

Department of University Housing & Food Service

Mission Statement

The Department of University Housing & Food Service recognizes the University community provides two powerful and dynamic environments -- curricular and co-curricular -- and is committed to being a positive influence and partner in both.

The department mission, through the residence hall living/learning experience of our students, is to amplify and support the comprehensive institutional mission of the University by:

- > providing safe, secure, clean and reasonably priced residential environments conducive to the academic and personal development of the student;
- > providing services, programs and activities which encourage students to develop themselves intellectually, emotionally, socially, physically, vocationally and spiritually;
- > selecting and training professional and paraprofessional staff committed to developing residential communities which emphasize student development principles;
- > identify and address evolving student environmental needs via professional advisory staff working directly with University Faculty and Staff, Residential Life staff, Residence Hall Association, and Resident Advisor Advisory Council (RAAC);
- > providing residential environments that honor human diversity which embrace students as individuals -- each with rights and responsibilities -- each with unique goals and needs.

Diversity Statement

CELEBRATING THE DIGNITY OF ALL PEOPLE

The Department of University Housing & Food Service celebrates and recognizes that the University community is comprised of persons who represent diversity on many levels ... diversity of thought, belief, race, ethnicity, gender, culture and sexual orientation. All members of the University community are equal and accountable to each other.

University Housing & Food Services embraces the philosophy that ALL persons who are marginalized, ridiculed and demeaned for their beliefs, culture, gender, race, sexual orientation and/or ethnicity -- are entitled to "places where Allies dwell" ... by definition, this includes Chico State residence halls and the offices of each UHFS staff member.

In a community of scholars, there is no place for hateful behavior.

The Department of University Housing & Food Services affirms and celebrates the dignity of all people.

OVERVIEW

The Department of University Housing & Food Service (UHFS) is a comprehensive student housing program. Accommodating 1,900 students in seven (7) residential communities, UHFS-administered facilities include a range of student housing style options for University students including traditional double-loaded corridor/community bath residence halls, suite-style and apartment-style facilities.

UHFS is responsible for the day-to-day operations and administration of all programmatic, outreach, student life and facilities requirements. General maintenance, custodial services and grounds are administered within the UHFS structure.

Reporting to the Division of Student Affairs, UHFS is a self-supporting auxiliary enterprise with an annual operating budget of ~ \$10.0 million.

An essential departmental core value is the responsibility to support the academic mission of the institution by providing living environments that enhance the educational and personal growth of residential students. Our task is to engage residents in recognizing the value and importance of community responsibility through participation in community activities, events and programs.

UHFS employs a 43 full-time staff, 55 residential life paraprofessional staff, and many dozens of student assistants in a variety of support positions (i.e., custodial services, grounds, desk assistants, information technology, summer conference programs, student leadership development, etc.)

UHFS serves as the primary administrative partner with Associated Students in the operation of Whitney Hall residential dining services.