

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND CAMPUS LIFE

While academic life is basic to education, Lynchburg College students also grow as individuals and as citizens through participation in out-of-classroom co-curricular activities. The offices of Student Development work together to create a campus climate that supports and challenges students to develop as whole persons: to help students discover who they are, what they can be, and ways in which they may begin to fulfill their potential. Student Development includes the offices of the Dean of Students; Residence Life; Student Activities; Health and Counseling Services; Judicial Affairs; SERVE (community service); Multicultural, Access, and Commuter Services (MACS); Wellness Education; and Campus Safety and Security. In addition, a special collaborative relationship is maintained with Spiritual Life.

Student Development offers students ways to get involved in campus life and to experience self-discovery and personal development. Through residence hall programs, cultural and social activities, membership in clubs and organizations, workshops and retreats, counseling, spiritual life activities, and participation in intramural sports, students enhance their development and their personal lives.

Students are invited to participate in the governance of the Lynchburg College community through the Student Government Association or independently. Typically, students are appointed to committees and task forces established by the faculty, staff, and other constituents of the College. Students appointed to these committees represent the interests and views of their organizations, residence halls, graduation class, or specific populations within the general student body. In almost all cases, students serving on these committees enjoy full voting privileges as they participate in decision-making processes that affect policies, planning, programming, budgeting, academic offerings, dining, and other student services. Specifics related to a student's role and participation in institutional decision-making are noted in *The Hornet student handbook* in the "Student Rights" section.

Most Student Development offices are located on the terrace level and first floor of Hundley Hall. The Office of Campus Safety and Security is located on the first floor of Hall Campus Center. The Spiritual Life Center is located at 500 Brevard Street. For more information about Student Development and campus life, see *The Hornet student handbook*.

Health and Counseling Services

Student health and counseling services are offered to promote the emotional, mental, and physical well-being of students.

COUNSELING SERVICES: The Counseling Center is open from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Three certified counselors provide individual and group counseling to full-time, undergraduate students. Graduate

and part-time students may also use these services for a fee, payable at the Cashier's Office before the start of each semester. Strict confidentiality is observed in accordance with professional standards. Students can schedule an appointment by calling 434-544-8616. Walk-ins are also welcome.

HEALTH SERVICES: The Student Health Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Services are available to all full-time, undergraduate students who have submitted a completed Health Information Form, including a record of required immunizations. Part-time undergraduate students and graduate students (both full- and part-time) may also use the student health services for a designated semester fee payable at the Cashier's Office prior to the beginning of each semester. These students must also complete a Health Information Form, including a record of required immunizations.

Students may be seen as walk-ins or may schedule appointments by calling the Student Health Center at 434-544-8357. A family practice physician is on campus Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Primary health care is provided by nurse practitioners and College health nurses. Referrals to physicians or other community health care providers are arranged when necessary or at the request of the student.

All consultations and medical records are kept completely confidential. No information is discussed with, or released to, anyone without the student's written consent. Routine visits to the Student Health Center are provided without charge. Charges for medication, lab tests, and special examinations can be billed to the student's college account or paid for by the student.

The Student Health Center does not provide medical excuses for class absences or tardiness but will, with a student's written permission, notify instructors that the student was seen by a health professional at the Health Center. This notification will be sent to the specified faculty via e-mail only.

When the Student Health Center is closed, the Lynchburg College Emergency Medical Service is usually available to provide first-aid and emergency care for students on campus. Students can access this service by contacting Campus Safety and Security (emergency extension 5555).

STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE: All students are expected to have medical insurance coverage. Students may enroll in a student health insurance plan offered through the College. The College Business Office mails brochures describing this plan to new students during the summer. Information about the plan is also available in the Business Office. Students who choose another plan, especially one from an out-of-town health maintenance organization, are urged to review their policy carefully to determine which physicians and medical services are covered in the local Lynchburg area and to ensure that coverage is provided for both routine and emergency medical care, as well as prescriptions.

Multicultural, Access, and Commuter Services

The Office of Multicultural, Access, and Commuter Services (MACS) offers a variety of educational programs and support services intended to meet the needs of multicultural and non-traditional populations within the student body, including international students, minority students, students age 25 and older (Access), and commuter students. Lynchburg College is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant students.

