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Ollies Collegiate Community

Frequently asked questions:

Q: What is Ollie's Collegiate Community (OCC)?

A: Ollie's Collegiate Community (OCC) is a living-learning community aimed at fostering academic excellence and co-curricular learning opportunities in an immersive residential setting. Students will live together in the Methodist College Student Apartment Complex, take designated courses together in the Spring 2018 semester, and participate in selected co-curricular activities together.

Q: What is the cost associated with Ollie's Collegiate Community?

A: There is no cost associated with joining Ollie's Collegiate Community (OCC). Your rent in a quadapartment space will be completely paid for during the Spring 2018 semester (1/15/18-5/30/18). The value of this scholarship award is \$3,200.

Q: What are the benefits of OCC?

A: Students that live in the Ollie's Collegiate Community have convenient access to campus resources and a group of like-minded peers each and every day. You'll be in the same apartment complex with students who share the same academic and career goals as you. OCC is supervised by the Dean of Students, Andre Allen, and his two residential advisors. They will ensure everyone is living in a safe and healthy environment that promotes academic success and co-curricular learning.

Q: What are the criteria to be accepted into OCC?

- A: To join the OCC, you must be a brand new Methodist College student for the Spring 2018 semester OR a current Methodist College student with 30 or fewer earned credit hours. You must also have at least a 2.5 high school GPA OR at least a 2.75 college GPA. Students with fewer credit hours will be given first priority. To be considered, you must apply at <u>www.methodistCOL.edu/scholarships</u>.
- **Q:** If I want to room with a friend who is not a part of the OCC cohort, could I still be a part of the OCC?
- A: Yes! You will still be able to be a part of OCC and experience all of its benefits.

Q: How long does the OCC program last?

A: OCC lasts for the Spring 2018 semester only (1/15/18- 5/30/18). After the Spring 2018 semester, students are able to request housing on their own, and are able to register for classes together according the college's registration schedule.

Q: What are the co-curricular activities associated with the OCC?

A: The co-curricular activities that will be required as a participant in OCC include OlliePalooza (Fall semester kick-off fair) and the annual Cultural Fair sponsored by the Diversity Committee. Participants will also be required to attend up to four special events planned for the OCC members with faculty or staff members at Methodist College.

Q: What is the structure of OCC?

A: Students participating in this experience will be offered a selection of classes to take together as a group, while being enrolled as regular students in other courses for which they are registered. Once recipients are selected, they will meet with the Director of Academic Advising to coordinate which courses will be taken together.

Q: What is the process for registering for the OCC classes?

A: The Director of Academic Advising will facilitate registration for the designated courses.

Q: What is the deadline for application to the NET LLC?

A: The deadline for submission is 11:59 pm on January 7, 2018.

Q: How do I submit my application materials?

A: Applications will only be accepted through the Methodist College Scholarship Application Portal. To access this portal, visit <u>www.methodistCOL.edu/scholarships</u>.

Q: When will I be notified of my acceptance into OCC?

A: You will be notified via email by January 12, 2018.