

00:01 So we'll go ahead and get started.  
00:03 I notice the Q and A component.  
00:05 The, questions are coming in a little bit.  
00:07 Som we're gonna go ahead and start with the presentation  
00:09 and there'll be a break at some point,  
00:11 to answer some questions,  
00:12 we'll have about 45 minutes with each other.  
00:15 Some of it will be very quick.  
00:17 We'll talk a little bit about the exciting opportunities  
00:19 at Suffolk University and go over a very,  
00:21 very high level overview as you're still making a decision  
00:24 around where to attend, or what what to do.  
00:26 And so we're really excited about  
00:28 showing you a little bit about Suffolk  
00:29 and what we can offer.  
00:31 And then also, we'll have some time for students  
00:34 to be able to an answer some questions that you may have.  
00:38 So, we'll be happy to direct those questions  
00:40 to Turner and Gavin that are here too.  
00:43 And, I will have them introduce themselves  
00:45 a little bit later  
00:47 and we'll get through the boring parts  
00:49 of the presentation first,  
00:50 in order to get to exciting parts  
00:51 with Gavin and Turner at the end.  
00:54 So, here at Residence Life and Housing Services,  
00:58 this then webinar for incoming students and families  
01:01 of people that are accepted to Suffolk University.  
01:03 We're really excited that you're taking part of this  
01:05 and getting to know us a little bit more.  
01:08 When you live at Suffolk University,  
01:10 you're really living right downtown, right?  
01:13 You're in the right in the thick of it,  
01:15 right in the middle of the city.  
01:17 When we say, downtown is our campus.  
01:19 That literally means that you step outside  
01:21 and you are exposed to the downtown life.  
01:24 And you're part of an experience,  
01:25 that is part of a very cosmopolitan, large city experience,  
01:30 where students are growing up much faster  
01:32 than they would anywhere else.  
01:35 You walk out of your residence halls  
01:36 and you're walking into the financial district,  
01:39 or in the Nathaniel Hall, or North End,  
01:41 or Washington Street, or downtown crossing  
01:44 and steps away from a T-stops, or parks.  
01:48 Major parks, or historical locations  
01:50 where revolutions happened.  
01:52 This is the major opportunity that you would have  
01:56 at Suffolk University,  
01:57 because being on campus means that,  
02:00 you're part of a vibrant community.  
02:01 And we can't wait for you to experience

02:03 that when you are here at Suffolk.  
02:05 One really interesting question  
02:07 that we're continuously getting is,  
02:09 when will I be able to start my housing application?  
02:12 The housing portal opens for all new students,  
02:15 starting May 19th, 2022.  
02:18 So, do not rush on anything,  
02:20 if you've already made your deposit,  
02:22 you do not have to do anything else.  
02:24 All you have to do is wait until May 9th, 2022,  
02:27 and you'll get an email saying  
02:29 "It is time for you to start filling out  
02:31 "your housing application".  
02:33 And then on June 2nd, housing applications,  
02:37 housing assignments will come out  
02:39 and you will know where you will be living.  
02:42 You will be living in one of the three residence halls  
02:44 oh, before you do that,  
02:45 the housing application,  
02:47 in the housing applications,  
02:48 you will not be able to predict which building  
02:51 that you want to live in.  
02:53 However, you can select room types.  
02:55 So, you can select either a single, double,  
02:58 triple, quad, five person room,  
03:00 six person room and eight person room.  
03:03 And you can pick roommates  
03:06 to be part of those groups of people.  
03:07 So if you were in a four person group,  
03:09 you can select a quad as your first priority,  
03:11 so that you can all be placed in a quad together.  
03:14 One cool thing is that we match people based on,  
03:17 their personality,  
03:19 or how they answer their housing application questions.  
03:21 Are you clean?  
03:22 Are you not clean?  
03:23 Are you an early riser?  
03:25 Are you a sleep in person?  
03:26 Do you mostly do your work at night?  
03:28 Do you need a quiet room to study,  
03:30 or do you like activities happening?  
03:32 Do you like overnight people to come and visit you often?  
03:35 Or do you like your own space?  
03:37 Tons of questions that people have to answer  
03:40 and what we start to do is pair people up based on that.  
03:42 You do not have to have a roommate group.  
03:44 You can go at it individually  
03:46 and we can pair you up with somebody,  
03:48 that answers a question similarly to you.  
03:50 Or, you can select somebody that you really  
03:52 are connecting with and you can get into small groups,  
03:57 and select rooms together as well.  
03:59 Or actually we will select the rooms for you,  
04:02 in those tiny little groups as well.

