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**HOUSING &  
RESIDENCE LIFE'S  
HOUSING OPTIONS**

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## HOUSING OVERVIEW

**Mission:** We promote student learning outside of the classroom and building strong living/learning communities by providing opportunities that encourage and inspire students to devote more time and energy to educationally purposeful activities. This will be achieved through the development and implementation of programs that focus on cultural learning, leadership, academics, wellness, and service-learning (CLAWS) in and outside of the university.

**Vision:** To develop, stimulate, and engage students in critical and thought-provoking ideals in and outside of the community of Ada.

### Values:

- Purpose
- Character
- Work Ethic
- Dependability
- Peace

Through the mission and vision of Housing and Residence Life (HRL), and through collaborative partnerships between HRL and other university offices, it is our goal to provide residents with a community living environment that guides, equips, and empowers them to be the best they can - a self that grows within one's own character, scholarship, and leadership (humility, forward-thinking, adaptable, and openness), and a self that values service to their neighbor and service to the community above all else (kindness, generosity, and commitment to others) - ultimately, developing one's self and the hall to understand and transform the community and the world.

**This is what it means to live in Tiger Land.**

# STUDENT TESTIMONIALS



"One of the best decisions I made when coming to East Central University was deciding to live on campus. Living in the residence halls offered me a sense of home and community. One of the highlights of living on campus are the friends and memories I've made. I always tell people that I love living on campus so much, that I made it my job! Becoming a Resident Assistant has been one of the most fulfilling and rewarding experiences of my life. Deciding to live on campus was the best decision I could have made when coming to East Central University. "

**- EMILY FORD**

"I love living on campus because of the campus life, the convenience of being on campus, and the people that you get to interact with. The convenience of being able to walk to your class is amazing, and it's a luxury that I never fail to appreciate. The beauty of the campus is only matched by its facilities like the University Center, Library, and the housing options that are available. I also like the fact that the Residence Hall environment is so welcoming and that makes it feel like a home away from home. That is in part due to the people that live on campus, they make the whole experience that much better. Whether it's the staff or faculty of the UC, HRL, or fellow students. Ever since I have been living on campus I have made new friends that feel like family and I have grown so much since then. I'm so grateful for the experiences and I couldn't recommend it enough."

**- TSEGAYE SMITH**



"When I knew I was going to attend East Central University, living on campus was something I was looking forward to the most. I enjoy living on campus because I feel like I'm part of a community. I am constantly socializing with people and learning new things through the diversity of everyone living here. Being on campus encourages me to be involved and pushes me out of my comfort zone. It has given me a sense of security and relief. It is nice to see familiar faces everyday, people who are here doing the same thing as me."

**- KEVIN ROBLES**

# HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE STAFF



## LEENA RUDOLPH - DIRECTOR OF RESIDENCE LIFE

- **Hometown:** Hyderabad, India
- **Undergraduate Studies:** East Central University - Special Education
- **Hobbies/Interest:** "I love playing sports, trying new cuisines, and sewing dresses."
- **Favorite ECU Tradition:** "ECU Band playing the Fight Song at homecoming (Alumni and current Band)."



## KYLEIGH NORRIS - HOUSING COORDINATOR

- **Hometown:** Ardmore, Oklahoma
- **Undergraduate Studies:** East Central University - Business Administration
- **Hobbies/Interest:** "I love to fellowship with friends, spend time with family, read, drink iced coffee, watch a movie or a tv show, and go for a walk or run outdoors."
- **Favorite ECU Tradition:** "ECU Block Party."



## CHRIS CONWAY - RESIDENCE DIRECTOR

- **Hometown:** Seminole, Oklahoma
- **Undergraduate Studies:** East Central University - Kinesiology
- **Hobbies/Interest:** I love spending time with my beautiful wife, spending time with friends and family, making content on social media (TIK TOK), and love meeting new people.
- **Favorite ECU Tradition:** Going to ECU athletic games



## HOPE WEBB - RESIDENCE DIRECTOR

- **Hometown:** Lockesburg, Arkansas
- **Undergraduate Studies:** University of Central Arkansas - Sociology and Criminology
- **Graduate Studies:** University of Central Arkansas - Master of College Personnel Administration
- **Hobbies/Interests:** "I like to watch tv shows, take walks around campus and bake sweet treats!"
- **Favorite ECU Tradition:** "The Fight Song"



## PAYTON CHANDLER - RESIDENCE DIRECTOR

- **Hometown:** Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- **Undergraduate Studies:** East Central University - Counseling, Social work
- **Hobbies/Interest:** "I like to read and watch my favorite shows. You can usually find me spending time with my dog and/or family on weekends."
- **Favorite ECU Tradition:** "Homecoming week."



