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# On-Campus Housing Requirements

## What is the Residency Requirement at CSB?

**As a four-year residential liberal arts college, all students are required to live on campus.** The process to seek exemption to live off campus has already taken place for 2022-2023. If you have not already received a release for the 2022-2023 academic year, you will participate in room selection and reside on campus. For more information about the four year residential experience, please visit the CSB Residential Life [website](https://www.csbsju.edu/csb-residential-life/current-student-information/residency-requirement).

## Who is eligible to participate in Room Selection?

**Criteria to be eligible to select housing:**

* Complete your Fall 2022 Housing Intent Form no later than March 1, 2022.
* Register for Fall 2022 classes at least 24 hours in advance of your selection time. You must be registered for Fall 2022 classes to participate in room selection.
* Confirm your living group and make sure you have a full group for fall to select housing at your best time. For example, you must have four people who will be here in the fall and who are registered for Fall 2022 in order to select a four-person apartment.

**Only students who need housing on campus for Fall 2022 will participate in room selection.** If needed, students who plan to study abroad will be provided instructions for room selection. Students who will be returning to campus for spring 2022 will be contacted later in the fall term regarding their preferences for housing in the spring of 2023.

## Who does not need to participate in Room Selection?

Individuals who do not need to participate in room selection are:

* Students granted off-campus exemption who have returned their acceptance of exemption agreement
* Resident Assistants (RAs)
* Community Advisors (CAs) and their roommates

## What are the important dates I should know for housing selection?

March 1 – Request for Housing Accommodations through Student Accessibility Services are due.

March 1 – Housing intent forms are due.

March 2 – Pre-Selection Waiting Lists Open.

March 18 – Documentation for Student Accessibility Services are due.

March 15 – Living Learning and Intentional Living Community applications are due.

March 15 – Second Round Pre-Selection Closes at 11:59PM.

March 15 – Local Living Option eligibility is posted on the housing portal. Ineligibility letters are sent via email.

March 23 – Pre-Selection waiting list offers go out.

April 12 – Local Living Option Selection 8AM to 12PM

April 12 – Seniors Only Two Person Apartment Selection 1PM – 4PM

April 14 – Seniors Only Four Person Apartment Selection 8AM to 4PM

April 19 – General Junior/Senior Selection 8AM to 4PM

April 21 – Suite Selection 8AM to 12PM

April 21 – SUPER Single & Standard Single Selection 1PM to 4PM

April 22 – General Sophomore Double Room Selection 10AM to 6PM

# Housing Accommodations through Student Accessibility Services (SAS)

## What if I have a documented disability (or suspect I may have a disability) that requires a specific type of housing?

If this is the case, you must complete a **Housing Accommodation Request Form no later than March 1.** Please submit all **requested letters of support no later than March 18**. The request and supporting materials should clearly demonstrate how the medical need correlates to the requested accommodation though pre-assignment or assignment of special housing and demonstrate that it cannot be secured on your own through the regular Room Selection process. You will need documentation from a board certified medical/mental health professional as outlined on the Housing Accommodation Request Form.

## I have a documented disability and have been approved by Student Accessibility Services (SAS) for housing accommodations. How does that work?

Based on recommendations from SAS, the Department of Residential Life will make you an offer for housing that meets your accommodation needs and is appropriate based on your cohort (Sophomore, Junior, or Senior).

# How is my housing accommodation offer determined?

Prior to general housing selection, you will receive a Housing Accommodation Offer. Housing Accommodation Offers are based on the following criteria:

* Accommodation recommendation from SAS
* Available housing that meets recommendations from SAS and occupancy management needs
* Student’s cohort standing
* Student’s selection number

Our priority is to meet your accommodation needs. **The housing accommodation offer you receive, may not always be your preferred housing option.**

Example 1:You have been approved for “kitchen access” but this does not mean you will be assigned to an apartment. You may be assigned to a space that is close to a kitchen.

Example 2: You are approved for a space with a bathroom. You may prefer a six-person suite, but you may be offered a double occupancy room with bath instead.

Example 3: You are a rising junior who wants to live with two rising senior roommates. Your offer will be based on housing that is appropriate for your accommodation needs and your cohort and not for the two seniors in your living group.