04:04 If you are looking for a single room,  
04:06 notice that little one is there,  
04:08 for single room types.  
04:10 You, would wanna go through the Office  
04:11 of Disability Services  
04:13 and fill out a housing accommodation form.  
04:15 And if you go just type in Google Suffolk University  
04:18 ODS, or Office of Disability Services,  
04:21 you'll get to their page,  
04:23 click on the page of accommodations  
04:25 and there'll be a form for housing accommodations  
04:27 and you can click on that  
04:28 and somebody from the Office of Disability Services,  
04:31 will reach out to you and talk to you about that as well.  
04:35 Okay.  
04:36 First and foremost, Smith Hall.  
04:38 This is one of the buildings at first year students  
04:40 can be assigned to.  
04:41 455 students live here and almost all first year students  
04:45 and transfer students will be living in this building.  
04:48 We have singles, doubles and quads in this building,  
04:50 and I'll go over that a little bit more.  
04:53 Very, active building,  
04:55 community style living as well as suite style living.  
04:58 The community style usually means that your  
04:59 door opens up and goes into a hallway  
05:01 and then there's a large restroom  
05:02 that a lot of the community shares.  
05:04 You have a lot of interaction in the building.  
05:08 And RA's do a wonderful job of creating programs,  
05:11 you walk away from this building knowing about  
05:12 two to 300 students, almost within the first month,  
05:16 because your common interactions.  
05:17 There's also a dining hall in the first floor.  
05:20 So, there's a lot of interaction with a lot of students.  
05:22 If you're looking to be really great friends  
05:26 with a lot of people in the community,  
05:27 Smith Hall is a really, really great place for you.  
05:30 Secondly, Nathan R. Miller Hall,  
05:33 or commonly known as Miller Hall,  
05:35 home of 331st year students,  
05:37 also are community for honors living,  
05:40 learning community and leadership living community.  
05:43 A lot of common questions that we've been getting about  
05:45 "Can honor students, do they have to live in Miller Hall"?  
05:48 No, the honors living learning community,  
05:51 is the opt in community.  
05:53 So, if you are interested in being part of  
05:56 the honors living, learning community,  
05:57 you will be assigned to Miller Hall,  
05:59 but honors students do not need to sign up  
06:01 for the honors living, learning community.  
06:03 Other than that,  
06:04 the entire building is suite style residence hall.

06:07 So, what that usually means is that two students,  
06:10 two rooms are connected with a bathroom in the middle.  
06:12 So you're sharing a bathroom with four people,  
06:15 or sometimes three, or sometimes three as well,  
06:18 if there's a single on one side.  
06:20 Again, 331st year students,  
06:22 it's a very active building as well.  
06:24 This is one of the closest buildings  
06:27 to our campus classroom buildings.  
06:29 And so it's a very active and a very communal feeling,  
06:35 because a lot of students are taking classes  
06:37 and walking into classes together.  
06:39 And it's a very, very close community of 330 residents.  
06:43 And last but not least, or One Court Street building,  
06:45 it's the newest building that just opened up in fall 2020,  
06:48 formerly the Aims hotel, but then renovated into  
06:51 One Court Street or Residence Hall,  
06:52 home of 299 first year students.  
06:56 This is entire,  
06:57 each room has their own bathroom ,  
06:59 because it was a hotel renovated into a residence hall,  
07:02 very active communities.  
07:03 These are where you find some of the larger rooms,  
07:05 like five person, six person, eight person rooms too  
07:09 and it's a really interesting community.  
07:11 A lot of students are really, really excited  
07:13 about what being in here because it's,  
07:14 one it's new and exciting,  
07:16 but it's the neighborhood is,  
07:17 you're right in the middle of  
07:19 right across the street from Nathaniel Hall,  
07:20 right down the street from Washington Street,  
07:23 right across the street from the Old State House.  
07:25 A lot of historical locations,  
07:28 are right around this building.  
07:30 A very beautiful masonry building,  
07:33 coming outta the entrance.  
07:34 So, we're really excited about  
07:35 what this building offers as well.  
07:38 Going back to the room assignments.  
07:40 Here are the room types that are available,  
07:42 this the same slide from earlier,  
07:44 single, double, triple, quad,  
07:46 five, six, eight.  
07:47 So in your application,  
07:48 you will have a chance to rank,  
07:50 one, two, three,  
07:51 four, five, six,  
07:52 eight in a ranking order.  
07:54 Smith Hall has singles,  
07:56 doubles, triples and quads,  
07:58 Miller Hall singles,  
08:00 doubles and quads.  
08:01 And One Court Street has two,

08:03 three,  
08:04 four, five,  
08:05 six and eight person rooms.  
08:07 If you notice, five person rooms and six person rooms,  
08:10 and eight person rooms only exist in One Court Street.  
08:13 So if you know that you want it to be in One Court Street,  
08:15 one way to guarantee that,  
08:16 is to sign up for the five person,  
08:18 six person, or eight person rooms.  
08:20 So if you and your seven other friends  
08:22 wanna get into the eight person room,  
08:24 that's one guaranteed way,  
08:25 that you might be able to get assigned to One Court Street.  
08:27 A lot of people say, "Hey, how can I guarantee  
08:29 "to get into One Court Street?"  
08:30 Well, yes, if you sign up for the five,  
08:32 six, or eight person room, that doesn't exist anywhere else.  
08:35 So that's one way to guarantee your space.  
08:39 So, lemme talk and you feel free to keep throwing in  
08:42 the questions about any of the housing information.  
08:44 But, because the fact that our time is limited,  
08:46 I wanna toss this over to our students.  
08:49 I'm gonna have our students introduce themselves,  
08:51 of where they live and where they're gonna be  
08:52 working next year and all those other kind of things.  
08:55 So, I will toss it over to Turner.  
08:58 Hey guys, my name's Turner Mitchell.  
09:00 I'm a sophomore RA in Miller right now,  
09:04 and I'm currently,  
09:08 on the 12th and 13th floor.  
09:12 And then Gavin.  
09:13 Hey guys, my name's Gavin.  
09:15 I'm a junior RA.  
09:16 I live in and Miller right now.  
09:17 I'm on the fourth and fifth floor  
09:18 and next year I'm gonna be working in Smith Hall.  
09:22 Excellent.  
09:23 So, I see some questions coming in.  
09:27 I don't know if they're meant for students.  
09:30 "Does it cost more, or less to live on campus?"  
09:36 I'm not 100% sure what that's in comparison to,  
09:38 but if it's comparison to living on campus, or off campus,  
09:42 usually it comes out to be about the same amount of cost,  
09:47 depending on where you're living.  
09:48 If you're living all by yourself in a high rise,  
09:50 luxury apartment with a doorman, then yes,  
09:52 it's gonna be more expensive to live off campus.  
09:55 But, if you live in a four bedroom  
09:56 with three other friends off campus  
09:58 in a North End apartment,  
10:00 it usually comes out to be the same amount of price,  
10:02 if not sometimes cheaper to live off campus,  
10:05 but keep in mind that it is usually a 12 month lease,  
10:08 rather than a six month, a nine month lease,

