Dear Residents of St. Mary’s Hall:

Living on campus next year? Submitting your Returning Student Agreement is the first step towards securing a spot in the residence halls. Included here is some important information about what to expect in the coming weeks.

The Returning Student Agreement will be available starting March 1, at www.reslife.umd.edu. In order to request to live on campus next year, you must complete your Returning Student Agreement no later than Friday, March 31, by 4:00pm.

St. Mary’s Hall will continue to house the Language House Living-Learning Program in 2017-2018. Please consult with your Program Director for specific expectations about returning to your program building. To request to live in campus housing next year, you must submit your Returning Student Agreement:

1. **If you are returning to the Language House**: Select to go shopping. Your assignment will be finalized when the Program Director sends the official Language House roster to Resident Life.

2. **If you are NOT returning to the Language House but want to request to return to campus housing**:
   a. If you are eligible to return to campus housing, you will participate in Room Selection to select an assignment for next year through Preference Based Shopping.
   b. If you are not eligible to return to campus housing, you will be placed on the Fall Housing Waitlist.

**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.

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 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. 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*