

# **Kick Up Your Living Experience: Join a Living-Learning Community (LLC) or a Housing Affinity Group!**

Living in a residential community makes it possible for students who share similar interests and lifestyles to live together. This year we are offering one Living-Learning Community and six housing affinity groups. If you are interested in joining one of these communities, please let us know on your *Housing Application!*

## ***The Honors Living-Learning Community***

The Honors LLC allows students who are members of the MCLA Honors Program to live and learn in a residential setting. Participants will gain an increased level of contact with MCLA faculty, a synergy that can only be achieved by living with your fellow classmates, a smoother transition to college with guidance from an RA who is also a member of the MCLA Honors program and a slate of residence area activities specifically designed with our Honors Program students in mind.

## ***STEM Affinity Group***

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) affinity groups are dynamic communities of undergraduate students enrolled in STEM majors. Residents of the STEM affinity groups have the opportunity to live and learn together while providing each other the personal and academic support needed to take on a rigorous academic commitment in the coming year.

## ***Volunteers in Action Floor Affinity Group***

Do you enjoy contributing your time to benefit the lives of others? Tutoring school children, working in a local food bank and raising money for charity are just some of the many community service activities that you can participate in at MCLA. In the Volunteers in Action affinity group, you have the opportunity to live with other students who share your interest in and commitment to making the world a better place to live.

## ***FAME Affinity Group***

There are no ifs, ands or buts about it. MCLA students love the arts! Just take a look at the list of performing arts organizations that our students have created over the years. The Allegrettos, Dance Company and Harlequin (to name a few) showcase student interests and talents and enrich the MCLA community-at-large. Regardless of your major, if you enjoy singing, dancing or acting, this is the affinity for you!

## ***Crafting Affinity Group***

Calling all crafters! Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting and crafts of all kinds? Do you want to learn more about these activities? The sky's the limit when you live in an affinity group with others who share your interests.

## ***LGBTQIA+ Affinity Group***

While it is the goal that every residence area at MCLA is a safe and supportive home for all members of our community, MCLA recognizes the unique needs of the LGBTQIA+ community. The LGBTQIA+ affinity group is a place where Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Ally, Queer (et. al) identifying students can feel safe and supported in their living environment without the consideration of their gender identity, gender expression, and/or sexual orientation. These affinity groups are dedicated to offering educational, social and community-building programs related to LGBTQIA+ issues.

## ***Quiet Suite Affinity Group***

Do you value a stress-free living environment that is conducive to academic pursuits? Students living in the Quiet Suite affinity group mutually agree to create a group environment that is free from disturbances that interfere with the ability to study and sleep.