10:11 like an academic contract would be.  
10:13 "If I pay the deposit"  
10:16 Dimitra, are you going to be navigating the questions,  
10:19 or do you want me to just read the questions  
10:21 and just answer the questions over and over, over?  
10:23 I can navigate the questions,  
10:26 so I can type some of the responses  
10:29 and then if there's a question, I dunno the answer to,  
10:31 we can save it for the end  
10:33 and I can read them off to you if that works?  
10:35 Okay.  
10:36 So, I have some questions for Turner and Gavin.  
10:39 What's your experience like at Suffolk University?  
10:41 What's your favorite parts of living on campus,  
10:44 or being part of the campus community?  
10:46 So, my favorite part of being on campus  
10:49 is how connected you are to everything within the city.  
10:53 Last year, my freshman year, like a lot of other people,  
10:56 I was a commuter.  
10:58 So I commuted about 45-ish minutes from my house to Boston.  
11:04 So, one of the great things when I was a commuter was,  
11:09 being able to go to the third floor lounge  
11:11 and the commuter lounge and all that stuff,  
11:12 and really meeting everybody  
11:14 and really being a big part of the community in that sense.  
11:18 Another big thing, if you are on campus,  
11:20 is how can I do (indistinct) with the city?  
11:22 Kinda like I mentioned before.  
11:24 You have pretty much everything at your fingertips.  
11:27 You can grab whatever food you want.  
11:29 You can go to whatever fun spots you'd like to.  
11:32 And there's really a bunch of opportunities  
11:34 that not a lot of other campuses offer, other than Suffolk.  
11:45 Yeah, sorry,  
11:46 going off that a little bit Turner  
11:48 covered the same things I was gonna talk about.  
11:49 Just the community aspect of living on campus is awesome.  
11:53 In the dorms, you get to meet so many different  
11:56 kinds of people in the dorms  
11:58 and especially if you go to RA events,  
11:59 like the ones we throw, you get to meet a lot of people,  
12:02 which is a really fun experience.  
12:04 And then yeah, being so connected to the community.  
12:07 I mean, the Fenway is right down,  
12:10 you just take the green line down to it  
12:11 and the Boston Marathon was just the other day.  
12:12 So, there's so many things in the community that happen  
12:15 that's just outside your front door,  
12:16 which is just incredible, I think.  
12:20 Okay.  
12:22 What's been one of your favorite memories on campus so far?  
12:27 For me, I think it's just being on campus in general.  
12:31 It's kind of vague,  
12:32 but I was a commuter my freshman year,

12:34 so it was really nice to just get on campus,  
12:36 kind of experienced the whole city life  
12:39 and everything that entails,  
12:40 just because there's so much to do.  
12:43 There's a lot of opportunities to get an internship.  
12:48 There's a lot of opportunities to get out  
12:51 and meet new people.  
12:52 You can go to other colleges, other campuses,  
12:53 all that kind of stuff.  
12:54 So, one of the greatest things that I enjoy is,  
12:59 just holistically how much you can really do,  
13:03 and really,  
13:06 envelope yourself within a community,  
13:08 as you'd like it.  
13:13 Yeah, one of the best things I've done so far,  
13:15 or one of the things I think that led me  
13:16 to all the great things that I've done,  
13:18 is just becoming an RA  
13:20 and getting involved on campus as much as I have.  
13:22 I don't think if I didn't do those things,  
13:24 I don't think I would be where I am today.  
13:25 So, putting myself out there in different ways  
13:28 definitely has just opened me up to so many opportunities  
13:30 on and off campus.  
13:35 Speaking of that,  
13:36 what can you tell me a little bit more,  
13:37 about why you applied to be an RA?  
13:40 I applied to be an RA because,  
13:45 I wanted to get involved in the community.  
13:49 One of the big things that Suffolk tries to  
13:53 instill, is that each person has their own way  
13:58 and each person has a different fit to someone else.  
14:02 So, getting involved is one of the best ways to do that.  
14:06 No matter what college, or campus you decide to go to.  
14:11 If you're wanting to go the more administrative way,  
14:15 then you might become an RA, or a TA,  
14:18 or something like that.  
14:19 Or, if you wanna get involved in like diversity,  
14:22 inclusion, racial justice, stuff like that,  
14:24 you can visit a bunch of other clubs.  
14:26 There's a lot of different sports clubs,  
14:28 all that kind of stuff.  
14:28 So, one of the big reasons I became an RA in particular,  
14:34 was just the connections you can make with other people  
14:36 and the massive impact you can have on  
14:39 a bunch of different people.  
14:44 So, I actually came in as a transfer student to Suffolk  
14:47 and so that was something that was really important to me,  
14:50 was getting involved on campus.  
14:51 I didn't get to be here as a freshman,  
14:53 so I didn't get to make these different connections,  
14:54 or different friendship with people.  
14:56 So coming in and taking that step  
14:59 and getting involved as an RA opens you up

