February 5, 2014

Greeting Trojans:

We are so happy that you are back and we are looking forward to another great year with you!

The University assigns a high priority to a student’s second year of college because the second year develops and solidifies the foundation begun in the first year. During the second year, students are focused on establishing personal and educational identities. As a result, students engage in activities in and outside of the classroom moving them towards establishing future directions of study and growth.

This year, the University is requiring all Freshmen and Sophomore students (students having 0-59 credit hours) to reside on campus, to include UAE, which requires you to have 24 credit hours and a minimum 2.00 grade point average. UAE will start its open leasing for new residents on March 17, 2014.

Exemptions will only be made for students who submit an exemption request by the posted deadline and can provide documentation verifying that they meet any of the following requirements:

- Permanent home of residency is within a 25 mile radius of VSU;
- 21 years of age or older;
- Married or previously married;
- Completed a tour of military service.

Just as we have a First Year Experience to assist freshmen in their success; we will introduce The Second and Sophomore Year Experience at VSU, which consists of a variety of programs and opportunities designed specifically for second-year students. The goal is to help students be successful, have fun, and get the most out of their VSU experience.

The university is moving forward in this direction to provide Second-year and Sophomore students unique opportunities and resources to construct an academic roadmap that will lead them to successful matriculation through VSU. Furthermore, we are dedicated to creating an environment uniquely tailored to the holistic development of successful Second-year and Sophomore students. We are excited about your future!!
To assist with this transition, The Department of Residence Life will have informational sessions in every Residence Hall. During these important sessions, information will be provided about the 2014 housing sign-up process as well as information about The Second Year Experience. Be sure to check your VSU student email for more information and specific dates and timelines regarding this process. So that you can plan ahead, we will begin accepting the Room Reservation Fee of $150.00 starting, Monday, February 17, 2014. For your convenience, a copy of the Returning Students Housing Dates and Leasing sign-up for UAE are attached.

We will provide you with updates as they occur.

With Trojan Pride,

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