

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Bearcats,

We greatly appreciate your patience and resilience as we continue to work through the necessary facility repairs as a result of the recent frigid temperatures that the campus experienced over the holiday break. Our priority is to always ensure a safe and comfortable environment for students to live, learn and thrive.

The administration has been working with the SGA and has heard your concerns regarding four students per room in the residence halls. We want students to know **WE HEAR YOU** and we are appreciative that many of you have voiced your concerns professionally, with a positive attitude, and have made excellent attempts to collaborate with administration on developing solutions to the problems that currently exist with our campus facilities. After speaking with our SGA student leaders, we are looking into the following alternatives to accommodate students in residence life until all repairs can be made:

1. Housing students in nearby hotels/motels.
 - **Note:** Shuttle services will be provided to and from campus for students.
2. Housing students at neighboring collegiate institutions who have dormitory availability.
 - **Note:** Shuttle services will be provided to and from campus for students.
3. Three or four occupancy rooms may still need to be a **temporary** option for a few students.
4. The academic affairs staff are working to make more courses available online for those who choose not to return to campus until repairs are complete. We cannot guarantee that everyone can access a full course load via online, but we are adding additional classes that are specifically designated as online.

We are asking each of you to understand that these proposed solutions will only be temporary and are not expected to last the entire semester. These solutions are only meant to be in place until the repairs can be completed in the residence halls. The contractors are aggressively working to have all repairs completed as soon as possible. We have contracted with a professional moving company to assist students with relocating their belongings during this process. Boxes will be available upon students' arrival back to campus.

In order for the administration to plan accordingly we need students to help us out by completing your registration. Please complete your Spring 2023 registration before 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2023. This helps us to know how many students are returning to campus and allows us to work with the hotels and neighboring institutions on how much residence life space we will need.

- [Complete your Spring 2023 Registration here.](#)

We realize this is not an ideal situation, but after consulting with our awesome student leaders, we feel these solutions are better options that will allow us to return to campus and continue our mission critical work of ensuring Rust College students are equipped and inspired for excellence and service in your communities and throughout the world. Please ensure you complete the registration process, and let's work together to return stronger to our beloved Citadel on the Hill. #BearcatStrong!

-President Taylor