15:01 to so many opportunities again,  
15:04 on and off campus, like I said before,  
15:05 but that was one of the main reasons I chose to be an RA.  
15:13 Okay.  
15:14 So, what are your favorite things to do in Boston?  
15:20 Outside of eating.  
15:21 Or maybe eating.  
15:23 I mean, eating's definitely a big thing.  
15:26 There's so much to do there.  
15:28 There's so much food to eat.  
15:31 The freshman 15 is real.  
15:33 One of the big things that I enjoy doing,  
15:38 in the middle of the city is just exploring.  
15:41 One of the greatest things about Boston is  
15:43 that it's so darn old and it's not like blocked off,  
15:48 like Chicago, or New York City or something.  
15:51 So, you can take like a random street  
15:53 and it'll leads you to some crazy place,  
15:55 you never thought you'd see in your life.  
15:58 But, if you wanna go to like different places,  
16:00 like the Esplanade, the Charles River,  
16:02 Cambridge, all that kind of stuff,  
16:04 you can take a trip with a lot of people.  
16:08 And, I think, just in general,  
16:10 exploring is a big part of it,  
16:11 just because the campus is so old,  
16:13 or like the city is so old  
16:15 and there's just so much access  
16:17 to be able to do what you'd like.  
16:22 Yeah, I love going,  
16:23 I love getting on the T.  
16:24 I love riding the T, for some reason  
16:26 and just going all over the city,  
16:27 you can go so far so quickly on it.  
16:31 And I gotta say,  
16:31 I think one of my favorite things to do in the city  
16:33 is go to see the Red Sox play.  
16:34 I always have a good time going to do that  
16:38 and just going to any big events going on,  
16:40 like the marathon, like I said,  
16:41 it was just the other day.  
16:42 So, going to see things like that,  
16:45 and like over in Austin, there was the new balance facility  
16:48 and Team USA actually just ran there  
16:49 and broke a world record.  
16:51 So, going and doing things like that,  
16:53 just random oddball events has gotta be  
16:55 one of my favorite things to do.  
16:59 Gavin, there seems to be a lot of transfer students  
17:02 in this webinar as well.  
17:03 What made you choose Suffolk University  
17:05 as a institution to come to,  
17:08 when you were deciding where to transfer to?  
17:12 Yeah, so my last school, I wasn't a big fan of it,



17:15 mainly because I grew up in a very small town  
17:17 and where I went to school was also a very small town.  
17:20 And so kind of felt almost like 13th grade, a little bit.  
17:23 Kind of didn't really feel like  
17:25 I had left and gone to college yet.  
17:26 And so, Suffolk being located in the heart of Boston,  
17:29 I mean, we're in the center of the city  
17:31 was a big draw for me, definitely.  
17:33 Being a part like being so close to all four  
17:36 of the major T stops and getting on each of the lines  
17:39 and being right next to Nathaniel Hall  
17:41 and all that, it was,  
17:42 the location definitely was a big draw for me  
17:44 as a transfer at least.  
17:45 That was one of the biggest reasons  
17:47 that I wanted to come here.  
17:49 And Turner, I'm sure you had tons of choices  
17:53 for attending Suffolk University.  
17:55 What made you choose Suffolk as well?  
17:59 Suffolk, for me,  
18:00 one of the big draws for, was first of all,  
18:03 the athletics being a part of the track and field team,  
18:07 but another one of it was, just how inviting the campus was.  
18:13 They kinda mold your experience to how you want.  
18:18 Like, I don't necessarily view myself  
18:23 as trying to live someone else's life,  
18:24 or trying to live a certain like expectation  
18:27 that like some brand or institution sets.  
18:31 I think it's important for me,  
18:33 to be able to set the standard  
18:36 that I want to have my own experience in college  
18:39 and Suffolk is a really great campus to do that,  
18:42 just because of all the opportunities  
18:44 and the community and culture that it's built upon here.  
18:52 There were some questions coming in about pricing  
18:56 and so let me just unilaterally answer that question.  
18:59 If the single,  
19:00 the single is the most expensive room  
19:02 and the eight person is the cheapest room,  
19:05 in the sense of pricing goes.  
19:07 So, the more students you have in your room,  
19:09 the less expensive it is,  
19:10 and the less students that you have in your room,  
19:12 the more expensive it is.  
19:14 So that's just, there's several questions around pricing,  
19:19 so I just wanted to make sure that I answer that question  
19:21 and we can dismiss all the questions around pricing.  
19:27 What, so I'm trying to,  
19:30 there was some questions about,  
19:33 what do the RAs get as benefits of being an RA?  
19:37 Can you explain that a little bit?  
19:39 Listen Gavin, if you wanna answer that question?  
19:43 Yeah, so as an RA, we get our own single room,  
19:46 like here in Miller,

