

STUDENT LIFE

Life at Rosemont is characterized by attention to the development of the personal, social, moral, cultural, and intellectual strengths that help each student to meet the challenges of modern life. The Division of Student Life strives, through a wide range of programs and services, to develop in women of all ages their individual strengths and interests and to instill in them the competence, self-confidence, and leadership abilities necessary to achieve success. The relatively small size of the College provides many opportunities for interaction among students, faculty, and administration. The Student Life Division includes the following co-curricular and support services: Athletics, Career Services, the Counseling Center, Financial Aid, Food Services, International Student Support Services, Residential Life, the Rosemont Alcohol and Drug Awareness Resource Program (RADAR), Student Activities, the Wellness Center, and the Women's Center. The professional staff in these offices work together to provide out-of-class learning experiences and services for both residents and commuters. They also work with the Office of Academic Affairs to provide joint programming with faculty and with the Student Academic Support Center.

The Dean of Students and the Director of the Academic Support Center jointly support and coordinate an orientation program and work with administrators, faculty, and upper-class women to acquaint new students with the academic, spiritual, social, and cultural opportunities of Rosemont. This orientation program introduces them to the local area as well. The First Year Connections Seminar (FYCS) Program includes a component in the residence halls which is designed to enhance the overall academic and co-curricular experiences of first year students at Rosemont. FYCS attempts to bridge the gap between the academic and co-curricular lives of the students by promoting those programs and activities which support opportunities for learning and self-exploration outside of the classroom. The Cap and Gown ceremony, held during Family Weekend, is a tradition that formally welcomes first-year students and new transfer students into the academic community.

Student Government

The purpose of student government at Rosemont is to coordinate the on going student governing processes, to be responsive to the needs and opinions of students, to stimulate change as needed, and to represent student concerns to the College as a whole. The Student Government Association (SGA) has a core group, the Executive Board of the SGA, consisting of the president, vice-president for academics, vice-president for activities, vice-president for finance, vice president for communications and vice president for commuters. Each class has three officers: a president, a vice-president and a secretary/treasurer. The SGA Executive Board and the class officers form the core leadership group of the Student Government Association. It is the responsibility of the SGA, in concert with the Dean of Students, to allocate the Student Activity Fee to student organizations and events, to nominate students for standing College committees, to sponsor activities on and off campus, to hold elections, to represent student opinion to the College and the broader community, and to determine and maintain students' rights and responsibilities.

Student Activities and Organization

The Office of Student Activities enhances the overall experience of the students by developing and encouraging participation in social, cultural, intellectual, recreational, spiritual, and governance programs and activities. Through such programs and activities, the Office strives to meet the needs of Rosemont College's diverse student population. The Office also supports the continual efforts of students to build a receptive, inclusive, and communicative campus community. The Rosemont Activities Council (RAC), a student organization, works in conjunction with the Office of Student Activities to plan and implement a variety of programs and activities. RAC invites speakers, runs the Grind Café coffeehouse, and organizes cultural and social events, community service projects, and special events. Among these events are: Oktoberfest, Family Weekend, Holiday Evening, the Spring Reception, Take Back the Night, and Founders' Day. RAC collaborates with other campus organizations, ensuring that the needs and interests of the students are met. RAC also provides ample opportunity for the personal development of its members through leadership education and training sessions. Events sponsored by other student clubs and organizations, residence halls, student government, and the classes include: holiday celebrations, a formal, an Awards Luncheon, Leadership Weekend, the annual Spring Play, the Festival of Original Plays, Li'l Sibs' Weekend, and trips to the surrounding Greater Philadelphia area. Occasionally, events are also sponsored in conjunction with students from other area colleges and universities.

Current Student Clubs and Organizations:

Amnesty International
Art History Club
Best Buddies
Cornelian (yearbook)
Hillel
Honor Society
The International Club
The Irish Heritage Society
Jest and Gesture (Drama)
The Latin-American Student Association
Mid-East Peace Watch
Model U.N.
The Muslim Student Association
The Organization of African-American Students
The Prose Club
R.A.D.A.R.
The RamSquad (Dance)
The Rambler (newspaper)
Rosemont Activities Council
Rosemont College Pre-Health Professionals Club
Rosemont College Pre-Law Professionals Club
The Rosetones Chorus
R.S.A.A.C. (Athletics Council)
Students for a Free Tibet
Thorn (literary magazine)

Triad (Admissions Events/Campus Tours)
Young Democrats Club
Young Republicans Club

Rosemont College students also enjoy a variety of off-campus social and recreational programs at nearby colleges. Through a cooperative arrangement with Villanova University, Rosemont students are welcome to use the Connelly Center, library, swimming pool at St. Mary's Hall, and other recreational facilities on Villanova's campus. Villanova and Rosemont are linked by a regular shuttle bus service during the academic year, which departs from the "T" area. Students also attend events at other nearby colleges such as Bryn Mawr, Cabrini, and Eastern.