## If I have been approved through SAS for housing accommodations, what about my roommate(s)?

Once you accept your housing offer, you will be asked to provide roommate information to the Department of Residential Life before general housing selection. If you accept your housing offer, your roommates do not need to go through the general housing selection process.

## What if I decline my Housing Accommodation Offer?

If you decline your housing offer, you and your roommates will need to go through the general housing selection process. It is important to note that if you decline your housing accommodation offer, there is no guarantee that you will receive housing that meets your accommodation needs. We encourage you to carefully consider your needs before declining your housing accommodation offer.

## What if I have an Emotional Support Animal (ESA) or need air-conditioning?

If your only housing accommodation is an ESA or air-conditioning, you will go through the general room selection process. When going through general housing selection, make sure your roommate is aware of your space needs. For example, if you need to let an animal out or it is challenging climb stairs, it may be best to select a space on the first floor or ground level instead of higher floors.

If you have additional housing accommodations, you will receive a housing accommodation offer before the general selection process.

Students with ESAs will also receive an “Animal Addendum” form they will be required to complete prior to the start of the following semester.

# Special Circumstances

## What if I plan to study abroad for FALL 2022?

You will not need to go through housing selection. You will receive information before the end of this academic year regarding your preferences and requests for spring housing.

## What if I am studying abroad in SPRING 2022?

You will go through room selection as usual for the 2022-2023 academic year. In the fall of 2022, y*ou will be asked to cancel your housing for spring 2023 semester no later than November 1st, 2022.* Email notices will be sent from the Residential Life Office regarding this information. You will also receive information from our office next fall regarding designating a proxy and room selection for the 2023-2024 academic year.

## I want to live off-campus. What should I do?

Please refer to the “Local Living Process” section of the FAQ.

# Housing Pre-Selection

## What is pre-selection?

There are spaces on campus that allow students be part of unique learning and living communities. Residential Life assigns residents to these spaces before opening the general selection process.

## What housing is pre-selected?

* **Living Learning Communities:** Living Learning Communities are students who choose to live in a specific area, hall, or floor for a specific reason and purpose. There may or/may not be an academic course students are required to enroll for once they are accepted into the community.
* **Intentional Living Communities:** It is a group of students who choose to live together for a specific reason and purpose.
* **Unique Spaces:** There are some spaces that may need to be filled prior to general housing selection. More information about these spaces will become available at minimum 2 weeks prior to the start of general room selection.

## How does pre-selection work?

You simply add your name to the “wait list for pre-selection housing” on the housing portal indicating your interest for a space.

Groups or individuals who add their names to the waitlist will be put in order based on the best selection number in each living group. We will make offers in order until the spaces are full. Groups and individuals can accept or decline any pre-selection offer. If you don’t obtain housing in pre-selection you will then participate in the regular room selection process.

# Living Learning & Intentional Living Communities

## Living Learning Communities

### What are living learning communities?

Living Learning Communities are for students who choose to live in a specific area, hall, or floor for a specific reason and purpose. There is an academic course a student will enroll for once they are accepted into the community. Specific RAs and CAs are assigned to support these communities throughout the year.

For 2022-2023, CSB will offer a new Benedictine Values Living Learning Community. Go to the website to find out more information:

Students who are interested in living in this type of housing understand that the Department of Residential Life & Housing will assign them to their space and location for the following academic year.

### How do I apply to be a member of the Benedictine Values Living Learning Community?

Students interested in the Benedictine Values Living Learning Community must complete an application process (BLLC Application: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/QCH2NGYCKW>). Applications are due Monday, February 14, 2022.

### How are applicants for the Benedictine Values Living Learning Community selected?

Applications are reviewed by a committee and will be selected based on the quality of the application materials and the availability of the housing style.

### Can I live in the community, but not take the INTG 103B: Benedictine Living & Learning Community course?

No. Students who apply and accept the invitation to participate in the community also agree to register for the course.

## Intentional Living Communities

### What are intentional living communities?

Intentional Living Communities are for students who choose to live together for a specific reason and purpose. Intentional Living Communities re-apply each year they would like to be active.

