

EZRA STILES

(RISING) JUNIOR HOUSING

SPRING 2019

Congrats Meese of **2021!** You are almost 2/3 of the way through sophomore year! This means that you can now begin the exciting process of choosing your housing configuration for next year. Please read this document in its entirety because it contains important housing info and deadlines.

In Ezra Stiles, the Dean is responsible for all housing assignments. Room allocation is implemented by the housing committee, which is composed of the Dean and two permanent representatives from each class. Any housing concerns should be addressed to the committee and they will respect confidential communications. Your class representatives are **Jaeger Johnson** and **Bleu Wells**.

Ezra Stiles College housing is determined by a lottery system that acknowledges seniority. Rising sophomores choose housing first, as they are guaranteed housing for the sophomore year, then rising seniors, and lastly rising juniors. As of now, the following suites are expected to be available for **Juniors and Seniors**. *These numbers will change once we know how many students are choosing to live on-campus and once seniors pick their rooms and suites. You will see the final housing stock available to your class once you log into Vesta after seniors finalize their housing.*

- **64** stand-alone singles
- **3** 3-single suites
- **9** 3-person suites (1 single, 1 double)
- **3** 4-single suites
- **1** 5-person suite (3 singles, 1 double)
- **4** 5-single suites

I. WHAT TO DO BEFORE SPRING BREAK

- Wednesday, February 20 until noon on Friday, March 8:**
All students log into Vesta, the online system and register intent to live on-campus or off-campus.
- Have questions? Consider attending the housing information session for your class with Dean P on **Tuesday 3/5 at 9:00 p.m.** in the Crescent Theater.
- Think and Plan Ahead:** Decide if you want to live in a “suite of singles” or a stand-alone-single (SAS). Hope for the best but prepare for the worst. Remember, seniors will have first pick of the common housing stock; so, have a plan B and C ready and be flexible. Talk to your friends and potential room/suitemates and clip-mates and work out possible configurations.

- d. **View the Stiles Floorplans:** Large hard-copy printouts are available for your viewing in the office (you cannot take them out of the office).
- a. **Special Accommodations:** If you are requesting special housing accommodations for legitimate health or religious reasons, meet with the Resource Office on Disabilities (medical) or Chaplain's Office (religious) to register your need for accommodation, be prepared to provide documentation, then email Dean P. before **Friday, March 8** to inform her about your authorized request.
 - i. Note that if you were eligible for accommodations from previous years eligibility does not "roll-over" to future years but must be documented each year with either the Resource Office on Disabilities or the Chaplain's Office.

II. WHAT TO DO DURING SPRING BREAK

- a. Take a break, relax, have fun.
- b. If your housing plans are still up in the air, alert your HoCo reps or the dean so they can try to help you out or offer some guidance.

III. AFTER SPRING BREAK: FORM AND FINALIZE YOUR LOTTERY-GROUP

- a. Appoint a "Group Leader" for your lottery-group (the groups of students who will constitute your suite) who will be primarily responsible for logging information into Vesta. If you are choosing to live in a SAS, you will act as your own "Group Leader."
- b. **Group Formation: March 31 - April 2**
 - i. **Group Leaders** create a lottery-group in Vesta and invite the others in your suite/group. Group Leaders can select a group "size" which can be changed until the group is finalized.
 - 1. Students can ask to join a given group that is not yet full and can withdraw if they so choose before the group is finalized. When a group is full and all members confirm their participation in the group, the leader can "finalize" it, which means that it can no longer be modified. Students can view a page with information about the housing stock available, other students without groups, and all existing groups.
 - 2. Use the time between March 31 and April 2 to view the system for information that will be useful for you – how many suite configurations are oversubscribed? Should you disband and reconfigure into a suite-type that has less demand? If a certain group

doesn't seem to have sufficient students, should you join them to create a suite?

c. **Midnight Tuesday, April 2**

- i. All groups must be finalized before midnight 4/2 (hopefully sooner). This is a very hard deadline. Those who do not adhere to this deadline will be placed at the bottom of the lottery [*not* a fun place to be].