Cultural Opportunities

Rosemont's proximity to Philadelphia and its access to public transportation allows students numerous off-campus opportunities to enjoy the city's famed museums, theaters, renowned symphony orchestra, research institutes, and historic landmarks. The College sponsors on-campus lectures and poetry readings by distinguished scholars and authors, concerts by famous musicians, and other cultural events. Rosemont students also enjoy the cultural offerings of other colleges and universities in the Greater Philadelphia area.

Intercollegiate Athletics

Rosemont is a Division III member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association; the teams compete as part of the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC). Rosemont sponsors intercollegiate athletic teams in basketball, field hockey, lacrosse, softball, tennis, and volleyball. Rosemont's athletic teams are named "The Ramblers," after the climbing variety of rose, and their colors are maroon, gray, and white.

Rosemont Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

The Rosemont Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (RSAAC) is the NCAA campus-level student-athlete advisory committee (SAAC), comprised of an elected representative from each sport, a president, a vice president, Rosemont's NCAA faculty athletics representative, and an athletic department representative. The RSAAC serves as a liaison between the student-athletes and the Director of Athletics. Elected representatives from RSAAC also serve as liaisons between Rosemont's student-athletes and the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference as members of the PAC SAAC. The RSAAC oversees the student-athlete community service project and certain other campus-wide activities. The organization is often involved in the hiring process of prospective coaches. RSAC has implemented an alcohol policy for student-athletes and an athletic director's honor roll, among other programs. Each April an Athletic Banquet honors Rosemont's student athletes and their achievements on and off the playing fields and courts.

Publications

There are four student publications at Rosemont, which serve both as mediums of creative expression and as sources of information for the College community. They include *The Rambler*, the campus newspaper; *The Cornelian*, the annual college yearbook; *The Thorn*, the campus literary magazine, which publishes student and faculty writing and artwork; and the weekly SGA Bulletin. In addition to these, the *Student Handbook*, distributed by the Office of Student Life, provides information to the student population at Rosemont.

Services for Commuting and Non-traditional Aged Students

Alumnae Hall provides a comfortable lounge for commuting students as well as the Grind Café, the College Store, and the College Grill. Commuting students use the area for meetings, social events, and relaxation. Restrooms, computers, and the Women's Center are nearby. Commuting students are also encouraged to eat with resident students, faculty, and administrators in Cardinal Hall. Multiple meal tickets may be purchased through the dining service or commuters may sign up for a 10 meal plan with AVI Food Services. Programs and activities occur throughout the year that are designed to meet the needs of commuting students. In addition, commuters are always welcome to visit friends in the residence halls. Commuter ID cards allow swipe access to all halls. Support services for non-traditional aged students are provided through a variety of offices. Special events, monthly group lunches, and a monthly newsletter are coordinated by the Director of Counseling.

Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures

The common good of the College community requires that Rosemont students maintain the highest standards of academic and personal integrity and a responsible style of living. The Catholic values of the College are intrinsic to the spirit of the College and thus to its policies and regulations. A concern for student rights and equitable procedures is inherent in the processes established to consider student misconduct. Major issues of student misconduct in non-academic matters are handled by the Vice-President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students. Student violations of state and federal law may result in disciplinary action and possibly civil action by Rosemont College. Concerns regarding inappropriate behavior within the residence halls and minor violations of College policies and procedures are heard by Residence Coordinators who are authorized to impose sanctions with the approval of the Director of Residential Life. Major infractions of rules, repeated misconduct within residence halls, and charges of misconduct by commuting students will be handled by the Vice-President for Student Affairs (see the *Student Handbook*). Records of disciplinary proceedings conform to the guidelines established by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, better known as the Buckley Amendment. Questions of academic integrity brought by faculty or students are handled by the faculty and the Office of the Academic Dean of the Undergraduate Women's College.

Dismissal

The College reserves the right to dismiss any student who cannot maintain the minimum standard of scholarship (a minimum 2.0 grade point average), and/or whose conduct has been found to be in violation of College policies and procedures, or whose continuance would be detrimental to her own health or the health and well-being of others.

Policy on Housing Assignments

Housing assignments for first-year and transfer residents are made by the Director of Residential Life on the basis of expressed student preference, special needs, medical information, and available rooms. Upper-class students participate in the room lottery in the Spring of each year during which they select their rooms for the following academic year. In the rare event that the medical form or the student's health or behavior indicate interference with the safety and well-being of herself and/or other members of the College community, the College reserves the right to place conditions on residential continuance or to deny residential placement. Should

residential placement be denied by the College, the room deposit will be refunded in full. Residents are given the opportunity to change rooms during the open room change process, which takes place before Fall Break.

