



LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

Dear Lehigh students,

Earlier this week, a message from Housing Services was sent to rising juniors and seniors regarding changes to residential facilities, particularly the closure and demolition of Trembley Park. This message should not have been sent and we apologize for the confusion it created within our student community. Trembley Park will not be demolished this coming summer and will remain available for student housing for the 2019-2020 academic year with the same housing lottery process used as in years past.

In the past 24 hours, you have raised thoughtful and legitimate concerns ranging from timing of the message, to availability of comparably priced housing options, to a need for greater transparency in Lehigh's master planning efforts. Your individual and collective voices have shared personal stories and sets of circumstances that guide, and even dictate, student housing decisions. You have also shared your thoughts on how this week's announcement might affect our broader residential community. All voices are important and have been greatly appreciated.

We are committed to an open dialogue and transparent process which engages students and helps us make decisions that best serve our campus community. In the near future, Pat Johnson, Vice President for Finance & Administration, and Ric Hall, Vice Provost for Student Affairs, will coordinate, in conjunction with Student Senate, a series of student

meetings in order to discuss and better understand students' concerns and questions about future housing and residence life, and the residential experience at Lehigh. We ask that you participate in these meetings so that decisions about the future of the university are informed by student input.

Once again, we apologize for any confusion this has caused.

Sincerely,

John Simon, President

Patrick Farrell, Provost



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