

## 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, in collaboration with students, faculty and staff, enhance the educational mission of the College and provide learning opportunities by creating an inclusive campus community that provides social awareness and fosters community development, educating students to become effective leaders, involved citizens, and critical thinkers, as well as nurturing the personal, physical, academic, and spiritual development of students. Student Development includes the offices of the Dean of Students; Residence Life; Student Activities; Health and Counseling Services; Community Involvement; Multicultural Services; Bonner Leader Program; and Campus Safety and Security. In addition, a special collaborative relationship is maintained with the Spiritual Life Center and College chaplains.

Whatever a student's background and goals, the offices of Student Development offer 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 intramural sports, students enhance their intellectual ability, social maturity, emotional and physical well-being, aesthetic sensibilities, spiritual fulfillment, personal values, career goals, commitment to community involvement and service, leadership and membership skills, and appreciation of cultural diversity.

Students are invited to participate in the governance of the Lynchburg College community through the Student Government Association or through independent participation. Typically, students are appointed to various 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. For more information about Student Development and campus life, see *The Hornet* student handbook.

### Health and Counseling Services Requirements

**HEALTH INFORMATION FORM:** All full-time students and eligible part-time students are required to have a completed Health Information Form on file in the Student Health Center. Certain academic majors and athletes may require additional information. For students enrolling for the fall semester this form must be submitted by July 15; for students enrolling for the spring semester, by January 15. Students who do not submit a completed Health Information Form are subject to a \$200 fine per semester until the form is com-

plete. The form is available on the College website at [lynchburg.edu/health](http://lynchburg.edu/health) and at the Health Center.

### Health and Counseling Services

Health and Counseling Services are offered to promote the emotional, mental, and physical well-being of students.

**HEALTH SERVICES:** The Health Center, located on the terrace level of Hundley Hall, is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Services are available to all full-time students. Part-time students 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. All students must have a completed Health Information Form on file in the Health Center to be eligible to use the Health Services.

Students may be seen as walk-ins or may schedule appointments by calling the 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 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.

When the 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). Health Services are not available during academic breaks and summer sessions.

**HEALTH INSURANCE:** All students are expected to have medical insurance coverage. The College Business Office has a list of local insurance agents if you do not have medical insurance. Students 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.

**COUNSELING SERVICES:** The Counseling Services, located on the terrace level of Hundley Hall, is open from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except the noon lunch hour. Licensed mental health professionals provide individual and group counseling to full-time students for a variety of student issues such as roommate and relationship issues, grief, anxiety, adjustment difficulties, substance abuse, eating issues, depression, and other needs. Strict confidentiality is observed in accordance with professional standards. Part-time students may also use these services for a fee, payable at the Cashier's Office before the start of each semester.

All students must have a completed Health Information Form on file

in the Health Center to be eligible to use the Counseling Services. Students may arrange appointments by visiting the Counseling Center or by calling 434-544-8616.

### **Multicultural Services**

The Multicultural Center offers a variety of educational programs and support services intended to meet the needs of multicultural, first-generation college students, and other underrepresented populations within the student body, including students of various races, religions, ethnicities, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.

A supplemental orientation program, the Summer Transition Program (STP), is offered to help these students get settled in their new environment, become acclimated to the College and community, introduce them to resources available to assist them, and meet student leaders. An early-arrival program that compliments their SOAR experience.

The Center staff serves as advisors to special interest groups such as the Black Student Association, Inclusive Alliance, Gay-Straight Alliance, and the Hispanic Society.

The Center seeks to create an environment that embraces individual differences, sustains inclusion, and cultivates a campus atmosphere free of bias. For more information, contact the office at 434-544-8330 or via e-mail to [OMS@lynchburg.edu](mailto:OMS@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 consists of fifty-one graduate and undergraduate students serving as resident assistants (RAs) and hall directors (HDs) that live in the residence halls. There are also two full-time, professional area coordinators (AC's) who 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 an 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, Peaksview apartments, 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.