Residence Hall Living

On-campus housing is currently available to all matriculated Rosemont students. Students are required to reside on campus for at least six semesters. There will be no exceptions to this policy without written permission from the Dean of Students. Rosemont College, as a proprietor of the residence halls, requires that each student sign a Residence Hall Contract each year specifying behavior consistent with the welfare and safety of other residents and appropriate use of the space. Rules and regulations, including visitation rules, within the residence halls are stated in the Residence Hall Contract and are fully described in the *Student Handbook*.

Career Services

Career information and guidance are available to help students clarify their personal objectives and establish career goals which will enable them to fulfill their potential. Students are encouraged to explore career options through individual career counseling, the career resource center, career programs, and by using SIGI PLUS, a computerized career guidance program. Workshops are offered on topics such as interviewing skills, résumé and cover letter writing techniques, and job search strategies. Students are urged to begin career planning in their first year. The Rosemont Alumni Mentoring Program provides students with the opportunity to connect with alumnae in career fields where there is mutual interest. Students receive career guidance, support, and encouragement from alumni in a number of ways: informational and mock interviews, job shadowing, internship and employment opportunities, networking, and career information. The Intercollegiate Career Fair is sponsored by Cabrini, Neumann, and Rosemont Colleges and Eastern and Immaculata Universities and is held annually. Each spring, approximately fifty employers attend the fair to recruit for full-time, part-time and summer employment, and internship positions. Students are also encouraged to attend the many job fairs held in the Philadelphia area. An on-line list of full and part time job postings and résumé database, supplied by Rosemont College and seven other schools in the SouthEastern Pennsylvania Consortium for Higher Education (SEPCHE), is available to both students and alumnae/i. Since study beyond the bachelor's degree is required for some careers, information on graduate and professional school programs, scholarships, and fellowships is maintained in the Office of Career Services. Students are assisted with application procedures and graduate school workshops are offered to juniors and seniors. A database of more than 1,200 graduate institutions nationwide is available through the Graduate Explorer, an addendum to the SIGI program. Credentials for students and alumni pertaining to career placement are maintained by the Career Services Office in accordance with the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. The services of this office are also available to alumni.

The Counseling Center

The Counseling Center offers personal counseling to all Rosemont students. Students may be seen individually, in pairs, or in groups depending on the nature of their concerns. The Center, which is directed by a licensed psychologist and staffed with other professionally trained counselors, provides students with the opportunity for support, crisis management, limited therapy, and consultation.

The Center is located in Good Counsel Hall, Room 209, and hours are posted on the Center's door. Arrangements to speak with a counselor may be made by calling extension 2416. All services are strictly confidential and without fee. The Counseling Center sponsors various programs during the academic year such as Depression Screening Day and Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

Student peer educators and the Coordinator of the Rosemont Alcohol and Drug Awareness Resources (R.A.D.A.R.) Program offer educational programs and events to help students make informed decisions about alcohol and other drugs. The R.A.D.A.R. office can be reached at extension 2472.

Wellness Center

Health services are available to Rosemont students for normal care at no extra charge; these services are covered by the general fee paid annually by all students. Charges for extraordinary care will be made in accordance with current costs. Referral is made to medical specialists as needed. A consulting physician may be called at the request of either the student or her family, at the expense of the student or her family. It is, however, recommended that the student seek help from personnel in the Wellness Center beforehand. When a student enrolls in the College, she must submit a completed physician's medical report. The immunization section on the physician medical report must be completed and current and must show compliance with the recommendations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Health's Division of Immunizations. Pennsylvania law requires that immunizations be up-to-date. The student must also present evidence of valid health insurance coverage. Health insurance is mandatory. Insurance may be provided by family health insurance plans or individual student health insurance plans. Students will automatically be enrolled in the college's student health insurance plan if evidence of valid health insurance is not submitted prior to the designated deadline. Information on the student health insurance plan is available in the Student Life Office and the Wellness Center. It is the responsibility of each student to obtain and maintain such coverage. A student will be prevented from registering for courses if proof of health insurance and immunizations is not provided. The College assumes no financial responsibility for medical expenses or medical assistance incurred by the student.

The Women's Center

The Rosemont College Women's Center is a lounge and meeting place located in the "T," equipped with comfortable furniture, books, periodicals, information, a small refrigerator, coffee service, television, and other amenities. Staffed by volunteers and a director, the Women's Center offers programs on topics of interest to women. Welcoming and responsive to the wishes of all campus constituencies, the Women's Center invites use and participation from everyone. Cooperation or joint programs with other area women's centers is also encouraged.

