Dear Residents of Somerset Hall:

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.

Somerset Hall will continue to house the CIVICUS Living-Learning Program in 2017-2018. Please consult with your Program Director for specific expectations about returning to your building.

Please read the following information to understand your options during Room Selection:

- **First-year CIVICUS residents are eligible to return to Somerset Hall next year.** 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 somewhere else on campus based on your priority number. This is also the option to move to a different bedroom in Somerset Hall.

    - If you want to be pulled-in by a friend to their current bedroom, you should choose to go shopping, and then accept your pull-in invitation starting April 10.

- **All other residents are not eligible to return to Somerset Hall.** Because Somerset must also house the incoming participants for the program, all non-program residents may not return to the building.

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

    - If you want to be pulled-in by a friend to their current bedroom, you should choose to go shopping, and then accept your pull-in invitation starting April 10.

**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.
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**