Examples may include, but are not limited to the following:

* *Environmental* - Students for Sustainability, Renewable Energy, etc.
* *Language* - Spanish Speaking Community, Study of Welsh Language Community, etc.
* *Academic* - Literary Community, Study Abroad Alumnae, etc.
* *Social Justice/Service* - Women in Politics, Students Against Domestic Violence, Students in Military Service, etc.
* *Identity Groups* - Q+, Indigenous Women, Students for Accessibility, etc.
* *Interests* - Breast Cancer Awareness, Crafting, Bad Movie Lovers, etc.

### How does my group apply to create an intentional living community?

Complete the intentional living community form: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/1LCP1XRTFT> by March 15, 2022. You will need to provide information about your group, your preferred housing location, how your community will align with the institution’s learning goals, and your intended outcomes for the academic year.

### How are intentional living communities selected?

Applications are reviewed by Residential Life & Housing and will be selected based on the quality of the application materials, alignment with departmental and intuitional learning goals, the type of housing requested, the availability of the housing style, and overall feasibility of the intentional living community.

# Selection Numbers

## How are selection numbers determined?

Room selection numbers are based on your cohort (when you entered CSB) and not the credits you have earned. Within each cohort, individuals are assigned random selection numbers created using a random number generator in our housing software program. The best number in the process is #1; the closer to #1 you are, the better your selection number.

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| **Cohort groups are assigned to everyone:** | **The ranges for selection numbers are:** |
| Rising Sophomores - 1 or 2 semesters in college (Cohort D) | Cohort D: 1726 to 2300 |
| Rising Junior - 3 or 4 semesters in college (Cohort C) | Cohort C: 1151 to 1725 |
| Rising Senior - 5 or 6 semesters in college (Cohort B) | Cohort B: 576 to 1150 |
| Rising SR+ - 6 or more semesters in college (Cohort A) | Cohort A: 1 to 575 |

# Senior Only Selection Process

## What is the Senior Only Selection Process for campus apartments?

Living groups where all members are part of the rising senior cohort will be able to select housing in advance of “General Junior/Senior” room selection. This allows the seniors, those who have been at CSB longest to have access to their first preferences for housing in their last year at CSB.

## What if only part of my living group are seniors and the rest are juniors?

All other combinations of seniors and junior in living groups will participate in General Junior and Senior Room Selection.

# Local Living Process

## What is the Local Living Process?

Rising Seniors who are interested in living in an apartment off campus (St. Joseph or surrounding area) can participate in a process called “Local Living.”

## Who is eligible to participate in the Local Living Process?

In addition to meeting housing selection criteria, **students must meet the following to be eligible to participate in the local living process:**

* Be a rising senior based on housing selection cohort (B1 cohort for CSB)
* Have a 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher
* Be in good standing with the institution (not currently disciplinary and/or academic probation, and/or no significant conduct history)

Residential Life & Housing will review all rising seniors’ eligibility to participate in the process.

## How will I know my eligibility/ineligibility status?

On March 15, 2022, rising seniors will be able to check the housing portal to see their eligible/ineligible status for the local living process. In addition, those who are ineligible will receive a letter in their CSBSJU email stating the reason(s) why they are ineligible.

## Can my eligibility change?

In the event you are placed on academic and/or disciplinary probation, your eligibility will be rescinded. If this occurs before housing selection, you will be required to live on-campus and participate in the on-campus housing selection process. In the event you do not meet the eligibility requirements after housing selection, you may be assigned to on-campus housing, which may include a meal plan.

## Is there an application process for the Local Living Process?

No.

## How do I participate in the Local Living Process?

Eligible Rising seniors will participate in the local living housing selection process that will take place on April 7, 2022 through the housing portal. This process will be similar to selecting on-campus housing, except you will select “local living” as your living group’s housing assignment for the upcoming academic year.

## How many people can be in my living group for the Local Living Process?

Living groups of four will be able to select a local living housing assignment.

## If I am by myself or am in a group of two, can I select “local living” as my housing option?

No. As with all housing selection options, groups must be “full for fall.” This means living groups need to have the exact number of members for the space to participate. Please see “How many people can be in my living group for the local living process?” for more information.

## If I participate in the Local Living Process, am I guaranteed to be released to live locally?

No. At each institution, there is a limited number of rising seniors who will be able to select “local living” as their housing assignment for the upcoming year. Rising seniors should explore which on-campus housing options will fit their lifestyle for the upcoming year.