# RESIDENCE HALLS AND APTS. AT ECU



**PESAGI HALL**



**PONTOTOC HALL**



**CHOKKA-CHAFFA HALL**



**BRILES HALL**



**STADIUM APTS.**



**TIGER COMMONS APTS.**



# PESAGI HALL

Pesagi Hall is one of the two freshmen designated residence halls at East Central University and is home to Greek Life – Zeta Tau Alpha, Chi-Omega, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Phi Kappa Tau – ECU's National Fraternity and Sorority organizations. This ancient Greek influence also can be found through the rest of the hall and hall programming.

Starting in a culture similar to that of the ancient Greek city of Rhodes, we have Pesagi's Global Community, a space designated for international and domestic students to come live together, sharing their rich culture, values, and traditions. We next move over to the ancient city of Athens, a culture of philosophy, intellect, and charm, exemplified by the designated living area of the Honor's Program. Next, we travel over to Sparta, known for its strength, might, and determination – an influence of our Gold Program, residents serving and learning through the National Guard.

Many other ancient Greek cities influence the way of life in Pesagi, such as the democracy and collective of Syracuse, the strategic and innovative mind of Argos, or the art, design, and mastery of Halicarnassus, but under all of the cultural influence, there is one common denominator: the RESIDENTS.

As a returning resident living in Pesagi, you have the option to live in assigned upperclassmen areas.



## PESAGI HOUSES:

**Greek Life Lounges :** National Sorority and Fraternity Organizations with their own private lounges.

**A Global Community:** Living/Learning Community centered around cultural leadership and learning, with a private lounge for international students housed in Pesagi.

**Honors Program:** Living/Learning Community centered around the Honors Program, with a private lounge for Honors students.

**The Gold Program:** National Guard student-program where students live with and serve both neighbors and country, with a private lounge for Gold Program students.

### Gender Specific Units:

Females - 2nd, 3rd and 4th floor A and B sections and 4th floor C section

Males - 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floor D and E sections and 2nd floor C section

## PESAGI AMENITIES:

- 24/7 access to a furnished kitchen and dining space
- 24/7 access to FREE laundry facilities
- 24/7 On-call personnel
- 24/7 access to recreation and gaming equipment
- A community centered lobby, containing two pool tables, two ping pong tables, a foosball table, and a TV lounge
- A private and limited sound study/classroom

# PONTOTOC HALL

Pontotoc Hall, affectionately called P-toc by the residents who live in the building, is a community of determined, well-meaning and courageous students. As a freshman living in Pontotoc, you will have the opportunity to be in B Section, one of two freshmen designated living/learning communities.

As a returning resident living in Pontotoc, you have the option to live in our C and D sections, which are single bedrooms.

## B-SECTION FLOOR LAYOUT

- **1st Floor (Freshmen Female Hall):** Also known as the "Phoenix Community," this unit is rooted in *goal-setting and self-reflection* on how different decisions impact life goals. While living on this floor, students will develop *Self-Authorship* and *Autonomy* through developing ownership of personal beliefs, values, and ideas.

**Phoenix Community rises up from the ashes; making something beautiful out of life's hurdles.**

- **2nd Floor (Upperclassman all gender Hall):** Also known as the "Centaur Community," this unit is rooted in learning and acquiring everyday life skills. They will learn to embody *Competence* and *Self-Sufficiency* through developing themselves to be independent, responsible citizens of the world.

**Centaur Community are strong and skillful citizens that are independent and self-sufficient.**

- **3rd Floor (Freshmen Male Hall):** Also known as the "Dragon Community," this unit is rooted in building a strong *community and brotherhood*. They reflect *Benevolence and Selflessness*, while building connections with local and worldwide communities.

**Dragon Community shines brightly through investing into the community through selfless acts of kindness.**



## PONTOTOC AMENITIES:

- 24/7 access to open lounges
- 24/7 access to 2 private study rooms
- 24/7 access to FREE laundry facilities
- 24/7 On-call personnel
- Close proximity to the athletic facilities (football field)
- A community centered lobby, containing a pool table, a ping pong table, and TV areas

# UPPER CLASSMEN TRADITIONAL HALL HOUSING

Living in Tiger Land is an essential part of the university experience. East Central University offers traditional housing options for our upperclassmen students. We understand that our upperclassmen students have needs that are different from that of our freshmen students; therefore, offering spaces that focus on the needs our upperclassmen.

