

Spring 2015

Welcome to the Trojan Family!

The Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs (CBCSA) would like to congratulate you on your admission to the University of Southern California! CBCSA provides a wide range of core programs and signature events aimed to enhance the USC experience. CBCSA is committed to creating an environment that encourages the intellectual, professional, and cultural growth of African-American students entering and completing degree programs at USC.

As the time draws near and you are faced with one of the most important decisions of your life, we sincerely hope that you will consider the resources that each school has to offer. One of the resources available to you here at USC is *Somerville Place, USC's African-American residential theme floor*. It has been our experience that first year Black students transition to University life easier while living at Somerville Place.

Throughout its history, Somerville Place residents have been known to excel academically and emerge as campus leaders. In addition, Somerville Place has gained national recognition by being featured in the Los Angeles Times newspaper in March 2000. CBCSA would like you to consider Somerville Place as your freshman residence, and personally invite you to apply. **Please refer to *Living at USC Freshmen 2015-2016 Brochure* for a detailed description on page 21 and <http://housing.usc.edu> for more information.**

There are two steps to apply for Somerville Place:

1. Complete the University's on-line Housing application at <http://housing.usc.edu>. On your Housing application, mark the **building code** as "FLT" and the **Special Interest Program code** as "SMVR."
2. Complete the Supplemental on-line application at www.usc.edu/cbcsa by the **priority deadline: May 1, 2015, however will continue taking applications until the final deadline Friday, June 12, 2015.**

In a collaborative effort with the Undergraduate Office of Admission and the Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs, we have set aside the following dates for you to stay on Somerville Place and shadow a current Somerville Place resident to classes *before or after your USC Explore session on the following days* :

Monday, April 6th

Monday, April 13th

Monday, April 20th

Thursday, April 9th

Thursday, April 16th

(The above dates correspond with selected USC Explore dates)

We highly recommend that you come on one of the above dates if you would like to stay on Somerville Place for an overnight visit and attend classes the following day. **Please note that your stay does not include meals, and therefore you will need money.** Please contact CBCSA at (213) 740-8257 or by email at cbcsa@usc.edu for more information. **In order to accommodate your stay we ask that you give a week's notice so that we can arrange your date with your USC student host.**

We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions regarding USC, student life, and CBCSA!

Sincerely,

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