19:47 we're connected through a suite to another room,  
19:49 but we get our own single, which is nice.  
19:50 So we don't have any roommates  
19:53 and then we get also a meal plan also.  
19:55 So, we can go to the dining halls just like everyone else  
19:56 and tap our card and get all the meals we want over there,  
19:59 which is really nice.  
20:02 Yeah, I think that,  
20:06 it's nice because there's a lot of amenities  
20:08 that are provided to you by the school  
20:12 and they really try to make you feel at home, like as an RA.  
20:16 So it's,  
20:18 they're receptive to feedback.  
20:21 Like we had a meal plan change, this past semester.  
20:26 So, very receptive,  
20:28 very looking forward to  
20:30 getting feedback  
20:33 and receiving that well.  
20:34 But at the same time, we do have a job to uphold.  
20:38 So it's like, I'm making sure that that's  
20:40 a mutual agreement between the two.  
20:44 So let me scan through some questions  
20:48 for the students.  
20:49 "Are there any tips for getting around the city  
20:52 "for someone who might not be able to use,  
20:54 "might not used to be using public transportation?"  
21:00 Okay, actually I have one for this.  
21:03 My, first year here,  
21:04 my RA actually showed me this.  
21:06 There's an app called City Mapper.  
21:08 I don't know if you can see it on my phone there.  
21:10 It shows you every piece of public transportation  
21:12 in the entire city, 'cause I was so lost when I came here,  
21:15 I had no idea how to get around.  
21:17 And within a few weeks of having this,  
21:19 I have the whole place mapped out now.  
21:21 So City Mapper, if you get it on your phone,  
21:24 it shows you all the bus routes,  
21:25 the T routes, which is the subway.  
21:27 All of the bikes,  
21:29 all the blue bikes all over the city that you can rent.  
21:31 So, that's a very, very helpful resource,  
21:34 If you wanna know how to get around  
21:35 and commute the city well.  
21:41 Yeah, I think it's also nice because,  
21:44 Boston has a bajillion different landmarks.  
21:47 Like you have different specific graveyards,  
21:50 or like random stuff like that.  
21:52 You have like different spots,  
21:56 of like different res halls,  
21:57 you can point to like as landmarks,  
21:59 or like the State House, or something like that.  
22:01 So, if you are allergic to technology,  
22:06 then you can use more like,

22:09 navigational signs,  
22:10 but it's like, it's pretty easy,  
22:12 once you take the same path couple of times in Boston,  
22:15 to know where you're going  
22:16 and kind of flush it out from there.  
22:19 So, yeah.  
22:21 So what are the items that are included in a room,  
22:25 typical room?  
22:27 So, typically in Miller,  
22:31 I can't speak for other res halls,  
22:33 but I assume it's relative the same.  
22:35 Everything pretty much wooden is assigned to you.  
22:39 So, you get this desk that this computer's resting on,  
22:42 you get a bed frame with a mattress,  
22:46 you get a dresser, you get like a bigger dresser  
22:50 and you get like a little,  
22:52 I don't know what it's called.  
22:55 Little, space covered thing.  
22:56 So you get all that, you get blinds.  
23:00 So it's a really,  
23:06 it's nice, because it definitely opens  
23:08 the room up a little bit,  
23:09 but it also gives you enough space  
23:11 to be able to have whatever you need in it.  
23:16 Yeah, I was gonna say, going off that,  
23:17 it has everything that you would need coming in,  
23:20 but it leaves a lot of space for like customization  
23:22 for your room.  
23:23 I don't know if you can see,  
23:24 I have like Christmas lights hanging  
23:27 and I have just posters all over my room.  
23:28 I've done a lot to it so,  
23:30 it comes with everything you need  
23:32 and then it leaves tons and tons of room  
23:34 for you to just make it your own  
23:35 and make it very you, which is nice.  
23:55 I think you're muted (indistinct)  
23:59 Sorry about that, of course I'm muted.  
24:02 It was really cool to see that on the chat,  
24:04 there was a lot of people saying,  
24:05 that people have downloaded the City Mapper app.  
24:09 So what you put in the world is being received,  
24:12 very well, so thank you so much.  
24:16 There was a couple questions that came through about  
24:20 how do I apply to be an RA?  
24:22 And every year we open the RA application  
24:25 in spring semester.  
24:27 So, and then we select RAs for the following year.  
24:30 There is no requirement to live on campus to apply,  
24:33 but it definitely helps to understand the knowledge  
24:36 of what communities are in the residence halls.  
24:39 However, you do not have to have lived on campus,  
24:42 but you have had to have attended Suffolk University,  
24:45 one year before you can attend,