International students receive an extended orientation program designed to help them get settled in a new country, become acclimated to the College and community, register for classes, move into residence halls, and meet new friends. Immigration advising occurs through the MACS office as well. Minority students are offered participation in the Summer Transition Program, an early-arrival program that supplements their orientation experience. The MACS office serves as advisor to special interest groups such as the Association of Commuter Students, the Black Student Association, and the International Society.

The Access program is designed to serve students age 25 and older who enter or return to college to pursue their education at the undergraduate level, often while balancing other responsibilities such as working full time or raising a family. Services for Access, as well as for commuter students, include a seasonal newsletter with information pertinent to these populations, a lounge with lockers, study tables, networked personal computers, kitchen area, message board, and a suggestion box. The lounge is located in Bullard House (townhouse #5) and is accessible by ID card.

For more information about MACS programs, contact the office at 434-544-8330 or via e-mail to MACS@lynchburg.edu.

Residential Requirements

Lynchburg College values on-campus living, which exposes students to a variety of meaningful out-of-class learning opportunities. Accordingly, on-campus living is required of most undergraduate students, and off-campus living is a privilege earned through progression toward degree completion.

Single, full-time freshman, sophomore, and junior students, other than those living at home with parents and students age 23 and older, are required to live in Lynchburg College housing. Students who have completed eighty-five or more credit hours (either at Lynchburg College or another accredited institution) prior to the fall semester are eligible to live off campus during the next academic year, as are undergraduates continuing as second-degree students, non-degree seeking graduate students continuing their studies immediately after baccalaureate degree completion, and students age 23 or older. For complete details about residential requirements, see *The Hornet* student handbook.

Residence Life

The Office of Residence Life is responsible for all aspects of residential living, including developing a safe and secure residential community that is conducive to learning and growth. The residence life student staff of nearly

fifty graduate and undergraduate students serves as resident assistants (RAs), assistant hall directors (AHDs), and hall directors (AHDs), and lives in the residence halls. There are also two full-time, professional area coordinators (ACs) that live on campus and assist staff and students with maintaining a positive community and achieving their goals. They are responsible for activities, programming, providing peer counseling, and maintaining community standards.

Each residence hall offers card-operated washers and dryers, coin operated soda and snack machines, and full kitchens that include oven, refrigerator, stove, and microwave. All buildings have lounges with televisions and cable hook-up.

Residence life policies exist to enhance the safety and comfort of all students in the residence halls. Failure to adhere to policies may result in disciplinary action. For a complete list of policies and procedures related to residence hall living, see *The Hornet* student handbook. Housing is available to students age 23 and older, and graduate students only as space permits.

Firearms and/or Weapons – Firearms and/or weapons of any type, including concealed weapons for which the carrier has a legal permit, are strictly prohibited in the residence halls and on campus. Possession and/or use of a weapon will result in immediate disciplinary action that may include separation from Lynchburg College. Weapons include, but are not limited to, firearms, BB guns, air guns, knives, bows and arrows, and martial arts weapons.

Liability for Loss – Generally, each individual is responsible for his/her personal belongings. Students are encouraged to purchase insurance that will cover losses and/or theft. Some homeowners' insurance policies cover losses at school.

Smoke-Free Policy – All common areas within the residence halls, Peaks View, and townhouses are designated as smoke-free areas. Based on student wishes, all residence hall rooms are also designated as smoke-free areas. Students who smoke are required to do so fifty feet or more away from the buildings.

For a complete list of residential living policies and information, please see *The Hornet* or contact the Office of Residence Life for *A Home Away from Home: Your Guide to Residential Living*.

Spiritual Life

The Lynchburg College community appreciates and encourages its rich spiritual and cultural diversity. In the strong ecumenical tradition of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), to which the College is historically and currently related, this diversity is viewed not as a divisive factor but as an opportunity to learn from other faith traditions.

The important, special relationship between the College and the

Christian Church is based on shared humanitarian, moral, cultural, educational, and spiritual values. Members of the student body, faculty, staff, and administration represent many denominations and faith traditions. Diversity and religious freedom are highly valued.

The spiritual life of the community is expressed in a variety of ways including community worship (both Protestant and Roman Catholic), special services during the liturgical year, community service opportunities on campus and in the wider Lynchburg area, and through a number of campus religious organizations. The Spiritual Life Center provides a meeting place for several campus faith groups, each of which is open to all members of the campus community. These faith groups are also welcomed in local congregations of various denominations, the local synagogue, and in the fellowships of other faith traditions.