## **Spiritual Life**

While Lynchburg College is affiliated with The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a mainline Protestant denomination, diversity and religious freedom are highly valued. Ecumenical and interfaith dialogue are both important tenets of the Disciples of Christ tradition and central to the institution's educational goals. The Spiritual Life staff is dedicated to helping students celebrate and grow in their own faith tradition while they attend Lynchburg College. The staff is also dedicated to helping students explore and identify their vocational calling in life. The College has historically been served by a Disciples of Christ Chaplain, and the denomination remains an important partner in mission, funding, and recruiting.

The spiritual life community is made up of faculty, staff, and students from varied faith traditions. Each year a number of campus ministry groups are active on campus, depending on student interest. Current groups include Disciples on Campus, Catholic Community, Baptist Student Organization, Hillel (Jewish), InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Quaker Meeting, Meth-

odist Student Fellowship, Canterbury Club (Episcopal), Campus Outreach, Lutheran, and LC Sangha (Buddhist). The Chaplain and Associate Chaplain function as pastors to the entire community and as coordinators of religious activities. There are weekly worship opportunities available on campus and rides are available to several local congregations. The local synagogue makes provisions for Jewish students to attend High Holy Day celebrations. The Greater Lynchburg Islamic Association (GLIA) provides for Muslim students services. Special services are held for events such as Parents' Weekend, Alumni Weekend, Holy Week, and Baccalaureate.

The Chaplains provide pastoral care to the entire community. Emergency pastoral care is available on a 24-hour basis through the Minister on Call system. In the event of an emergency, a sudden illness or death, notification can be made to a student by a Chaplain.

### **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, Outdoor Leadership Program, and Lynchburg Late Nights and weekend programming. 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, LC LEADS (a freshman and sophomore emerging leader program) 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 campus public forums, late night breakfasts, Crabfest, 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, off-campus trips, 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, Buzz Crew, and Public Relations and Marketing.

*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 four fraternities, four sororities, and three historically black Greek organizations. Approximately 14 percent of the student population are members of fraternities and sororities. Under the governance of the Interfraternity (IFC), Panhellenic (PC), and National Pan-Hellenic (NPHC) councils, Greeks continue to expand their involvement in the Lynchburg College community through annual activities such as St. Baldricks, Special Olympics, Homecoming, Relay for Life, Walk a Mile, and Fraternity/Sorority Excellence awards.

#### **Pan-Hellenic 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, Phi Kappa Tau - ΦΚΤ, Sigma Nu - ΣΝ, and Sigma Phi Epsilon - ΣΦΕ

#### **National Pan-Hellenic Council Greek Organizations**

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

*OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM* - The Outdoor Leadership 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 fourteen-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**

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

*THE CRITOGRAPH* – A student-run multimedia organization working to provide objective, accurate, relevant, and timely news to the Lynchburg College community. *The Critograph* and *Critograph.com* are produced weekly by Lynchburg College students. Freelance reporters and photographers are invited to submit stories for print or online media. Faculty and staff contributions are also considered for publication. *The Critograph* offers student opportunities in marketing, advertising, and sales.

*EYE ON LC* – A student-run weekly video news program operated as an extracurricular student organization.

*PRISM* – The student literary magazine since 1903 is edited by undergraduate students. It includes students' stories, poems, creative non-fiction, and sometimes artwork.

### **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. Emergency concerns regarding health or safety should be reported immediately to Campus Safety and Security (434-544-5555).

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 (114 Hundley Hall, Lynchburg College, 1501 Lakeside Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24501-3113; 434-544-8226). The vice president and dean for student development or his 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 vice president and dean for student development or his 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 regard-



ing address of the complaint.

In addition, Lynchburg College offers the Campus Conduct Hotline, a confidential, independent, call-in service for reporting observed activity or behavior that is harmful, unethical, questionable, or causes personal injury (e.g., fraud, sexual harassment, discrimination, safety risk, internet abuse, workplace hostility). To use the Campus Conduct Hotline, call 866-943-5787. More information about the hotline is available at [www.campusconduct.com](http://www.campusconduct.com).

Most concerns and complaints can be resolved at the campus level. However, after following Lynchburg College procedures, complaints may be filed with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) through the student complaint process described on the SCHEV website (<http://www.schev.edu/students/studentcomplaintProcess.asp>).

Contact information for each of the agencies that accredit or approve Lynchburg College's academic programs is published in the College's accreditation website: (<http://www.lynchburg.edu/about-us/accreditation>).