

## LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITIES & THEME HOUSING INFORMATION

### Living-Learning Communities

Living-Learning Communities (LLC) provide the following benefits:

- Participation in an LLC boosts the chances of academic success.
- Students generally do better in their coursework if they are a part of a Living-Learning Community.
- Students in LLCs get to know their professor(s) and classmates better.
- Students in LLCs can create lasting friendships.
- Students in LLCs have the opportunity to broaden their learning experience.
- Students have many opportunities to go on field trips and participate in out-of-class experiences that reinforce what they are learning in the classroom.
- Students in LLCs with a residential component receive the added benefits of living together.
- Students have the chance to interact in different environments by participating in the LLCs with residential options. Students can participate in programming within the residence area, live and study together, and take their learning experiences out of the classroom and into their living space.

Goals for Living-Learning Communities:

- Develop a sense of belonging among those participating in LLCs through intentional dialogue, informal interactions, and shared experiences.
- Facilitate opportunities for students to deepen understanding, discover new passions, and make meaning of each community's specific theme.
- Empower a successful transition to college life by creating strong connections to the new college environment.

### MCLA Living-Learning Communities for the Academic Year 2022-2023:



**Honors LLC** - The Honors Living-Learning Community (LLC) is dedicated to residential Honors students. You must be an Honors student to be able to live in the Honors LLC. If you take part in the Honors LLC, you are expected to be an active member in the Honors community, including attending Honors-related events, like the Induction Ceremonies and the Honors Guest Lecture, as well as taking Honors classes. Beyond academic work, the Honors Program is a vibrant community—whether this be through occasional field trips, group meals, special lectures, or regular meetings of the student-run Honors Council, held in the Honors Center, a study and social space available 24/7 exclusively for the use of Honors students.

**Faculty:** Dr. Hannah Haynes & Dr. Mohamad Junaid in partnership with Dean of Students, Heather Quire  
**RA:** Pablo Calderon                      **Location:** 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Hoosac Hall



**Student Athlete Scholars LLC** – The Student Athlete Scholars Living-Learning Community (LLC) is dedicated to first year students who are student athletes interested in actively learning about the well-being of student athletes. If you take part in this LLC, you are expected to be an active member in the LLC engaging in activities, conversations, and learning opportunities.

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## LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITIES & THEME HOUSING INFORMATION

### Theme Housing

Theme Housing provides the following benefits:

- Participation in theme housing allows students to come together with like-minded individuals to form an intentional community.
- Students in theme housing can create early connections and lasting friendships.
- Students can participate in programming within the residence area, live and study together, and take their learning experiences out of the classroom and into their living space.

Goals for Theme Housing:

- Develop a sense of belonging among those participating in a theme community through intentional connections, informal interactions, and shared experiences.
- Facilitate opportunities for students to deepen understanding, discover new passions, and make meaning of each community's specific theme.
- Empower a successful transition to college life by creating strong connections to the new college environment.

### MCLA Theme Housing for the Academic Year 2022-2023:



**LGBTQ+ Theme Housing** - The LGBTQ+ Theme is dedicated to first year students who self-select into the LGBTQ+ theme. Students will play a role in leading and crafting the shared experiences of their community. The theme community will have the opportunity to receive programmatic support to build connections among themselves and the larger residential community while receiving intentional support from staff.

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**Diversity & Justice Theme Housing** - The Diversity & Justice Theme is dedicated to first year students who self-select into the theme. Students will play a role in leading and crafting the shared experiences of their community. The theme community will have the opportunity to receive programmatic support to build connections among themselves and the larger residential community while receiving intentional support from staff.

**Staff:** Residence Life staff in partnership with Dean of Students, Heather Quire  
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