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(August 11, 2010) Incoming freshmen students at Armstrong Atlantic State University will move into a new residence hall on campus on Thursday and Friday, August 12-13, in anticipation of the start of fall classes on Monday, August 16. Windward Commons, a 567-bed, freshman-dedicated residence hall completed over the summer, will bring the number of students living on campus to more than 1,400.

The \$31 million, four-story building offers private and semi-private suites, card access-only entrances and elevators and includes a game room, two large kitchens, two classrooms and indoor and outdoor social areas.

But beyond the bricks and mortar, Windward Commons is the first residence hall on campus built specifically for freshmen students and will offer special programming designed to help freshmen adjust to the academic rigors of university life.

Armstrong incoming students, who for the first time are being required to live on campus, may select to participate in living-learning communities. Options include fitness and wellness, education, honors and science, and technology engineering and mathematics. Students will interact with faculty members outside the classroom, take courses together and participate in special field trips, research activities and social programs.

“Special programs will be offered for the first six weeks to help freshmen connect with the university, help develop bonds with each other and diminish homesickness” said Vicki McNeil, Armstrong vice president of student affairs.

The living-and-learning-together extends the classroom into the students' home on campus. A number of faculty members and residential staff will be dedicated to working with freshmen to help give them the best possible start at Armstrong this coming fall.



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