The Arts Connection

Are you creative? Do you love to act or produce art? Then The Arts Connection floor is for you!! The Arts Connection (T.A.C.) floor is part of Summit Village housed in the Steamboat Building. Residents on the floor will live, grow and reach higher with others who are majoring or minoring in Art History, Film Studies, Museum Studies, Theatre and Dance as well as visual art both 2D and 3D. The floor is also home to students who want to major in something other than The Arts but have a passion for the arts and want to be around similarly minded individuals. If you are interested in the floor you can apply by selecting it on the floor preference in your housing application. If you have already applied for housing but would like to change your preference to the T.A.C. floor please send us an email at housing@uccs.edu with your name and student ID and we would be happy to update your application, or you can change your application with us during the open house section of any orientation if you have not already attended. We are excited to see this new floor and all our new residents in fall!

Attention Freshmen on Campus

Colorado State Law requires that all incoming freshmen planning to live in student housing MUST provide proof of a documented dose of meningococcal vaccine or sign a waiver stating the following potential health risks associated with bacterial meningitis are understood and vaccination is being declined. The waiver form can be found at http://www.uccs.edu/shc/immunizations/ meningitis.html.

A booster dose of the vaccination is recommended if the first dose was given before the student’s 18th birthday or if it has been three to five years since their last vaccination.

Meningococcal disease is a serious disease, caused by bacteria. Meningococcal disease is a contagious, but largely preventable, infection of the spinal cord fluid and the fluid that surrounds the brain. Meningococcal disease can also cause blood infections. About 2,600 people get meningococcal disease each year in the United States; 10 to 15 percent of these people die, in spite of treatment with antibiotics. Of those who live, another 10 percent lose their arms or legs, become deaf, have problems with their nervous system, become mentally retarded, or suffer seizures or strokes.

Anyone can get meningococcal disease, but it is most common in infants less than one year of age and in people with certain medical conditions. Scientific evidence suggests that college students living in dormitory facilities are at a modestly increased risk of contracting meningococcal disease.

Immunization against meningococcal disease decreases the risk of contracting the disease. Meningococcal vaccine can prevent four types of meningococcal disease; these include two of the three most common in the United States. Meningococcal vaccine cannot prevent all types of the disease, but it does help to protect many people who might become sick if they do not get the vaccine. A vaccine, like any medicine, is capable of causing serious problems, such as severe allergic reactions. The risk of the meningococcal vaccine causing serious harm, or death, is extremely small. Getting a meningococcal vaccine is much safer than getting the disease.

More information can be obtained from the Vaccine Information Statement available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/default.htm. Students and their parents should discuss the risks and benefits of vaccination with their health care providers. Please complete either the waiver or the immunization form (to be completed by a health care provider).

Immunization information is due to the housing office no later than July 1, 2013. Documents can be mailed to UCCS Residence Life & Housing, 1010 Austin Bluffs Parkway, Colorado Springs, CO 80918. You may also scan documents and return via email at housing@uccs.edu or fax to 719-255-4326. Please ensure your student information is included on the cover page. If you are unsure if the University has already received proof of your immunizations you can contact the Student Health Center at 719-255-4444.
A Message from the Chancellor

Dear Resident,

I am writing to congratulate you on two decisions, first to attend the University of Colorado Colorado Springs and the second to live in what I believe is the finest student housing complex at a Colorado university.

In selecting any of our campus villages, you have chosen more than a place to live. You have chosen to join a learning community, one that is not only connected by address but by goal. Statistically, across the country, students who live in university housing have higher grade point averages than students who live off campus. I assure you that there is no magic formula in our walls. The difference occurs when students use one connection to build another, whether that is help with a calculus exam or English composition to being respectful of ‘house rules.’ This is what building a community is all about.

The university’s primary goal is to assist you in your academic and personal growth. A portion of that is encouraging you to reach out to those who are similar to yourself as well as to those who may seem to be vastly different. In coming weeks, you will be invited to a multitude of events designed to help you meet others and to learn about the university. These are the first steps to building the community that will be yours for the next two, three or four years and, potentially, well beyond.

I encourage you to attend the events but to do more than show up. Say hello to someone you do not know. Begin building your community by presenting yourself as someone who wants to achieve success and who is willing to share that goal with others.

Welcome to UCCS, to University Housing, and to the first steps of building your successful futures.

Respectfully,

Pam Shockley-Zalabak
Chancellor

Kick-off the 2013-14 Academic Year at the UCCS Convocation on Wednesday, August 21 at 3:00pm in the Gallogly Events Center

Following the program, join fellow attendees, parents, and families for complimentary ice cream!

Parking for the event is free.

For more information, visit www.uccs.edu/provost/convocation