## If I can select local living as my housing assignment, is there anything else I need to do?

Once you have selected “local living” as your housing assignment, you can tour apartments, sign leases, etc. Residential Life & Housing will send an email asking you to provide your address. If you choose a local living housing assignment, you are obligated to share your address with the institution. This information will be used to update records and communicate with you if there is information you need to know.

## What if my group doesn’t find a place to rent? What are our options?

We will work with you to identify a housing option. However, it may not be your preferred housing style/building as availability may be limited. Options may include residence halls.

## I was not able to select local living during my selection time. What are my options?

If you were not able to select local living during selection time, you can place your name on the local living waiting list. Please see the “Wait List” section for more information.

# Roommate & Single Room Questions

## What if the person that I want to live with next year is transferring here from another school?

You may select them as a roommate, but to do this you and the transfer student must contact the Residential Life Office (in writing – email is fine) **no less than 1 week (7 days) in advance of your selection time** and tell them that you will be living together. The incoming transfer/readmitting student also **must be enrolled for Fall 2022 prior to selection** (not just admitted) for you to hold a space for her in campus housing. Your transfer student roommate will not receive a selection number in the process, but you will be able to bring them in as a roommate provided you have contacted us a week prior to your selection time and she is enrolled. Call our office or stop by to visit if you have any questions.

## What if rising juniors/seniors want to live with a rising sophomore?

Rising juniors and seniors will have priority for the apartments. Upper class students who want to have a rising sophomore (right now a current first year student) in their living group will be unable to select an apartment during the general selection process.

You will still be able to select the most desirable option available to you in Lottie/Margretta/Brian at your best selection time.

## How can my group select a suite?

**If you are a rising junior or rising senior,** you can select a suite room during the General Room Selection Process for juniors and seniors. You can live with other juniors/seniors and/or you can pull rising sophomores in with you.

**If you are a RISING SOPHOMORE,** you will need to attend one of the Room Selection 101 workshops and you can then try to select a suite during the suite selection process. While the workshop is only a requirement for those who wish to select a suite, we recommended all rising sophomores attend the workshop to be prepared for all options available in room selection.

## What if I don’t have a roommate?

* Use the “Find a Roommate” function in the Housing Portal.
* Try a Super Single! Super Singles are double rooms in the upper-class residence halls (Lottie, Margretta, Brian) that have been converted to single rooms. Please be aware the cost for a super single is higher than a traditional single room.
* Let us know! Talk to your RA, RD, or stop by the central Residential Life & Housing Office in the lower level of the Academic Services Building so that we know who you are and can do our best to connect you with those who are also looking for a roommate.

We will do our best to help you and connect you with others as we are able, but you also need to be an active participant!

## What if I don’t have a roommate, but I want a double room?

**You must have a full group for fall to select.** This means you will need to pick a roommate or choose a single room. See more information “What if I don’t have a roommate?” and “What if I want to live in a single residential hall room or SUPER single room?” to help you decide what option will be best for you.

## What if I want to live in a single residential hall room or SUPER single room?

**If you are a rising junior or Rising SENIOR:** you can select a single room during the General Junior/Senior Room Selection Process.

**If you are a RISING sophomore:** Single Room Selection is just like room selection in that it is based on cohort group using the selection number, you will receive for room selection. If you are not able to select a single room, then you will need to look for a roommate and select housing in the sophomore Double Room Selection process. Try to have another living plan in mind so you can adapt if you aren’t able to select a single.

## What happens if I am not able to pick a Single Room?

There will be a single room waiting list available for those not able to select a single in the Single Room Selection Process. However, there is no guarantee that additional singles will become available.

If you don’t obtain housing in the Single Room Selection Process you will be able to participate in the Double Room Selection process, however you will need to identify a roommate for a double room to pick at your best time.

# Meal Plan Questions

## Do I have to be on a meal plan?

Students who live in Lottie, Margretta, and Brian are required to be on a continuous meal plan. Students who reside in apartments with a kitchen are not required to be on a meal plan. You may still choose to have a meal plan if you live in an apartment.

## Where do I go to find out more about meal plan options?

Contact Culinary Services or visit <https://www.csbsju.edu/csb-culinary-services/campus-meal-plans> for more information about meal plans.

