

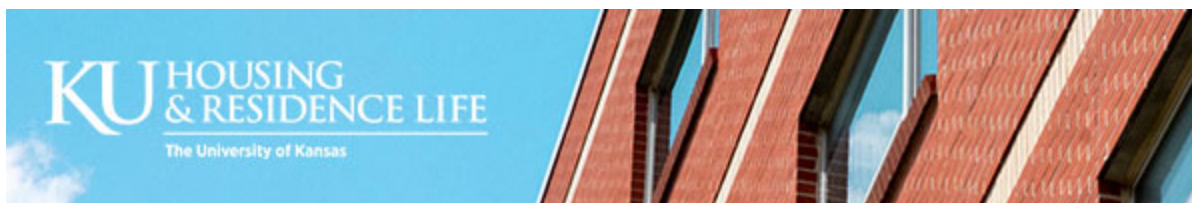


Grace Pearson Update & Reminder from HRL

From KU Student Housing <housingsmtp_sa@ku.edu>

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April 11, 2025

Dear Residents of Grace Pearson Scholarship Hall,

Since early March and on more than twelve different days, students in Grace Pearson Scholarship Hall have hung a banner on the east exterior side of the building. The banner has been hung both over and out of windows, and the adhesives used have damaged painted surfaces on the scholarship hall resulting in maintenance expenses. Most importantly, the person(s) hanging the banner have engaged in behavior that is unsafe while standing on railings or furniture, accessing roofs, and/or leaning out open windows.

In a community meeting at the scholarship hall on March 13, both Housing & Residence Life and University policies related to postings in housing communities were shared, including reasons why a banner cannot be hung on the exterior of the scholarship hall without authorization by Housing & Residence Life staff. Since that meeting, the continued disregard of these policies by students living in Grace Pearson Scholarship Hall has caused ongoing disruption in the community. Additionally, concerns around safety, both of the person(s) hanging the banner and those who have had their windows covered by banners, are significant.

This email serves as a reminder that the 2024-25 On-Campus Housing Contract allows the University to cancel the housing contracts of students who violate federal, state, or local laws, or other policies or regulations of the University, including the KU Housing & Residence Life Handbook and the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Violations "may result in disciplinary sanction, reassignment to another residential space and/or building, revocation of future guest privileges, and/or other consequences including liability for full contract costs when this contract is cancelled by KU Housing & Residence Life." Additionally, a student's "contract may be immediately suspended, and you may be required to vacate the premises when circumstances indicate that your continued presence in the assigned residential space may constitute danger, or threat of danger, to property, yourself, or others in the housing system."

The ongoing disregard of Housing and University policy by student(s) living in Grace Pearson Scholarship Hall must stop immediately. Continued violations may result in administrative action and reassignment of student(s) from the community for the remainder of the academic year. In addition, given the community's collective failure to abide by

Housing policies, contracts and housing assignments for 2025-26 will also be reviewed, and current residents may have their contracts cancelled or be reassigned to other scholarship halls or housing facilities.

We are hopeful that by reminding you of the terms of the Housing Contract and the administrative actions that may be taken that the ongoing policy violations in your community will cease. If you have information about these activities or would like to share information, please contact Director of Residence Life Carrie Fitzwater at carrie.fitzwater@ku.edu.

Sincerely,

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