**Residence Life**

Residence Life strives to create living-learning environments where students learn, grow, and develop into successful members of the University community. Learning is woven into all aspects of the residence life experience through programs, academic resources and services, opportunities for involvement, and living-learning themes.

Residential learning communities exist in most halls, including academic learning communities connected to WMU academic colleges. Specialized housing also exists for transfer students.

Opportunities for involvement and leadership development are numerous and include attending hall programs, holding leadership positions in the hall, and serving on campus-wide residence life committees.

Approximately 4,800 students live in the 12 residence halls on campus. Each hall offers a different living option, whether it is suite-style or traditional community option, upper class-only halls, extended quiet hours, or Super Singles. Approximately 800 students live in on-campus apartments. The brand new Western View Apartments opened in August 2011 and house up to 327 upper class and graduate students in one, two, three, and four bedroom apartments, with both furnished and unfurnished options available. Western View Apartments. Phase II will open in August 2013 and will provide 142 beds to students.

For more information about Residence Life, please visit [www.wmich.edu/housing](http://www.wmich.edu/housing) or call (269) 387-4735.

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**The Western Herald**

The *Western Herald* is Western Michigan University’s 24/7 news, sports, and arts and entertainment information source delivered through a variety of multi-media platforms. Constantly updated content is provided through Android and iPhone apps (available in app stores), and on the *Western Herald* Facebook page. The *Daily Buzz*, the *Herald*’s email edition, is distributed Monday through Friday mornings during the regular school year. The *Western* Herald print edition is published once or twice a month during the fall and spring semesters. The *Herald* also publishes special sections on topics of interest to students throughout the year across its platforms.

- *Western Herald* staff members gain practical experience leading to careers in journalism, website development and content providing, multi-media including photography and video, printing, graphic arts and design, social media development, advertising sales, business, and leadership.
- More than 60 students are involved in servicing the various *Western Herald* platforms on a yearly basis. Their commitment ranges from editor-in-chief, platform editors, and technical, business, and advertising managers who average 20 or more hours per week to reporters, writers and multi-media specialists who contribute single stories and images. Employment opportunities are available to all students.
- The *Western Herald* is the preeminent source of campus information, from breaking news to commentary on arts and entertainment, for the entire Western Michigan University community. Designated platforms also provide Kalamazoo area, regional, state, national, and international news and commentary.
- The *Western Herald* is a designated public forum. Its various platforms are open to all students, faculty, and staff contributions, as long as the meet legal, decency, and length standards, through emails, blogs, Facebook postings, tweets, letters to the editor, and op-ed contributions.
- More detailed information on the *Herald* and its various platforms, including employment opportunities, are available at [www.westernherald.com](http://www.westernherald.com).