Faculty Programs in Residential Communities

Faculty are encouraged to participate in the residential experience of students through the Faculty in Residence, Faculty Fellows, Dining Discussion Groups, and the West Campus House System. Faculty-led programs provide a wide range of opportunities to foster intellectual, personal, and career development for students. Faculty members collaborate with residential staff members to develop and implement a variety of programs that range from social and community-building activities to academic and intellectual discussions.

Faculty in Residence reside with their families in an apartment within a residence hall. They participate in residence hall programs, act as mentors and role models for students, share meals with students, and are members of the residential communities in which they live.

Faculty Fellows do not live on campus but are associated with a particular residence area and community center to participate in activities that enhance the integration of students’ academic and social lives.

Faculty-led Dining Discussion Groups meet weekly in one of the dining halls and facilitate topic-based discussion of issues, current events, cultures, and ideas.

The Faculty Programs in Residential Communities website can be accessed at http://www.campuslife.cornell.edu/campuslife/resprog/aboutfacultyprograms.cfm.

House Professors-Deans and House Fellows: House Professors-Deans form strong connections with students living in the West Campus House System, a community for upper-level undergraduate students. Each West Campus House is led by its own House Professor-Dean, who lives in the House with his or her family and works to integrate intellectual and academic opportunities into the undergraduate living experience. Houses have approximately 30 House Fellows each, primarily faculty members, who interact with student residents over meals and programs at the House. Bringing students, faculty, and visiting scholars together to create vibrant intellectual communities is at the heart of Cornell’s West Campus House System.

For more information about the West Campus House System, visit http://www.campuslife.cornell.edu/campuslife/wchs/.