IV. PRE-DRAW (Only for Oversubscribed Groups)

- a. **Wednesday, April 3** (9:00 p.m. Common Room or by other arrangement by the HoCos)
 - i. You will only need to participate in a pre-draw if you are trying to get a suite-type that is oversubscribed. For instance, if there are 4 groups of 3 vying for the 3 available suites-of-3-singles, the pre-draw will quickly decide which group will not get that suite type. This way, the group that is eliminated will have time to look at the system online, see which suite types are in less demand, and reconfigure themselves. Goal is to have every group have certainty that they know the suite-type they want before they go into the final draw.
 - ii. Based on previous years' rising junior draws, we can tell you that oversubscription generally occurs for stand-alone singles and suites of singles. The groups of students that don't get these types of housing will then need to form groups of 3, 4, or 5 to fill the remaining suites that have doubles in them. Then, once those groups decide on the new configurations, groups can form pin groups with other groups and standalones.
 - iii. Use your HoCo reps and the demand statistics on Vesta to find room/suitemates if your Plan A doesn't work out. Bottom line is, have a plan B or C if you are vying for a suite-type that is of high demand. (Or stay away from oversubscribed groups!)

Pro-tip: Stay away from oversubscribed groups if you do not want the uncertainty of disbanding and reconfiguring yourselves last minute to fit available housing stock and/or matching with classmates who find themselves in a similar situation.

V. CLIPPING (a.k.a. Pinning) (Optional)

- i. Clipping is optional; if you are not clipping you can skip this step.

- ii. Clips (or pin) groups allow different suites/SAS an opportunity to be close to each other. All members of a clip receive the same lottery number ensuring that your entire clip can select rooms at the same time on Carnival night. After the pre-draw (if one is needed) and **before 8:00 pm on 4/4** (night of the carnival), those of you who wish to clip must confirm your clip group in Vesta. These groups can vary in size between 1 to 8 members of varying suite/SAS configurations. Group leaders can initiate clips, but prior to the lottery all members of your clip group must confirm in Vesta to ensure all are in agreement.

VI. HOUSING CARNIVAL!!! (a.k.a. HOUSING DRAW)

Can we really fit a merry-go-round in the D.H.? There is only one way to find out!

- a. **Thursday, April 4** 9:45 p.m. in the Dining Hall
 - i. During this event, the Dean “hits the button” and Vesta will magically assign lottery numbers to each group/clip. The lottery numbers will define the order in which you choose specific suites within your suite-type. All numbers drawn during this lottery are final.
 - ii. **Draw:** Immediately following the lottery, each suite/clip group, based on their lottery number, walks on stage and picks the suites they want by placing stickers on the large floor plan that will be on display.
 - iii. **Housing Contracts:** As soon as the group does this, each member of the group is required to walk up to the HoCo table to sign the Housing Contract for the 2019/2020 Academic Year. This is a legally binding contract. Those who later back out of contracted on-campus housing will have to pay a not-insignificant housing penalty. No exceptions.
 - 1. When students sign their housing contract, they will be asked to indicate their room # as well.
 - 2. After the carnival, room changes will need to be made in writing to the Dean’s office (see “Room Switching” below).

HOUSING RULES

Before the Housing Draw

1. **Spring Term Housing Only.** Requests for second-semester housing for students who will be abroad or on leave in the fall must be submitted by November 30. Every attempt will be made to accommodate returning students seeking second-semester housing but cannot be guaranteed.

2. **Class Definitions: Sophomore/Junior/Senior.** For purposes of the housing rules, a student is a member of the class he or she will enter in the upcoming fall. A current first-year student will be defined as a sophomore in these rules, a current sophomore as a junior, and a current junior as a senior. (See Rule 3 on acceleration.)
3. **Acceleration, Leaves, and Withdrawals.** Acceleration does not affect class status for purposes of housing. Students participate in the lottery of their original entering class. First-year students enter the sophomore lottery; second-year students, the junior; third-year students, the senior. A student who takes off one term is for housing purposes a member of his or her original class. A student who takes off two or more terms and returns to a different class will be considered for housing purposes a member of the new class. No student who is currently withdrawn from Yale may participate in a lottery even though he or she anticipates reinstatement in the upcoming fall term.
4. **Students Currently Abroad or on Leave.** Students who are currently taking a term abroad or a semester off may be included in the lottery only if they intend to be enrolled in Yale this coming fall. To be counted in the lottery, such students must notify the Dean's Office in writing of their intention to live in Stiles next fall and designate someone (a housing proxy) to act on their behalf in the lottery. If the student cannot find another student to be their proxy, they may ask for their class' Housing Committee representatives to serve as their proxy.
5. **Mixed-Year Housing.** Any requests to live with members of another year will be handled on a case-by-case basis and are not guaranteed. We will do our best to accommodate people who legitimately want these arrangements. For mixed-year housing, class is determined by the lowest year. This means that the upper-level students in the group will enter the lower-level student's draw. **Please talk to the Housing Committee no later than March 29th if you plan to live in a group that has students from different classes.**
6. **Co-ed Housing.** Rising seniors, juniors and sophomores are allowed to live in mixed gender rooms and mixed gender suites. In fact, unless specifically designated by the dean, all floors will also be mixed gender.
7. **Special Needs or Housing Concerns.** Any student with a special need or a housing concern should meet with the dean well before March 8 to discuss these issues. The dean will try to accommodate these students but does not guarantee any special arrangements. The dean will consult with the Resource Office on Disabilities and the Chaplain's Office about special accommodations, when applicable, and require students requesting accommodations to also register with those offices. *If you received an extraordinary waiver last year, that waiver will not apply/carry over to future years. You will need to reapply or re-register with the above-mentioned offices and notify the dean of your plan as soon as possible.

