



## YOUR COMMUNITY

Genuine Christian community begins with people—including you. Growing in community isn't always easy, but the Bible gives us some instructions for actions we can take as we grow together.

### → LIVE FOR OTHERS

#### PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4

This passage is our guiding principle for how we treat one another. As Christians, our lives are not our own. We're to be caring, sensitive, and responsible for how we live in community.

### → GIVE GRACE

#### 2 PETER 3:18

As we are all learning and growing, we need to actively encourage growth in others and avoid being stumbling blocks to those around us.

### → SOLVE PROBLEMS

#### MATTHEW 18:15-17

When you face conflict, talk it through directly and honestly. When confronted, listen graciously and take responsibility to make things right. In doing so, community grows.

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# MOVING IN AT CALVIN



## WELCOME

Thanks for choosing Calvin and our on-campus housing community! We're confident you'll find a sense of home here. You'll be blessed with relationships and connections through roommates, new friends, and supportive staff. You'll have amazing opportunities and resources available to you, and countless ways to get involved. Through challenges and joys, you'll grow and be changed—as a Christian and as a learner.

Here are some basics about life on campus that can make your move here a bit less stressful and a lot more meaningful. Or, visit our website: [calvin.edu/housing](http://calvin.edu/housing).

Living and learning together, we connect our hearts to God's heart. We're excited to have you join us!

John Witte  
Dean of Students

[cavin.edu/housing](http://cavin.edu/housing)



# RESIDENCE LIFE AT CALVIN

## DORM LIFE 24/7

Your residence hall isn't just a place where you'll sleep. It's a place where you'll meet your best friends.

**TRADITIONS** Show your dorm pride at the epic dorm showdown we call Chaos Night, earn your golden towel in the Cold Knight Plunge, and take your dorm's mascot celebration to the next level.

**DEEPEN YOUR FAITH** Your spiritual life can thrive here—through dorm worship, Bible study groups, mentor relationships, and friendships.

**EVERYDAY LIFE** Some of the most rewarding moments, of course, aren't scheduled. A late-night craving for Yesterdog, a freshly brewed cup of coffee with a dear friend—these are ordinary moments that can become extraordinary.



## ROOMMATE TIPS FROM SAMI AND MORGAN

"Be courteous and flexible with each other's schedules, especially around bed time."

"Have lots of snacks for your room. A mini-fridge helps too!"



## LIVING & LEARNING

Within our seven residence halls, Calvin also offers three living-learning community floors where you can live with other students who share your interests and values.



PERKINS



SOAR - Sustainability, Outdoor Adventure, and Recreation



HONORS

Find out more!  
[calvin.edu/go/living-learning](http://calvin.edu/go/living-learning)

## DINING OPTIONS

Flexible meal plans.

Every meal has **gluten-free, vegetarian/vegan,** and **allergen-friendly** options.

3 campus retail locations.

Learn more at [calvin.edu/dining](http://calvin.edu/dining) and follow us on Instagram @[calvindiningservices](https://www.instagram.com/calvindiningservices).

## YOUR ROOMMATE

We put a lot of care into matching you with your ideal roommate based on the information you provide on your housing application. (An email with your roommate match will be sent by the end of June.)

Remember that, like all relationships, roommate matches work best when you have clear boundaries and realistic expectations. It's helpful to think about what's important to you (like your sleeping and studying preferences) ahead of time.

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“BE HONEST ABOUT THE STUFF THAT MATTERS”  
—HANNAH

“WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME AT THE BEGINNING DOING MEALS TOGETHER, ESPECIALLY WITH OUR FLOOR.”

—ANDREW

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## YOUR LEADERS

### RESIDENCE HALL STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

#### PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Passionate for student learning and healthy community living, Area Coordinators (ACs) and Graduate Assistants (GAs) live in their hall and oversee operation of the building and student leadership, development, and conduct.

#### OTHER STUDENT LEADERS

#### RESIDENCE HALL EXECUTIVE TEAMS (RHET)

Implement community-building events

#### BARNABAS TEAMS

Lead weekly community worship, empower small groups

#### RESIDENT ASSISTANTS (RAS)

Students who live on each floor (one per floor) help foster and ensure a sense of community, accountability, and learning.

#### SOCIAL EVENTS TEAMS (SET)

Plan outings and activities, build relationships, develop floor identity

#### SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATORS

Promote creation care

## PACKING LIST

### BRING THE ESSENTIALS

- alarm clock
- extra-long twin sheets
- pillow and pillowcase
- blanket/comforter
- hand and bath towels
- clothing for warm and cold weather
- laundry basket/bag and high-efficiency detergent
- microwave-safe dishes
- silverware
- desk supplies
- hangers
- umbrella
- box fan
- toiletries
- phone and charger
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### OPTIONAL ITEMS

- bike and bike lock
- outdoor sports equipment
- computer/laptop
- TV/movies/music
- electric hotpot/coffee pot
- plants
- extension cords/surge protectors
- small refrigerator (four feet tall or smaller, limit one per room)
- poster putty/removable adhesive

**PLEASE NOTE:** We advise you not to bring more than one carload of belongings when you move into the residence halls due to storage space and room size.

### PLEASE DO NOT BRING

- air conditioners
- alcohol/drug paraphernalia (including empty alcohol containers thought to be decorative)
- candles/incense
- firearms or any kind of weapon (including paintball or air-soft guns)
- space heaters
- microwaves
- pets (except fish)
- small appliances (except coffee pots or hotpots)
- weight lifting equipment
- hoverboards

**PLEASE NOTE:** We do not allow nails in walls; please use removable adhesive.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Late-June**  
Roommate information sent

**First week of August**  
Housing placement information sent

**Mid August**  
Move in for fall athletes (see coach email)

**August 26**  
Move in for International Welcome

**August 27**  
Move in for IMPACT Welcome (students of color)

**August 29, 8:30-11:30 a.m.**  
Move in for first-year and transfer students

**August 30**  
Welcome Week

### NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Check your new @[calvin.edu](mailto:calvin.edu) email address regularly for information from Calvin.

[calvin.edu/housing](http://calvin.edu/housing)