The associate vice president of student development/dean of religious life and associate chaplain function as pastors to the entire community and as coordinators of religious activities. The dean also serves as director of church relations and works closely with local congregations and clergy of different denominations. Both of these individuals, in cooperation with the cooperative campus ministers, are available for pastoral counseling and crisis intervention on a twenty-four - hour basis. In the event of a family member's sudden illness or death, notification to the student can be made by the chaplain on-call at the request of a family member.

The entire cooperative campus ministry staff is dedicated to helping students celebrate and grow in their own faith tradition while they attend Lynchburg College. They are also dedicated to helping students explore and identify their vocational calling in life.

Student Activities

The Office of Student Activities is committed to enhancing the Office of Student Development's mission statement through leadership and co-curricular opportunities. Learning and development are achieved through intentional programs that promote involvement in adventure-based learning, the fraternity and sorority community, intramural and recreational activities, social and multicultural experiences, and campus governance.

Through a wide variety of programs and services, the Office of Student Activities helps students become involved in campus organizations and events. Full-time students pay an activity fee that is divided among the major programming areas and allocated to student organizations for programming. The funds are distributed among the Student Activities Board, the Student Government Association, the Intramural and Club Sport Program, New Horizons, and the yearbook. Recognized student organizations may request funding from the SGA Senate to support organizational programs.

Leadership training is also offered through participation in regional and national conferences and the annual Anderson Leadership Conference held on campus. In addition to more than eighty clubs and organizations, the Office of Student Activities works with students in five major areas:

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION - The Student Government Association serves as the official voice of the student body to the Lynchburg College administration. It is composed of executive, legislative, and judicial branches, all of which have an active role in the establishment of College policies. In an effort to promote school spirit and student involvement, SGA sponsors a variety of events for the College community. These events include concerts, speakers, Homecoming, Freshman Class Celebration, Junior Rites of Passage Ceremony, and Senior Week.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD - The Student Activities Board is a volunteer, student-run organization responsible for creating, planning, and presenting a variety of activities such as magicians, hypnotists, novelty acts, coffee-house performers, and concerts for the Lynchburg College community. SAB members are students who are dedicated to bringing quality, uniqueness, and fun to the campus. Volunteers have the chance to gain leadership and programming skills by serving on one of several committees: Traditions, Mainstage, One Night Stand, LC Expanded, and O.P.E.N.

INTRAMURAL AND CLUB SPORT PROGRAMS - Intramural programs encourage students, faculty, and staff who are currently enrolled or employed at Lynchburg College to participate in a variety of organized recreational programs. Club sports are student organizations centered around particular recreational interests and provide an alternative to varsity sports. They hold practices and compete against club sport teams from other colleges.

FRATERNITY/SORORITY LIFE - Fraternity/Sorority Life was established at Lynchburg College in 1992 and since that time has provided leadership and social opportunities for all students. There are eleven nationally-recognized Greek-letter organizations at Lynchburg College, including three fraternities, four sororities, and four historically black Greek organizations. Approximately 13 percent of the student population are members of fraternities and sororities. Under the governance of the Interfraternity (IFC), Panhellenic (PC), and Pan-Hellenic (PHC) councils, Greeks continue to expand their involvement in the Lynchburg College community through annual activities such as Greek Week, Special Olympics, Homecoming, Relay for Life, and Fraternity/Sorority Excellence awards.

Panhellenic Council Sororities

Alpha Chi Omega - AXΩ, Alpha Sigma Alpha - ΑΣΑ, Kappa Delta - ΚΔ, and Sigma Sigma Sigma - ΣΣΣ

Interfraternity Council Fraternities

Phi Delta Theta - ΦΔΘ, Sigma Nu - ΣΝ, and Sigma Phi Epsilon - ΣΦΕ

Pan-Hellenic Council Greek Organizations

Alpha Kappa Alpha - ΑΚΑ, Alpha Phi Alpha - ΑΦΑ, Delta Sigma Theta - ΔΣΘ, and Kappa Alpha Psi - ΚΑΨ

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND NEW HORIZONS PROGRAM - The New Horizons program exists to develop leadership skills and support community and personal growth through experiential learning. Development is achieved through the utilization of ropes courses, indoor/outdoor workshops, and adventure programming. Programs include rock climbing, caving, backpacking, hiking, tree climbing, paddling, and whitewater rafting, ranging from one to six days in length.