24:47 before you can apply.  
24:49 So, during your first year student, or freshman year,  
24:51 you can apply to become an RA sophomore,  
24:54 or sophomore to become a junior RA  
24:56 and subsequently that way.  
24:58 A lot of RAs, a lot of people will apply  
25:00 during their first year.  
25:01 Not very many people will get it their first year,  
25:03 because there's tons of applications.  
25:05 Just for context, we have about 120 applications this year  
25:08 and only about 20 students became RAs.  
25:11 So the chances are, it's a very tough process,  
25:15 but, there are people that can apply and become RA's  
25:18 after their first year,  
25:20 Turner was one of them.  
25:21 Turner became an RA and did not live on campus,  
25:24 but became an RA after his first year as well.  
25:27 So, let me try to see if,  
25:28 "When's the official move-in date?"  
25:30 So the move-in date can potentially vary,  
25:33 depending on where you are actually calling in from.  
25:37 But generically speaking,  
25:39 September 3rd and fourth are gonna be,  
25:41 or the Saturday and Sunday,  
25:45 Friday and Saturday before Labor Day weekend  
25:47 will be the move-in days.  
25:50 I think it's the September three and fourth.  
25:51 It could be September two and three, but it's Friday,  
25:53 Saturday before Labor Day of 2022.  
25:56 Those are your official move in days.  
25:59 Students will be able to select their own move in time  
26:02 and so they may select the second or the third,  
26:04 depending on if it's a Friday or Saturday  
26:06 and students, once they are assigned,  
26:08 they'll get another up email saying,  
26:10 now select your move in time  
26:12 and you will be able to move in.  
26:13 International students, however,  
26:15 will be moving in on the 28th of August,  
26:19 because of the fact that international students  
26:21 have an international orientation on the 29th and 30th.  
26:25 And so the international students will move in on the 28th.  
26:28 If you are a student athlete,  
26:30 needing to come in for early spring, or fall practice,  
26:33 or summer practice,  
26:35 there are times that students will move in  
26:37 as early as August 18th or 19th,  
26:42 because practice or spring or fall training starts earlier  
26:45 than the school begins.  
26:47 And sometimes even game schedules start before  
26:49 the semester starts.  
26:51 So there are different students moving in  
26:54 at different pockets of times,  
26:56 but generically speaking the Friday and Saturday

26:58 before Labor Day is the major move in day for everybody.  
27:04 Okay, so there's tons of questions.  
27:07 "If I'm doing the August orientation,  
27:09 "but non international,  
27:10 "can I still move in on the 28th?"  
27:11 Yes, I believe all students that are registered  
27:14 for the last orientation can still move in,  
27:19 on the 28th and will just continue to just attend  
27:22 their orientation at that time.  
27:25 I'm trying to look through the questions  
27:27 to see if there's any more questions for our students here.  
27:34 Here's a good question for RAs.  
27:35 "Can I use stick and peel wallpaper in the dorm rooms?"  
27:40 I just got a question.  
27:42 What do you say, RAs?  
27:43 I'm pretty sure that's a no go.  
27:45 I'm gonna go out on a limb on that one, but.  
27:50 Yeah, I mean, if it sticks on a wall,  
27:53 if it's just a little tiny patch, I think that's okay.  
27:55 But if it's going onto an entire wall  
27:57 and you're covering up an entire wall,  
27:59 it's not that we're concerned about you peeling up the paint  
28:01 or anything like that.  
28:03 It just becomes a fire hazard.  
28:04 Anytime there's kind of a piece of paper on the walls,  
28:07 our walls are protected with fire code,  
28:10 sort of layers of protection.  
28:12 So we wanna just make sure that,  
28:15 we do not break the rules around certain things like that.  
28:21 I did get a question about microwaves and fridges.  
28:24 Turner or Gavin, how many microwaves or fridges,  
28:27 do you think people bring in?  
28:28 Do almost every room have them,  
28:30 or how does that come out to be usually?  
28:33 Typically it's about one per room.  
28:37 I mean maybe if you're in a big room,  
28:40 maybe two or three, but really it's like,  
28:43 you kinda only need like one or two.  
28:45 You can and have one per person,  
28:47 but it just kind of depends on your personal preferences.  
28:51 We don't really see too many per room, per suite.  
28:57 There was a question of,  
28:58 "Can you be an RA for more than one year?"  
29:02 Yes, you absolutely can be.  
29:04 Absolutely.  
29:05 You can be it for up to three.  
29:10 So I got a question about Ram Academy  
29:13 and those dates have not yet been announced.  
29:17 So stay tuned.  
29:19 You will find out more about that  
29:21 during your orientation or once your May 1st  
29:24 deadline passes, there'll be tons of information coming  
29:27 as soon as you are officially a Suffolk student  
29:29 and you get your Suffolk email address

29:31 and a tons of emails will start  
29:32 showing up in your Suffolk email address.  
29:34 So stay tuned on the Ram Academy information.  
29:37 There will, and there will also be tons of information  
29:40 of what you can and cannot bring.  
29:42 Please, don't start thinking about  
29:43 what you can and cannot bring just yet,  
29:45 because there will be a tons of lists  
29:47 that we will send out as far as things to pack,  
29:49 things, not to pack during move in day.  
29:51 And we will make sure that you have all that  
29:53 information out there.  
29:55 I just got another question about what is Ram Academy?  
29:57 Ram Academy is information for students  
30:00 that wanna jumpstart their college career  
30:02 and come early a little bit and get involved  
30:05 in a lot of programs and activities  
30:06 and do a little sort of experience  
30:09 and meet some new people before school starts  
30:11 and, but there are tons of more information  
30:15 available about that.  
30:16 Once you're officially converted into a student  
30:19 and have your Suffolk email address  
30:21 as your official sign of a Suffolk University student.  
30:25 I got a lot of questions still coming.  
30:28 I had a lot of questions coming in about  
30:31 honor student housing.  
30:32 So let me just clarify one more time about honors housing.  
30:36 Honor students in as a rule, can live anywhere.  
30:39 Well anywhere where first year students can be assigned.  
30:42 One Court Street, Miller Hall,  
30:45 or Smith Hall is anywhere they could be assigned,  
30:49 in any building and any room type, or anything like that.  
30:52 However, honor students can opt in, select in.  
30:57 They must select an option to live in the honors  
31:01 living, learning community.  
31:02 If they want that.  
31:03 They do not have to have that,  
31:05 but if they want that, they can sign up for it  
31:07 and they can be placed in the honors living,  
31:09 learning community, located in Miller Hall.  
31:13 A lot of questions have been coming in  
31:15 and be like, well, but I have a roommate t  
31:16 hat I wanna live in and they're definitely  
31:18 not in the honors program.  
31:19 Can I live together in the honors program?  
31:22 And if you sign up to live in the honors,  
31:24 living, learning community and cannot answer,  
31:31 if your roommate is not part of the honors program,  
31:34 then you definitely will not be able to pull them  
31:36 into that community because the honors living,  
31:39 learning community can only be for honors students.  
31:42 So those roommate matchings for will not work out,  
31:44 if one of you is in the honors community