Chokka-Chaffa means *One-Family*. Chokka-Chaffa houses upperclassmen (Sophomores-Seniors) The concept of family is exemplified through our programming in this building, as we learn to build life-long relationships. Chokka-Chaffa is grounded in values of kindness, integrity, helping others and excellence in our work inside and outside the classroom.

Briles residence hall houses our upperclassmen students. The programming in Briles Hall is grounded in building community through comradeship, team spirit, and connectedness. Upperclassmen students love to reside in Briles because of its prime location.

## CHOKKA-CHAFFA HALL and the Amenities:

- 24/7 access to a kitchen and dining space
- 24/7 access to FREE laundry facilities
- 24/7 On-call personnel
- A community-centered lobby, containing a pool table, a ping pong table, and a TV lounge
- A private and limited sound study/classroom on each unit of the building



## BRILES HALL and the Amenities:

- 24/7 access to FREE laundry facilities
- 24/7 On-call personnel
- A community-centered lobby, containing a pool table, a ping pong table, and a TV lounge
- Three hang-out lounges around the building



\*\*Please note that ALL traditional Residence Halls are secure with keypads on external doors, have Resident Assistants in designated spaces, and professional staff members to assist around the clock.



# UPPER CLASSMEN APARTMENT-STYLE HOUSING

Living in Tiger Land is an essential part of the university experience. East Central University offers independent housing options for our upperclassmen and graduate students. These spaces focus on:

- **Career Development:** We help you develop different ways to manage school, work, and life; we also provide programming opportunities for juniors and senior to work towards developing resumes, cover letters, interviewing, and job-search skills.
- **Academic Success:** We know that students who live on campus are closer to the resources they may need to succeed in and out of the classroom.
- **Network/Relationships:** We help you connect with other individuals in your neighborhood and outside to gain information about your industry. Networking with leaders and peers in your field helps you gain tips and advice from others who are successful.
- **Unique Community:** We offer a fun community with a safe and supportive system that living anywhere else cannot provide, helping you grow and develop while having fun in hall and on-campus programming.

## TIGER COMMONS/STADIUM APARTMENTS and the Amenities:

- Privately locked bedroom
- Shared kitchen with roommates
- Shared living room with roommates
- 24/7 access to FREE laundry facilities
- 24/7 On-call personnel



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# ON-CAMPUS VS. OFF-CAMPUS

	<b>Pesagi Hall</b>	<b>Chokka-Chaffa</b>	<b>Off-Campus</b>
<b>HOUSING</b>	\$1,150*	\$1,875*	\$3,708***
<b>UTILITIES</b>	All Included	All Included	\$1,200
<b>INTERNET</b>	Included	Included	\$780
<b>LAUNDRY</b>	Included	Included	\$120
<b>MEALS</b>	\$1,658	\$1,658	\$1,000
<b>GAS</b>	No Commute	No Commute	\$400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,808</b>	<b>\$3,533</b>	<b>\$7,208</b>

	<b>Pontotoc/Briles</b>	<b>Tiger Commons</b>	<b>Off-Campus</b>
<b>HOUSING</b>	\$1,225*	2/4 BRM:\$2,725/\$2,475*	\$1,854***
<b>UTILITIES</b>	All Included	All Included	\$600
<b>INTERNET</b>	Included	Included	\$390
<b>LAUNDRY</b>	Included	Included	\$120
<b>MEALS</b>	\$1,658	\$847**	\$1,000
<b>GAS</b>	No Commute	No Commute	\$400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,883</b>	<b>\$3,572/\$3,322</b>	<b>\$4,364</b> (With a Roommate)

\*Based on 2021-2022 housing rates.

\*\* Most residents who live in apartments use the flex meal plan; however, other meal plans are available.

\*\*\* Average apartment cost in Ada. with a 6-month lease.

**ON CAMPUS PERKS: SECURITY, ACCESS TO UNIVERSITY SPACES, LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES AND PAID PROGRAMMING, AND 24/7 ON-CALL PERSONNEL**

**INCLUDES: LAUNDRY, INTERNET, & UTILITIES**

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