# Housing Selection Preparation

## What if I did not complete my housing intent form before the March 1st deadline?

If you did not complete your housing intent form, you will still be able to select housing for the 2022-2023 academic year and will participate in housing selection. **However, your selection time will be adjusted to open after those who submitted their form on time.** This may mean that while you have the best selection number, you may not have the best selection time for your group.

## What if I am not registered for fall at least 24 hours in advance of my group’s selection time?

You won’t be eligible for to participate in the selection process and your roommates can’t include you successfully in their living group.

**Living groups must be full for fall – they must have enough eligible living group members to fill as space. If they are not a full group (if they are short roommates or if member(s) of the group are ineligible) they cannot pick housing during their selection time**.

We urge you to communicate with your planned living group if you are not able to register prior to room selection and plan as needed for housing for the coming year.

## Why should my group have more than one plan for housing?

The reality of room selection is that not everyone will be able to get their first choice of housing. It is important to have several different choices ready for rooms in the event you are not able to pick your first choice.

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| **Not all seniors will live in apartments with private bedrooms (Luetmer/Centennial Commons)** | **Some seniors will live in Old East or West Apartments.** |
| **For 2022-2023, it is very likely we will be able to house all juniors in apartments.** | **Please still come prepared with Lottie, Margretta, and Brian housing options.**  **If juniors need to select residence hall options, we will work with these students throughout the summer on their placement.** |
| **Not all sophomores who want one will be able to select a suite or a single room.** | **Most sophomores live in double rooms.** |

If you are a **rising** **senior** wishing to select an apartment with private bedrooms:

* + Centennial Commons offers 116 beds (all are 4 bedroom units)
  + Luetmer Apartments offers 136 (mostly 4 bedroom, and some 2 person units)

These (and all campus apartments) will be available as part of Senior Only Selection. **Not every senior living on campus will be able to select Centennial Commons or Luetmer**. It is wise to discuss alternative choices with your living group. ***Discuss what your plan would be if Centennial Commons and Luetmer are no longer available at the time you select housing: be ready to choose housing in McDonald, Wirth, or Zierden (also part of the East Apartments) or in the West Apartments if you would prefer.***

If you are a **rising junior**:

* Be aware that housing in Centennial Commons and Luetmer will almost certainly be full.
* Your living group should make plans to select housing in McDonald, Wirth, or Zierden (on the East Side of Campus near the HCC) and/or in the West Apartments.
* Make plans for a living group of 4 as 2-person apartment will likely be selected by seniors.
* While most juniors will live in apartments, there is not requirement nor is there any guarantee that all juniors live in apartments. ***Consider that it is possible, and even likely, that apartments will fill prior to your selection time and you may be selecting housing in Lottie, Margretta or Brian*.**
  + Would you want to be in a suite? Would you want to select a double with a private bathroom or one of the large corner rooms in Margretta?

If you are a **rising sophomore**:

* If you are hoping to select a suite***,*** you will want to consider where you would want to select double rooms and who your roommate will be in the event that you do not get a suite (remember all suites are part of the suite selection process for sophomores).
* There are only 51 beds in suites and approximately 500 rising sophomore students, ***not everyone will be able to select a suite.***
* ***If you plan to select a suit, remember that each living group member must attend a Room Selection 101 workshop to be eligible for suites!***
* ***Not every rising sophomore will be able to select a suite. There are fewer suites than rising sophomores so even if you prefer a suite, you and your roommates should have plans for selecting a double room or single room just in case.***

## What happens if our group doesn’t have the exact amount of people for the housing option we want?

**YOU MUST HAVE THE EXACT NUMBER IN YOUR GROUP FOR FALL SEMESTER IN ORDER TO SELECT HOUSING.** If you are not a full group (if you are short roommates, have too many roommates, or if member(s) of the group are ineligible), your group will not be able to select housing you want in the online process.

You will still want to select some type of housing in Lottie/Margretta/Brian however as there are no guarantees your group will be able to move off the waiting list and into an apartment. We will work with groups on the waiting list as space allows.

You will have to **be flexible** about your plans. You cannot select certain types of housing, like apartments/suites, if you are not a full group. And remember, even if you are a full group you always need to have a plan A, B and C in mind when preparing for selection (*see previous* *section “Why should I have more than one choice for housing”*).

