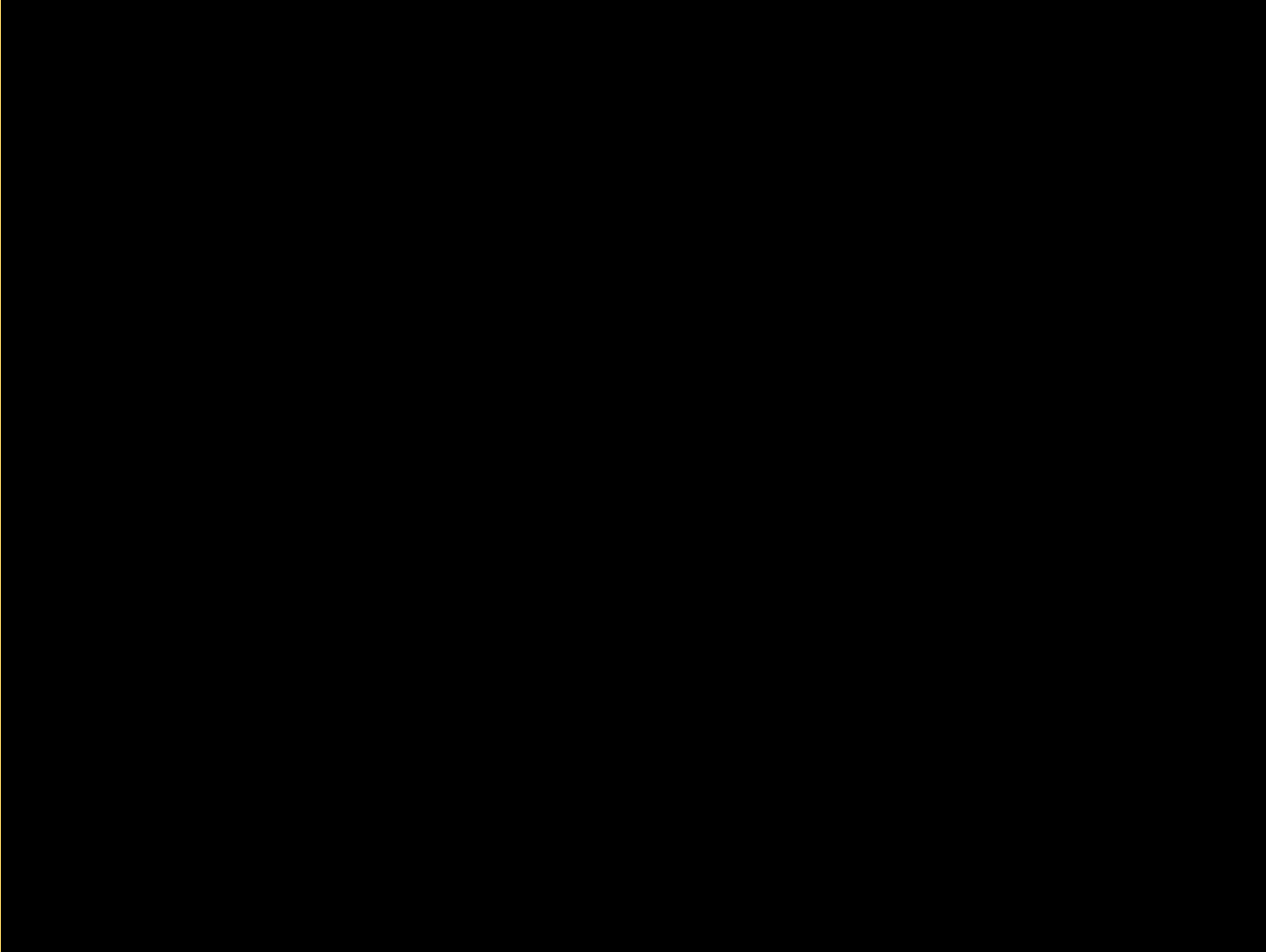
The Towers are two separate 10 story buildings, connected on the first floor through a large main lounge & “The Link.”



- Standard doubles and singles, plus quads
- Communal bathroom
- 1 huge main lounge with floor to ceiling windows
- Lounges on each floor
- Laundry rooms on every other floor
- The Ground Floor houses late night dining at T-Dubbs
- Can house up to 500 students in each tower
- Built in 1971

Cromwell Hall

Cromwell is a suite-style building with ample and diverse community spaces.



