Dear LaPlata Hall Residents:

Living on campus next year? Room Selection is your opportunity to select a space in residence halls for the 2017-2018 academic year. Submitting your Returning Student Agreement is the first step towards participating in Room Selection. Included here is some important information about the upcoming Room Selection process.

The Returning Student Agreement will be available starting March 1, at www.reslife.umd.edu. In order to participate in Room Selection, you must complete your Returning Student Agreement no later than Friday, March 31, by 4:00pm.

LaPlata Hall will continue to house the Entrepreneurship & Innovation (EIP) and Integrated Life Sciences (ILS) Living-Learning Programs, as well as other Honors College residents in 2017-2018.

WHO AM I?

- **FIRST YEAR EIP or ILS PROGRAM STUDENTS:** Students completing their first year of either EIP or ILS in good standing are automatically eligible to return to their program floors for their second year in the program. Please consult with your Program Director for specific expectations about returning to your program floors.

- **SECOND YEAR EIP OR ILS PROGRAM STUDENTS:** Students completing their second year of either EIP or ILS are not eligible to return to their program floors. Students must select a space elsewhere in the building or in another location on campus.

- **ALL OTHER HONORS COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Students who live on floors 4, 5, 6, or 7 are eligible to remain on those floors. Students who live on floors 2, 3, 8, or 9 must choose a space elsewhere in the building or in another location on campus.

- **NON-HONORS COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Students who do not participate in the Honors College are not eligible to return to LaPlata Hall or the Ellicott Community.

WHAT CAN I DO?

A. **FIRST YEAR EIP or ILS PROGRAM STUDENTS:** When you submit your Returning Student Agreement, you will have two choices to consider:

1. **Return to your current bedroom.** If you choose this option, you will return to your same bedroom for next year. Starting April 5, you will be able to view any available vacancies in your bedroom, and then consider inviting eligible pull-ins to those vacancies.

2. **Go shopping for a new assignment.** If you choose this option, you will participate in Preference Based Shopping starting April 5, and will select a new room based on your priority number. This is the option to move to a different bedroom in LaPlata Hall.
B. **SECOND YEAR EIP OR ILS PROGRAM STUDENTS** on program floors: You are not permitted to return to your program floors during Room Selection.

1. When you submit your Returning Student Agreement, you will choose to **go shopping for a new assignment**.

2. You will be eligible to participate in **Preference Based Shopping** starting April 5, and will select a new room somewhere else in the building or elsewhere on campus based on your priority number.

C. **ALL OTHER HONORS COLLEGE STUDENTS:**

1. Honors College residents on floors 4, 5, 6, or 7 have two options to consider:
   a. **Return to your current bedroom.** If you choose this option, you will return to your same bedroom for next year. Starting April 5, you will be able to view any available vacancies in your bedroom, and then consider inviting eligible pull-ins to those vacancies.
   b. **Go shopping for a new assignment.** If you choose this option, you will participate in Preference Based Shopping starting April 5, and will select a new room somewhere else in the building or on campus based on your priority number.

2. Honors College residents on floors 2, 3, 8, or 9 are not permitted to return to those floors.
   a. When you submit your Returning Student Agreement, you will choose to **go shopping for a new assignment**.
   b. You will be eligible to participate in **Preference Based Shopping** starting April 5, and will select a new room somewhere else in the building or on campus based on your priority number.

D. **NON-HONORS COLLEGE STUDENTS:** You are **not eligible** to return to the building or the community during Room Selection.

1. When you submit your Returning Student Agreement, you will choose to **go shopping for a new assignment**.

2. You will be eligible to participate in **Preference Based Shopping** starting April 5, and will select a new room outside the Ellicott Community based on your priority number.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO CONSIDER FOR ROOM SELECTION:

A. **Mixed Gender & Gender Inclusive Housing:** Resident Life will continue to offer these options through Room Selection. To be eligible, please complete the online training available at [www.training.reslife.umd.edu/GenderInclusiveHousing](http://www.training.reslife.umd.edu/GenderInclusiveHousing).

B. **Mixed Gender Pull-ins:** Resident Life will continue to offer the opportunity for residents to pull in friends of a different gender to fill their current suite or apartment. To be eligible for this option, all returning residents in the unit and eligible pull-ins must complete the online training available at [www.training.reslife.umd.edu/GenderInclusiveHousing](http://www.training.reslife.umd.edu/GenderInclusiveHousing).

C. **Substance-Free Housing:** Resident Life will be piloting a new housing option where residents are engaged in creating a supportive space for those who choose to live in an environment free from alcohol and illegal drugs. Visit your [Resident Life Profile](http://www.reslife.umd.edu) to learn more about this option that will be available during Room Selection.

D. **Dorchester Hall:** Looking for campus housing for the fall semester only? If you already know that you only need to live on campus for the fall semester, consider choosing [Dorchester Hall](http://www.reslife.umd.edu). Dorchester will close at the end of the fall semester for renovation. All residents assigned to Dorchester Hall will be released from their contracts for spring semester or will be reassigned to a new location.

E. **Break Housing:** Break Housing is offered in all South Campus assignments and in Elkton Hall on North Campus. If you think you may need Break Housing during the academic year, please consider this information as you make your Room Selection choices.

Full Room Selection information will be available starting March 1 at [www.reslife.umd.edu/roomselection](http://www.reslife.umd.edu/roomselection). If you have any questions about Room Selection or would like to discuss your specific options please contact the Assignments Office.

Thank you.

Assignments & Public Inquiry Staff