Meet the New Graduate Assistants

Family & Graduate Housing is proud to announce the new Graduate Assistants for the 2016-2017 academic school year.

They are:
- Candace Brahm: brahm2@illinois.edu – Family Relations
- Mel Cardoso: bcc2@illinois.edu – Special Events
- Jenna Hickey: jhicks3@illinois.edu – Children’s Outreach.

The new GA’s will begin assisting and coordinating events and programs for University Apartments later in August. Please help us to welcome them during the Fall Festival on Saturday, August 20.

Orchard Downs Pre-School

The Orchard Downs Pre-School is currently still accepting registrations for the 2016-17 school year.

For questions and information please contact Debbie Collins via email at dcollns@illinois.edu or by phone at 333-5659. You may also contact the FGH office at 333-5656.

“American School System”: A Workshop for Students, Parents, and Educators

As part of the Family & Graduate Housing 2016 Welcome Programming, we would like to announce our Community Wide School Program on the “American School System”: A Workshop for Students, Parents, and Educators of Orchard Downs. As some of you might know, being residents of Orchard Downs, the children are zoned for the Urbana School District. The program is organized and intended to help educate parents about the American School System. We will be able to get information directly provided to us and in an environment where we can share our concerns, wishes, ask questions, and especially share with the Urbana School District. We can share information about who we are, as a community of students, scholars, and educators of the University of Illinois and as International residents coming from different countries around the world.

Mr. Joe Wiemelt, the Urbana School District Director of Multicultural and Bilingual Education Program will lead this workshop on Saturday, August 27, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Orchard Downs Community Center. You are all invited to attend and come with questions. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to have a direct conversation with the school district about our children’s education. Last year, principals from Urbana High School, Middle School, and King Elementary school were in attendance as well as some of the teachers.

For more information, Robert King at rking10@illinois.edu
Please note that we often take photographs during community events, and these photographs may be used in a gallery online. If you do not wish to have your photograph taken, please inform the staff member at the event or contact the Family & Graduate Housing office at apartments@illinois.edu or 333-5656.

Sewing Room
The Sewing Room is open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Learning Resource Center (Orchard Downs apartment 2044-A). Sewing machines and other equipment including scissors, pins, measuring tape, and thread are available for residents to use. The Sewing Room monitor is Tyra Brown (email tlbrown3@illinois.edu).

Welcome to the World
Babies are a sign of hope and bring much joy to our lives! At Family & Graduate Housing we would like to welcome your newborn to the Orchard Downs community with a small gift. This is our way of saying “Welcome to the World”. If you have recently welcomed a new baby into your family please contact the Family & Graduate Housing at 333-5656.

Back To School Bingo Party
Come join us for the Back to School Bingo Party Wednesday, August 17 at the Orchard Downs Community Center. The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy delicious apple snacks while you try to win school supplies and prizes! Raffle drawings will conclude the program. Hope to see you there!

Family Housing Council Game Social
Join us on Saturday, August 6 from 6 pm to 8pm at Orchard Downs Community Center for our board game social. Refreshments will be provided. Bring your favorite game.

Tuscola Bus Trip September 10
Family & Graduate Housing will be going to the Tanger Outlet Mall in Tuscola, Illinois on September 10. The cost of this trip will be $5 per seat. The online registration for the Tuscola bus trip will begin August 22 at 9AM. The link to register is http://go.illinois.edu/Tuscola2016. This trip is for FGH residents only. For more information or questions please contact CJ Holterman at cjholt@illinois.edu.

Suggestions for Events?
We are looking for ideas on community events. If you have any suggestion please send them to Ahmed at aorabi@illinois.edu or Changyi at cyz@illinois.edu. All suggestions will be reviewed.

Fall Festival at the Orchard Downs Community Center
The annual Family & Graduate Housing Fall Festival will be Saturday, August 20 at the Orchard Downs Community Center. The picnic is a great way to meet your neighbors, community aides, graduate assistants, and celebrate the start of the school year! University and community organizations will be there to answer questions and provide information. The food and fun begins at 12:00 p.m. Raffle drawings and prizes will conclude the event.

For more information, please contact your Community Aide or Family & Graduate Housing at apartments@illinois.edu.

