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Dear Parent,

Though it seems early to talk about your student's housing options for next year, now is the time to discuss housing options and costs for the 2007-08 academic year. We have found that the break between the Fall and Winter terms provides the most time with the least pressure for families to think about this issue.

Current residents will begin to receive a steady stream of information about the 2007-08 room selection process, known as "The Lottery," when they return in January. Their choices will include:

- Renewing their current assignment in February ("Squatting").
- Requesting to move in with friends who are squatting (being "pulled in").
- Using their lottery number in early March to request a new assignment or to be "pulled in" with friends. (note: We strongly encourage students to pre-select all their roommates, rather than hoping for a good match of habits and expectations)
- Skipping the Lottery and looking for accommodations off-campus.

This list is made more challenging by the choices of residence halls or campus apartments with **three or four quarter** housing agreements. We would encourage you to review your options at <http://www.wright.edu/students/housing/>.

The Lottery occurs before Financial Aid awards are completed. Since the housing agreement has the same financial obligations as any lease, it is important to make sure that your student makes an affordable choice. This is particularly true if you are considering a four quarter apartment, on or off-campus. **Summer Financial Aid is not available at the same dollar amounts as the Fall, Winter and Spring Quarters, and can leave students with unpaid debts that prevent them from registering for the Fall term.** Students living in on-campus housing can use the Student Installment Plan (SIP) to pay their quarterly housing costs (and instructional fees if applicable) in three installments provided they are current with their student account charges. For more information, review the Bursar's website at <http://www.wright.edu/admissions/bursar/>. To be eligible for all types of Financial Aid students must complete FAFSA and submit it by February 15 at <http://www.wright.edu/admissions/finaid/>.

We want to ensure that you and your student make an informed choice. If you have any questions concerning this, please contact us to clarify housing choices, get a preliminary estimate of Financial Aid, and payment options available to fulfill these obligations.

Sincerely,

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