- Most suites are 3 double rooms with a private bathroom shared amongst the 6 residents.
- Residents are responsible for cleaning their bathroom and stocking toilet paper.
- Floor lounges on every floor
- Kitchenette on every other floor
- Laundry rooms on every other floor
- Houses approximately 300 residents
- Home of Umoja, our multicultural living-learning community.

click for a video tour



Click [here](#) if you're interested in seeing video tours of our buildings.

If you'd like to see more photos and floor plans, including those of our sophomore and upperclass areas, click [here](#).

WHAT ABOUT THE

EXPERIENCE?

EDUCATIONAL
CONNECTED
ENGAGED

NORSWORTHY - FLOOR 3

STARTING THE YEAR OFF WRITE

WRITING FUTURE LETTERS TO
THEMSELVES WITH CLEAR GOALS
FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR!



FUN!





Residential Education & Housing

The College of New Jersey

Educational Priority

The Department of Residential Education and Housing develops engaged scholars and fosters caring communities by focusing on cultural competence, responsible citizenship, identity, and the development of wellness practices.

Res Ed Curriculum Goals



Wellness



**Responsible
Citizenship**



**Cultural
Competence**



**Identity
Development**

Events

Here are just a few of the events and experiences our first year residential students have participated in:

- Community Competition: a several week long competition each spring between all the floors in the first year area. Minute to Win It games, Tug of War, door decorating and the grand finale is each floor paints a mural that represents their community.
- Oreo tasting competition
- Relieve Your Anxie-Tea
- Gratitude Journals
- Pumpkin Painting
- Fall Festival
- Plant Your Way To Success
- Decorate Your Dorm competition
- Vision Board Designing
- Home for the Holidays
- Give Thanks, Give Back
- Friday Night Bites
- Family Feud
- Game Night
- Karaoke

WHAT DOES THIS ALL LOOK LIKE:

- CAs host floor meetings to ensure students have access to the resources and information they need to be successful.
- All residents have the opportunity to complete a wellness plan. CAs may support those wellness plans through resource referrals, connecting peers with similar goals or community events.
- Community events that help students connect and feel like TCNJ is their home away from home.
- CA have formal, planned, individual conversations with each resident multiple times a year focused on goal setting and resource allocation.
- Resources and processes to help students manage conflict—which is a natural part of living in a community.

Our goal is NOT to compete with campus programs, but to build strong communities and help students develop skills that help them live effectively in communities



WHO ARE THE PEOPLE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

COMMUNITY ADVISOR (CA):

- Each floor has 1-2 CAs.
- CAs are undergraduate student employees with more than 100 hours of training in topics like: community development, cross-cultural competence, listening skills, campus resource referral, conflict management and crisis response.
- We have a rigorous selection process for these positions with 200 applicants for approximately 50 openings.
- Most of our staff stay in the position a full 2 or even 3 years.

ORIENTATION LEADER (OL):

- Ratio of new students to OL is approximately 25:1
- Orientation Leaders do not live on the floor, but partner with the CAs to help create community and develop a welcoming experience for first year students.
- OLs assist new students through the summer and during Welcome Week—they can wait to meet you all soon!



WHO ARE THE PEOPLE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

RESIDENCE DIRECTOR (RD):

- There is one RD for every building or complex.
- RDs are full-time, live-in, professional staff members with master's degrees in College Student Development or similar academic areas.
- They oversee the day to day management of their area and supervise the student staff.
- They create the educational programming that compliments students' co-curricular development and provides an out-of-classroom educational experience and environment.
- They also provide after hours crisis support through a duty rotation.



SAFETY: WHAT WE DO

- 24 hour swipe access to all residence halls—only students who live in the building and staff who work in the building have swipe access.
- Required guest sign in from 8pm until 2am
- A robust duty staffing plan. Every building has one student staff available after hours. There is also one professional staff on site for after hours crisis.
- Good partnerships with Campus Police, Dean of Students, Student Conduct, Dean of Students.
- AED machines in every building.
- Sprinkler systems, smoke detectors, fire alarms.
- Twice a semester fire drills to ensure equipment works properly and residents know how to safely evacuate.
- We follow all NJ State Fire Code, especially as it pertains to prohibited items in residence halls.
- We have 120 live-in student staff across campus plus up to another 100 hourly staff who are all trained on safety and security measures. This training occurs upon being hired, but we also provide refresher training and practice opportunities throughout the year.
- Blue Light Phones and Emergency Phones in residence halls and throughout campus spaces.