31:48 and the other people, the other side is not.  
31:51 So, please choose and have that conversation very wisely  
31:57 and make sure that you talk about the honors community  
32:01 as something that you wanna live in.  
32:03 And, when you're filling out the profile,  
32:05 you can fill out your profile to include,  
32:07 I am part of the honors program.  
32:10 I want to live with another honors person,  
32:12 and there is a narrative component  
32:14 that you can fill out for your housing application as well.  
32:21 Let me see if there's other questions in here.  
32:31 Gavin, and I can answer some questions  
32:33 that are in the chat if you want.  
32:35 That'll be great.  
32:36 I'm just trying to keep up with all the chats.  
32:40 "How safe are"  
32:41 there's a good question.  
32:42 "How safe are the residents halls?" Gavin and Turner.  
32:45 And I mean, I have to put it out there,  
32:48 that probably Gavin and Turner have a little bit of a bias,  
32:51 because they're part of the people that help keep  
32:54 our residents halls safe.  
32:58 But, how safe do you think they are?  
33:04 I think it's very safe.  
33:05 So, in each of the buildings at Suffolk,  
33:07 we have a security guard, especially in the residence halls,  
33:09 24 hours a day, seven days a week.  
33:11 And when you come into any of the Suffolk buildings,  
33:13 your ID lets you tap in.  
33:15 So, you can't actually access the building,  
33:17 unless you've tapped in.  
33:18 So it means you have to be a Suffolk student  
33:20 and if you don't live in the residence hall,  
33:24 you have to be signed in by someone who lives there.  
33:26 So, as far as people coming in, it's very, very safe.  
33:29 And then you have RAs like me and Turner,  
33:31 who are always around,  
33:32 making sure if anything bad happens,  
33:34 we're helping you out and taking care of it.  
33:37 Can you talk a little bit about the guest policy,  
33:40 or guest sign in process maybe?  
33:42 Yeah, so the guest policy you're allowed two guests,  
33:46 I think it's three nights in a row,  
33:47 or five nights in a month for overnights,  
33:50 but you can have them during daytime whenever you'd like,  
33:53 according to roommate agreement.  
33:55 That's something else that we saw a question with.  
33:58 Like if the roommate match isn't working out.  
34:00 So we have roommate agreements,  
34:03 where you decide with your chosen roommate,  
34:06 like what sort of amenities,  
34:07 like what sort of allowances you wanna have  
34:09 and that really plays into the guest policy as well.  
34:12 Like if you want guests at any certain time,

34:13 if you want guests to sleep over, whatever,  
34:15 all that kind of stuff.  
34:17 So, each individual student gets their own liberties  
34:19 and freedoms to whatever they'd like to do.  
34:22 So it's, varying.  
34:27 It definitely molds to whatever lifestyle  
34:29 you wanna live individually.  
34:33 There was a question about people,  
34:35 that don't have disabilities  
34:36 that want to have a single room.  
34:39 Unfortunately right now,  
34:41 based on our elevated number of students that have  
34:44 an accommodation need,  
34:45 we are not allowing students to select a single on their own  
34:49 unless they get very, lucky at the very end,  
34:52 then we might be able to sort of squeeze somebody  
34:54 into a single at the very end.  
34:56 However, right now we make our way  
34:58 to make sure that all of our students that need a single  
35:00 for accommodation purposes  
35:02 get their single accommodation first  
35:06 and then if there are any singles left after that,  
35:08 we will assign them to students.  
35:10 Usually we don't have any singles left after that process,  
35:13 because usually even with the people  
35:14 that have accommodation,  
35:16 there's a long list of people waiting for accommodations  
35:19 to be met as well.  
35:24 So, Gavin and Turner, this question came in  
35:29 and I'm assuming, I'm gonna add certain things  
35:32 to the question here.  
35:34 How do sports at Suffolk University work?  
35:38 So, sports we play at a division three level.  
35:43 So sports work pretty much as any other sports program,  
35:47 or athletic program where we have trainers offices.  
35:51 We have staff all the time.  
35:55 We have a Ridgeway.  
35:57 It's the Ridgeway building.  
35:59 It's an entire building dedicated to athletic center.  
36:02 There's a nonathletic weight room  
36:05 and there's a varsity weight room upstairs.  
36:08 So it all depends on whether you're into sports or not,  
36:12 that's contingent on that.  
36:13 But it's a very, intensive,  
36:17 it's a very involved part of the community,  
36:18 that a lot of students try to get involved in  
36:21 as quickly as they can, once they learn about it.  
36:27 There was something related to another sports.  
36:28 They were talking about how, is East Boston  
36:31 the only place where people can play sports,  
36:34 or are there other locations that people can play,  
36:37 participate in sports?  
36:40 So East Boston is not the only place that it happens.  
36:43 I think it's typically soccer, track,