The Housing Draw

1. **Lottery Groups.** If any of the people in your lottery group (i.e., group of students who will form your suite) change or drop out after the April 2 deadline, the Housing Committee reserves the right to take appropriate action (e.g., assigning students to the room or giving the

suite last pick in the draw.). Late applicants automatically get last pick in their respective lotteries.

2. **Lotteries.** Lotteries determine the order in which students pick their rooms. Everyone is welcome to observe this process in the name of transparency. There are separate lotteries for the sophomore, junior, and senior classes.
3. **Decisions are Final.** Any and all decisions made at the draw are final, and it is your responsibility to attend the draw. If there are extenuating circumstances that require you to miss the draw, you must designate a proxy and have this person sign the form and attend the room draw for you. Please alert the Housing Committee of any such arrangements and see McKenzie for the proxy form.
4. **Best Behavior.** The Committee reserves the right to expel from the room draw proceedings anyone who causes a disturbance or who otherwise disrupts the room draw. The Committee will represent those expelled for the remainder of the draw.
5. **Housing Contracts.** At the time students choose a room, they will sign a contract for that room.
6. **Anyone who participates in room draw and then decides to relinquish his/her housing in order to live off-campus or to take a leave of absence is also subject to a fine of 1/4 of the fall term room rate, as stated in the Yale College Undergraduate Regulations.**

After the Housing Draw

1. **Room Switching.** If two suites or individuals wish to exchange rooms, they must do so by contacting the Dean's Office. All members of both suites must agree to any and all switches in writing (see McKenzie for the form). **A student who has signed a contract may not switch rooms without permission from the dean. If it is discovered that a student has done so without permission, he/she will have to move to their assigned room and will automatically be placed at the bottom of the following year's housing draw.**
2. **Ghosting.** Ghosting occurs when a student submits his or her name into the online system indicating intent to live on-campus, knowing that he or she does not plan to live in the residential college. A student who does this and withdraws before the draw is also considered to be ghosting. The dean and the housing committee regard ghosting as disrespectful and inconsiderate behavior. Should this occur, one of two things may happen: (1) the group will be allowed to keep the room, but the Dean and Housing Committee may place someone to fill the vacated spot without consulting the other group members, or (2) the group will forfeit their right to the room and may be forced to disperse. In addition, the individual who engaged in ghosting will be at the bottom list of the draw for all subsequent draws.

3. **Smoking.** Smoking is forbidden in the college (and indeed everywhere on campus). If a student is discovered to have smoked in the college, the student will be placed at the bottom of the housing draw for the following year.
4. **Pets.** Pets are not allowed to reside within the college, with the notable exception of Machang the Disgruntled, Aqua, and Eero.

General Rules

1. **All questions in writing.** If you have any questions or concerns about housing in Stiles that are not explained in this document, you must submit them in writing (this includes e-mail) to your class's housing reps, who will bring them before the committee.
2. **Doubles are Doubles.** Should your roommate leave to study abroad or for any other reason, the Dean may fill that empty bed without prior notice according to the needs of the college.
3. **New Stilesians.** Stiles will house 4 unknown suitemates: 2 transfer students from other universities, and 2 visiting rising juniors from international universities. Groups may agree to take one or more of these students as a member of their suite. Groups that wish to exercise this option must inform the Housing Committee in writing before they submit their Housing Card. In all cases, seniority rules.

Elastic Clause. The Housing Committee reserves the right to modify the rules at any time if the situation warrants. In addition, suite assignments can be changed to ensure fairness and to make sure that everyone has a place to live. All decisions will be made at the discretion of the Housing Committee, the Dean, and the Head. All decisions are final.

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