International Food Festival
Mark your calendars for October 8 this year’s International Food Festival date! Consider being a cook for the event. Share food and music while learning about other cultures who live in our community. More details and information about the festival will be in our September issue of the Neighborly News.
**Hot Topics**

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**Family Housing Council Social Nights**

The Family Housing Council (FHC) invites all Orchard Downs residents to join us on **Saturday, August 6 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Orchard Downs Community Center** for socializing and fun! Pizza and drinks will be provided. The FHC will be collaborating with the FGH staff on Saturday, August 20, for the Fall Festival.

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**Family Housing Council Public Meeting**

FHC invites all Family & Graduate Housing residents to join us on **Friday, August 12 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Orchard Downs Community Center** for our monthly meeting. Refreshments will be provided.

Election for the Executive Secretary position in the FHC Board will be conducted. Interested in this position? Please contact Dr. Changyi Zhang (**cyz@illinois.edu**), FHC vice president, for the application process.

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**Friends + Fun=Kids’ Club: Kids’ Club Fall Registration**

Registration for the 2016-2017 Kids’ Club will be **Monday, August 15 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the Orchard Downs Community Center**. The fall session will begin Monday, August 22.

Orchard Downs Kids’ Club is a tuition-free after school program for children ages 5 to 12. A $25 per child registration fee is due at application. Children must be 5 years of age and entering kindergarten this fall. Families must also be residents of University Apartments.

The program is held Monday through Friday from 3:00 to 5:30 PM at the Orchard Downs Community Center. Kids’ Club offers social, recreational, educational, and field trip activities for the children. Come join the fun!

New families are encouraged to register. For questions or additional information please contact Sara Jenkins the Children’s Programming Coordinator at 333-5656 or **jenkins@illinois.edu**.

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**Journey To Indonesia**

Please come and join an event which will present some dancings, singings and food tastings from Indonesia on **Sunday, August 28, 2016 at the Orchard Downs Community Center** from 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. Food, beverage and door prizes are provided. First come first serve. For more information contact Dorothea at **ca6sudibyo@gmail.com**.

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**Welcome Week Activities at the Illini Union**

You are invited to join in the festivities during the Illini Union’s Welcome Week!

Visit [union.illinois.edu/welcomeweek2016](http://union.illinois.edu/welcomeweek2016) for more information about Welcome Week, Quad Day, and lots of other fun activities throughout the first week of classes.
MultiCultural Health Center

The MultiCultural Health Center hosts a free medical clinic every Thursday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This is a walk-in clinic staffed by volunteer medical students and supervised by a licensed medical professional. For several years, HeRMES has operated in partnership with area health clinics that serve the uninsured and underserved of Illinois.

Clinic Hours

Clinic hours are posted on the monthly calendar, and are also updated on a weekly basis on the MCHC voicemail. Please call (217) 265-6267 to make an appointment (walk-ins also welcome).

HeRMES: Every Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Doors open at 5:30.

WIC Hours: Friday, August 12 & Friday, August 26 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Clients who are receiving coupons can only pick up their coupons from the MCHC office on the 6th and 12th months. The coupons sent during the first 3 months and the 9th month must be picked up at the C-UHD office. Clients must also make sure to register on the WIC website in order to make themselves eligible to pick up WIC coupons at the MCHC. This will allow each resident’s coupons to be delivered to the MCHC for pick up.

CCCHC Services: Champaign County Christian Health Center is a non-profit clinic in our community located at Presence Community Resources Center on Wright St. on the Presence Hospital Campus, with a satellite office at the MultiCultural Health Center by appointment only. Please contact CCCHC through the appointment line, (217) 402-LOVE (5683), if you need assistance with primary care. For more information, visit: http://ccchc2003.org.

Woman, Infants and Children (WIC) Services: WIC services are provided for women, infants and children and are offered by the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District. Services for WIC participants include supplemental nutritious foods, nutrition education, counseling, screenings and referrals to other health services, welfare and social services, and immunizations for children. (Note: Clients who are receiving coupons can only pick up their coupons from the MCHC office on the 6th and 12th months. The coupons sent on the first 3 months and the 9th month must be picked up at the C-UPHD office. Clients must also make sure to register on the WIC website in order to make themselves eligible to pick up WIC coupons when available at the MCHC prior to pick up so it can be delivered to the MCHC for pick up.)

Office Hours: There will be no office hours for the month of August.

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