36:45 baseball, I'm pretty sure,  
36:48 I think are the only ones that actually like formally  
36:51 practice at East Boston,  
36:52 but here's a bunch of different spots around.  
36:55 There's parks.  
36:55 There's different basketball courts.  
36:58 There's, a whole plethora of things to do  
37:02 and places to go in the middle of Boston.  
37:04 So you, you just gotta find the little nooks and crannies  
37:07 and you'll find some little niche thing within the city,  
37:12 but typically, yeah, in terms of like actual sports,  
37:17 like actual like turf for track sports,  
37:19 are played out East Boston on the Memorial field  
37:22 and then basketball is played in the basement of Ridgeway.  
37:27 There was a great question that came in.  
37:29 There are different,  
37:31 there are three different meal plan types that we offer.  
37:34 It's A, B and C meal plan types.  
37:37 And the only difference in A, B and C,  
37:39 is the amount of money that you have on your card.  
37:42 We do not have a meal plan that involves swipe cards.  
37:46 So for example, you can't go,  
37:49 we don't have a dining hall that you swipe  
37:51 and get in and all you care to eat.  
37:53 We have dining halls that are more like cafes,  
37:55 where you go in and order a cup of coffee and a donut,  
37:59 and you swipe \$3.50 cents and walk out,  
38:03 because it's an declining balance meal plan on campus.  
38:06 So, when you get to C meal plan,  
38:10 it's approximately 1400 to \$1,500  
38:13 and it subsequently goes up by three to \$400 higher.  
38:18 So the B meal plan might be \$1,600  
38:23 and C meal plan would be \$1,800 a semester.  
38:27 The meal plan monies do transfer from fall to spring,  
38:31 but do not transfer from fall, I mean, from spring to fall.  
38:35 So, we recommend to always start with a smaller meal plan  
38:38 and then add on a little bit later,  
38:40 but don't start with a larger meal plan,  
38:43 unless you know that you are absolutely,  
38:45 you're gonna be eating all the time on campus.  
38:47 However, we always recommend start small  
38:49 and then work your way up to a larger meal plan.  
38:55 We are getting close to our end of our time here,  
38:59 but I think there's some time for a couple more questions.  
39:02 Let's see if there's any more questions.  
39:12 "The eight person rooms I heard that  
39:15 "were really large suites with a living year area".  
39:19 So they're really large rooms  
39:21 and so you can create a living area and a sleeping area  
39:26 and separate them, and there's enough room to do that,  
39:29 but it's not sectioned off as a living area  
39:31 and a sleeping area or anything like that.  
39:34 There are eight person suites in Smiths Hall,  
39:37 but they're considered doubles, or triples,

39:38 or singles, depending on what rooms are inside the suites,  
39:41 because the larger Smiths Hall suites,  
39:44 are rooms that have a little living rooms,  
39:48 like what you're talking about with this living room area.  
39:50 But there are several rooms attached to that,  
39:52 but those would be considered a double, or a triple,  
39:55 not an eight person suite.  
39:57 So, you can't go in and sign up  
39:58 and be in eight person group on that one.  
40:02 You are signing up as a double,  
40:03 or triple in those smaller suites.  
40:08 So "Is the weight room open for non-athletes?"  
40:15 Yes.  
40:17 Yeah.  
40:18 It's in the first floor,  
40:20 so right as you walk in, you'll see it.  
40:23 And "Can you change your meal plan at any time?"  
40:25 Yes.  
40:26 You can change your meal plan up at any given time,  
40:29 but you cannot decrease your meal plan,  
40:31 until after the time is over.  
40:35 So, until the first two weeks.  
40:37 So unfortunately you cannot decrease your meal plan.  
40:42 However, you will be able to talk about  
40:44 increasing your meal plan at any given time.  
40:49 Is there any other questions,  
40:52 that you can see that we haven't answered?  
40:57 (indistinct background chatter)  
41:00 Are there any other questions,  
41:01 that I haven't been able to answer for you?  
41:03 If not, I would allow like to conclude this webinar.  
41:07 There will be people saved,  
41:10 this webinar will be saved,  
41:12 so please make sure that you come back  
41:15 to the admissions website at some point,  
41:17 and we will be able to check out this webinar.  
41:20 If you need anything else,  
41:21 our email address at residence life,  
41:25 is res life  
41:26 R-E-S-L-I-F-E at suffolk.edu.  
41:30 And you will be able to,  
41:31 you can send us an email at any given time,  
41:33 and we will be able to happy to answer them  
41:35 as quickly as possible.  
41:37 Have I missed any last minute questions,  
41:38 that anybody can think of?  
41:42 There's a couple on the chat.  
41:44 I can answer one of them.  
41:46 The rules for decorating,  
41:47 you can find that in the Suffolk website for the actual,  
41:50 like little discrepancies,  
41:52 but it's typically just like fire hazard stuff.  
41:56 Virtual meeting spaces.  
41:59 There there's a library,

42:01 virtual meeting spaces.  
42:03 I'm not exactly sure what you mean,  
42:05 but typically it's just like a library,  
42:07 you can reserve something there  
42:09 and that's usually how it goes for that.  
42:12 Otherwise, just set up a zoom or a link such as that.  
42:21 Okay.  
42:23 So, great.  
42:24 Thank you so much for attending today's webinar  
42:26 and have a wonderful night, everybody.  
42:29 Goodbye.