Campus Ministry

In union with the mission of Rosemont College, Campus Ministry provides all members of the Rosemont College community with opportunities to express and grow in faith, regardless of tradition. These opportunities are a collaborative effort within the community to enrich personal

development, build leadership skills, and express a concern for and a commitment to justice and service.

The strategies and goals set forth in the Pastoral Letters of the United States Catholic Conference, especially *Empowered by the Spirit* and *Sons and Daughters of the Light*, serve as an aid in structuring opportunities. To meet these goals, opportunities are offered in the following seven areas of ministry: Catechesis, Community life, Evangelization, Justice and Service, Leadership, Liturgy and Sacraments, and Prayer and Spirituality.

Campus Ministry programs:

- Focus on the unique gifts of each person and the building of relationships that will nurture faith, hope and love;
- Create an environment of openness and welcome;
- Foster a commitment to serving as a witness to the Catholic presence on campus;
- Express fidelity to essential teachings of the Church as well as to reading the signs of the times;
- Adapt the message of the Gospel to meet the needs of the academic community;
- Develop a faith community rooted in the Catholic tradition while welcoming persons of all beliefs;
- Empower and nurture the members of the Rosemont College community in the area of moral and social consciousness; through varied experiences of service, individuals, the college community and communities beyond campus benefit.

Though ministry takes place wherever hospitality is created, the Campus Ministry Center, out of which the Campus Ministry team operates, is located on the first floor of the Chapel in Saint Joseph's Hall, Rooms 3 and 7. Fresh and friendly smiles and warm conversation are available daily.

INFORMATION SERVICES

Rosemont College Information Services is comprised of Library Services, the Slide Collection, Technology Services, Media Services, and the Conwell Multimedia Center.

LIBRARY SERVICES

The College's library program meets the study and research needs of the students and faculty by combining traditional library strengths in the liberal arts with state-of-the-art access to information and resource sharing.

The Gertrude Kistler Memorial Library, the first academic building erected on the Rosemont campus, was a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Sedgewick Kistler in memory of their daughter. It houses in open stacks a collection of over 161,000 volumes and 510 current periodical and newspaper subscriptions, along with electronic, audiovisual, and microform materials. The library has a special 10,000 volume collection of Children's Literature and a special collection of first-edition women's feminist poetry from the 1970s to the 1990s. The ***SLIDE COLLECTION*** consists of over 51,000 slides that are used to support instruction in art history, the humanities, and other disciplines. Although part of the library collections, the slide collection resides on the third floor of Lawrence Hall along with the Curator's office and workroom.

TRELLIS (The Rosemont Electronic Learning and Library Information System) is the portal to the library's electronic collections, books, and media resources. TRELLIS includes the on-line catalog, a number of computerized periodical indexes, full-text databases and encyclopedias and provides access to the Internet's World Wide Web. There are computer workstations for TRELLIS located throughout the Library. TRELLIS may also be accessed from any building on campus through the campus network. Remote access to TRELLIS is available upon request. Librarians are available to instruct students in the use of TRELLIS and in other information technologies and in locating information via the Internet. Other services include reference assistance, interlibrary loan from libraries throughout the United States, and individual or course-related instruction. For further information, go to <http://trellis.rosemont.edu>.

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

The computer classrooms throughout campus are equipped with Windows-PC and Macintosh computers as well as printers, scanners, and other peripheral devices. Numerous software packages to support computer graphics, publishing, word processing, spreadsheet, and database projects are available for both individual use and group instruction. Computer classrooms are located in Brown Science Building, Gertrude Kistler Memorial Library, and the Conwell Multimedia Center. Technology Services also provides Internet connection and basic support for Resident Students who choose to bring a personal computer to campus. Policies and procedures, as well as Computing Resources available on the Rosemont Campus, are accessible by clicking the Technology "Quick Link" at <http://www.rosemont.edu>.

iWay is Rosemont College's web portal and students' resource for information and campus services. From <http://iway.rosemont.edu/ics> students will be able to log into their personal accounts and securely access their academic files, social calendar, email, and more. By visiting frequently, students will be among the first to know about new and events taking place on campus. For further information, please email iway@rosemont.edu.

MEDIA SERVICES provides presentation equipment for use in all areas of the college.

CONWELL MULTIMEDIA CENTER

The Conwell Multimedia Center is a support and enrichment center for faculty and students. A fully equipped facility housing an extensive collection of video, in both VHS and DVD format, and audio materials, the Center supports the various academic needs of the faculty and students in all areas including word processing, remote research, printing and scanning of materials, and video-editing. Small technology workshops are offered for faculty and students to reinforce and update technology skills.