General Responsibilities of Campus Organizations

Campus organizations are expected to comply with the policy and procedural guidelines adopted by the Student Government Association, Student Life Policies Committee, and the College administration. Obstruction of, or interference with, any regularly sponsored or official function of the College may be considered an act of disorderly conduct and may lead to appropriate disciplinary action.

Membership

Membership in registered student organizations must be open to all persons without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national or ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status, citizenship, or handicap (SA-302). Title IX of the Educational Amendment of 1972 provides an exemption of fraternities and sororities from the requirement that membership in their groups be open to all persons regardless of gender.

Membership should comprise only of students, faculty, or staff of Lynchburg College. Non-students may not be members, hold office, or be responsible for any activity.

Supervisory Role of Institution in Student Activities

Through involvement in student activities, including campus organizations and events, students gain personal, professional, social, recreational, and cultural development. The Office of Student Activities is charged with helping students become involved in campus organizations and events and with advising and supervising the Student Government Association, the Student Activities Board, and three fraternity and sorority governing boards. Additionally, the Office of Student Activities provides assistance and support to all recognized student organizations.

The Student Life Policies Committee, composed of faculty, staff, and students, is a standing governing committee that reviews matters of policy pertaining to student activities. Policies and procedural guidelines adopted by the Student Life Policies Committee and the College are detailed in *The Hornet* student handbook or publicized by the offices of Student Development. These policies and procedural guidelines address matters such as responsibilities and privileges of recognized student organizations, reservation of campus facilities, admitting guests to events, posting, alcohol on campus, and freedom and order on the campus.

Campus organizations and individuals involved in student activities are

expected to comply with all College policies; violation of College policy may result in judicial action, as outlined in the Honor and Student Conduct Codes and Regulations. Additionally, the College reserves the right to intervene, and if necessary, to cancel a program, activity, and/or process if it is found to be in violation of stated policies or procedures or is in conflict with the mission of Lynchburg College.

Athletics: Intercollegiate

Lynchburg College offers twenty-one intercollegiate sports of which nineteen compete at the NCAA Division III level. Varsity athletics integrates academic rigor with enthusiastic competition in ten women's sports: basketball, cross country, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, tennis, indoor track, outdoor track, and volleyball; nine men's sports: baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, indoor track, and outdoor track; and two coed sports: cheerleading and equestrian.

LC is a charter member of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC), one of the most prestigious athletic and academic conferences in the country. The thirteen-member conference (twelve institutions in Virginia and one in North Carolina) is the second largest multi-sport NCAA Division III conference in the country.

The director of Intercollegiate Athletics reports to the vice president and dean for academic affairs.

Campus Media

Three publications, a cable television show, and darkroom facilities comprise Lynchburg College's student media, providing opportunities for both news reporting and creative expression.

ARGONAUT SENIOR RECORD – LC's annual senior yearbook is produced by student volunteers, a yearbook coordinator, and the Office of Student Activities.

CRITOGRAPH – The weekly campus newspaper is produced by students in journalism classes. Volunteer reporters and photographers are also invited to submit stories and photographs to *Critograph* editors. In addition, advertising sales staff, who work on commission, are needed.

DARKROOM – Journalism students and volunteers work with the photo editors to provide photographs for the *Critograph*, *Argonaut*, and *Prism*.

HORNET TV – Student-produced programs about life at Lynchburg College and beyond are seen on cable channels 2 and 5. Students in broadcast journalism classes write, tape, and edit the programs.

PRISM – The student literary magazine, produced by volunteers, includes works of prose, poetry, photography, and artwork submitted by LC students.

Any student media supported in whole or in part by College funds are subject to the *Lynchburg College Statement for Student Publications and Broadcast Media* which is printed in *The Hornet* student handbook.

Written Complaints

Lynchburg College faculty and staff strive to provide each student with positive educational experiences and helpful services. Even so, it is understandable that complaints will arise from time to time. To address and resolve concerns as quickly as possible, all students are encouraged to address complaints to the office responsible for overseeing the area of concern.

If a student is uncertain about the appropriate contact for a complaint, he/she may submit a written complaint to the Office of the Dean of Students (113 Hundley Hall). The dean of students or his/her designee will review the written complaint and contact the student regarding address of the complaint. If another College office is better able to address the complaint, then the dean of students or his/her designee will forward the complaint to that office and notify the student where the complaint was directed. A representative of the office receiving the forwarded complaint will then contact the student regarding address of the complaint.