If you have your heart set on a suite/apartment but are short roommates or if you are looking for a living group, you may use the Find a Roommate function in the Housing Portal.

## What happens if I am unable to log in at my designated time?

If you are not able to get to a computer at your selection time, assign a proxy. See “Proxy” for more information. If you are having difficulty logging in or getting timed out, try a different computer or browser. If you are still having trouble, contact CSB Residential Life & Housing to get help.

# Suite Life Workshops 101

## What are Suite Life Workshops 101?

CSB Residential Life & Housing offers room selection housing workshops to help residents figure out their plans for the upcoming room selection process. Rising sophomores who are interested in a suite style housing option are required to attend Suite Life 101 Workshop. See “Question: What will be talked about during Suites Workshops 101?” for more information.

## What will be talked about during Suite Life Workshops 101?

Suite Life 101 will discuss upper-class housing options and what to look for in a roommate. The workshops will also help students understand how to have conversations with roommates who share the suite and navigate things such as guests, noise, cleaning, bathroom use, and other chores.

## Why are rising sophomores required to attend the Suites 101 Workshop?

Our goal is to help living groups have the conversations necessary to form a solid living group that will be successful in the coming year and have the tools going into the experience to communicate with one another about their needs honestly. Attending the workshop does not guarantee that you will get a suite; however, you can’t try for one if you don’t attend the workshop.

If you are not able to select a suite, you will need to decide how to break up your group and select housing in the general sophomore or single/super single room selection process. Suite selection happens in advance of other sophomore selection to allow a bit of time to make alternate plans for those not able to select a suite.

**Remember: All members of your living group must attend ONE of the “Suite Selection 101” workshops for your group to be eligible to select a suite.**

# Proxy

## What is a Proxy?

A proxy is needed when the person with the group’s best selection time is not able to log in and select housing because of class, work, study abroad, etc. A proxy is someone you trust to log-on during your selection time to make your housing selection for your group.

## Who can be a Proxy?

The proxy can be any CSB student they designate to act on their behalf, it can be someone they plan to live with or just someone they trust who is able to select on their behalf at the designated date and time.

## How do I assign a Proxy?

See online tutorial for pictures of what you should expect to see when setting up a proxy, when accepting to be someone’s proxy and when acting as the proxy on someone’s behalf.

## Can I change my Proxy?

Yes. You can change your proxy at any time.

# Wait List

## I didn’t get the housing I wanted. What are my options?

If you are not able to select the preferred hall or type of housing during the selection process, you can add yourself to a waiting list.

## What is a wait list?

A waitlist is a list created to let CSB Residential Life & Housing know you are interested in a different housing option for the upcoming semester.

## How do waiting lists work?

Waitlists will open after you select housing for the upcoming academic year. The wait lists are available on the housing portal. You can add/remove yourself from any wait list until the priority deadline. From there, CSB Residential Life & Housing will be sending offers to individuals on the waiting lists in selection number order. As spaces become available, individuals will be contacted regarding a possible change in assignment.

## When is the priority deadline for waiting lists?

Students will need to add/remove themselves to waiting lists by April 24 at 11:59P.M.

## What happens if I miss the priority deadline for waitlists?

If you miss the priority deadline for waitlists, you will need to contact [housinginfo@csbsju.edu](mailto:housinginfo@csbsju.edu) to be added to your preferred waitlists. Additionally, even if you have the selection number closest to “1,” you will receive an offer after those who added their names to the list by the priority deadline.

## Which housing options have waiting lists?

CSB Residential Life & Housing has waiting lists for all housing options based on cohort. Once the priority deadline has passed, you will receive an email when your place on the wait lists can be viewed on the housing portal.

## When will I be notified if I receive a wait list offer?

As spaces become available, individuals and their roommates will be contacted via email regarding a possible change in assignment. First round offers will be sent the day after the priority deadline and will continue throughout the summer. While some limited adjustments will occur before the end of the academic year, the largest number of changes will occur during the summer beginning in June. It is most likely that you would be contacted in June/July if any opportunities for changes in assignment are available.

## Is putting my name on the wait list a guarantee that I will get my preferred space?

No.

# I Still Have Questions!

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**Contact us at 320-363-5580 or** [**housinginfo@csbsju.edu**](mailto:housinginfo@csbsju.edu)**.**