Dear Members for the Class of 2019,

On behalf of the Office of Residential Life, Welcome!

It is a busy time for us as we end one year and prepare for the coming year and the Class of 2019. We are in the process of implementing our new Bantam Network which will give our incoming class another way to connect with each other and find support in all areas as you learn to navigate the College.

One of the changes being made as a result of the Bantam Network is how our first-year students will be assigned housing. Residence hall assignments will be made based on clustered groups of first-year seminar/Gateway programs in buildings. Therefore, it may be difficult to accommodate roommate requests. You are welcome to request a specific roommate, but there is no guarantee that a request can be accommodated.

A popular question we receive every year is: how likely am I to be assigned to a single accommodation room? Be advised that the setup of our buildings varies greatly and some students will live in single rooms. Questions about single room preferences are included in the Residential Survey. We may not be able to assign you to the building or room type of your choice because housing is determined by seminar clusters.

Later in the summer, usually the first week of August, you will receive an email indicating your room assignment and roommate information. It is greatly encouraged that you reach out to your roommate(s) and begin to know each other. You will also want to decide who will bring a fridge, who will bring the microwave, etc. There is a list included on the first-year housing guide web page that includes suggested items to bring, as well as prohibited items.

A word of caution, when you do learn who your roommate(s) is, it is easy to immediately “Facebook” your roommate. Remember, do not judge a person by what they write on Facebook or the photos you see. Living in a residence hall is not like living at home. You need to seek out new experiences and try to learn from your peers. There are students here from many different countries and cultures. This is one of the things that make Trinity a great place to be, the opportunity to learn so much about others and what makes us all so different.

There is also a FAQ document posted on the FY housing guide page. If you cannot find an answer to your question, please feel free to contact the Residential Life Office at residential.life@trincoll.edu or call 860-297-2305. Our office is staffed over the summer with our finest students who will be happy to answer your questions or direct you to someone who can answer your questions.

We look forward to meeting you all at Orientation. Meanwhile, have a great summer! We will see you in September.

Sincerely,

Susan Salisbury
Director of Residential Life