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SAFETY: WHAT WE NEED *YOU* TO DO

TCNJ employs quite a few strategies to ensure the safety and security of our residents and buildings, but the BEST safety is protective practices. Safety requires a partnership with you, our students. That includes:

- Locking your door
- Don't let people "tailgate" in the building
- Make sure your guests know policies that protect our community.
- Report suspicious activity
- Know and comply with our policies. They are there to protect our community and to create a space that is both safe and enables students to be successful academically and socially.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

All colleges & universities are required to provide campus crime statistics and detail safety practices. You can find TCNJ's report here:

<https://campuspolice.tcnj.edu/resources/stats/>





ROOMMATES

More than 95% of first year students have never shared a room before.

Living with a friend or acquaintance works for some, but is not always the solution.

You WILL have conflict, regardless of whom you live with. But learning how to navigate that conflict will help you navigate future relationships, challenges, and other conflicts in life.

THINK ABOUT

- What might your new college schedule be like?
- What are your needs in terms of sleeping and studying?
- What are your expectations related to guests (and is it the same for yourself as your roommate)?
- How do you want to communicate with each other?
- How do you want to address potential problems?



ROOMMATE CONFLICTS

Within the first couple weeks of moving in, all students will receive access to a shared living agreement. This is a 2-part process:

- 1st: personal reflection
- 2nd: conversation with your roommate and you develop the document together (and sign it!)

When you experience conflict with your roommate, our CAs and RDs encourage students to discuss and renegotiate the shared living agreement. We are able and willing to assist with that process, either as a coach or mediator.

We do allow room changes and students will have the ability to navigate that through the MyHousing Portal. If they have an issue that happens outside of the room change timeline or if there isn't any room availability, they should speak to their RD to find out their options.



Housing Costs & Policies

Room rate: \$4,974.26 per semester

Residence & Dining Services Contract

[This](#) is the contract that students sign upon applying for housing.

Contract Release Schedule

A housing contract is a commitment to living on campus for the academic year. That said, we understand circumstances sometimes change. Students are permitted to cancel their housing for any reason through July 31, 2023. See the proposed contract release fee schedule and contract release process [here](#).

Guide to Residence Living

There are many other resources and information related to living on campus, plus important policies. To learn more, you can read our Guide to Residence Living [here](#). (This is reviewed/updated each summer.)





DINING

TCNJ has 8+ different meal plans to fit a variety of circumstances and needs.

There are 10 dining locations on campus.

LOCATIONS

Eickhoff Atrium: the main dining hall

Lions Den: food court style

Traditions: sit down restaurant or to go

3 different cafes (Library, STEM, Education)

1855: buffet-style restaurant

Fresh Pride Cafe: smoothies, soup & salad to go

Marketplace Convenience Store



Meal Plans

All students who live on campus are required to have a meal plan. First year students and sophomores have a choice of 3 different plans.

19 Meals Per Week Plan - \$2,581.63/semester

19 Swipes/week to The Atrium at Eickhoff and includes \$185 in Flex Points & 2 Guest Swipes.

15 Meals Per Week Plan - \$2,527.85/semester

15 Swipes/week to The Atrium at Eickhoff and includes \$308 in Flex Points & 2 Guest Swipes.

10 Meals Per Week Plan - \$2,468.68/semester

10 Swipes/week to The Atrium at Eickhoff and includes \$485 in Flex Points & 2 Guest Swipes.

All of these plans includes 5 Meal Equivalency swipes per week, Monday - Friday. Only one Meal Equivalency swipe may be used per day for a maximum of \$8.50. So, say you have a late class—you can go to T-Dubbs, our late night dining facility and use your swipe there. Or don't want breakfast in the dining hall? Instead use a swipe at the BSC for a smoothie and granola bar.

You can find commuter and upperclass housing meal plans [here](#).



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IMPORTANT HOUSING DATES & DEADLINES

- May 30:** Housing Portal opens, new students may start applying for housing.
- June 18:** Deadline to apply for housing
- June 26-29:** First year student room selection
- Aug 24-28:** Welcome Week
- Aug. 29:** First Day of Classes!

Resources



[TCNJ Residential Education & Housing](#)

[Umoja, a multicultural living-learning community](#)

[Gender Inclusive Housing](#)

[Clery/Campus Crime Website](#)

[Student Transitions site](#)

[TCNJ Dining](#)

[TCNJ's Join The Pride: you've been accepted... now what?](#)

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