The open curriculum gives our students the right to choose, the right to take risks, and—above all—the freedom to direct their own educations. For more than forty years, this independence has defined Brown’s place in the landscape of undergraduate education.

In turn, we are committed to fostering and sustaining a residential life experience that supports the academic goals, sense of community, and leadership capabilities of our students while on College Hill.

We are, therefore, undertaking an extensive overhaul of the residential living system that will:

- Create vibrant first-year-only housing areas in Keeney Quad and Pembroke Residence Halls
- Provide residential options for our sophomores that will permit them to be in close proximity to one another on central campus
- Assist increasingly independent juniors and seniors by fashioning more suite-and apartment-style accommodations
- Optimize all residential housing by designing more and better community spaces for formal and informal academic programming, advising, social gatherings, collaborative study, and recreation

Optimizing the Experience

“After listening to our students talk about what they need from a residential experience, we have designed a program and facilities that fit Brown and that build on our unique undergraduate curriculum.”

MARGARET KLAWUNN
VICE PRESIDENT FOR CAMPUS LIFE & STUDENT SERVICES

The Princeton Review and the U.S. Green Building Council have voted Brown as one of the greener universities in the country. Proud of this distinction, we are committed to utilizing environmentally responsible materials and methods where feasible. These include energy-efficient lighting and windows, low-flow toilets and shower heads, furniture made from post-consumer-recycled and sustainable materials, and low-volatile organic compound (VOC) paint and carpet tiles that will reduce our carbon footprint and improve indoor air quality.

Investing in the Residential Life Initiative is an opportunity to ensure that the Brown undergraduate living experience will become a distinctive hallmark of a Brown education.
Consolidating our Communities

First-Year Community
Sophomore Community
Junior/Senior Housing
All first-year students live on campus. Separated from families and friends, they learn to negotiate new living experiences as well as establish more mature relationships with faculty and advisors. They delight in discovering each other’s diverse backgrounds and varied points of view—an integral step to prepare them to live as citizens of our global community.

The centerpiece of the Residential Life Initiative will be the creation of two first-year residential communities: Pembroke Residence Halls on the north end of campus and Keeney Quad to the south. Students will live in close-knit groups of approximately 20 students in two-person (double) rooms complemented by communal lounge areas with small kitchens for informal gatherings. In addition, a comprehensive renovation of Andrews Dining Hall on the Pembroke Campus will yield a student commons with spaces for 24-hour study, faculty advising, seminars and meetings, recreation, food, and socializing.

“Residential living should support a steady progression of experiences from first-year to senior year. This new plan will amplify what’s best in Brown.”

SAMANTHA “SAM” BARNEY ’12
CHAIR, RESIDENTIAL COUNCIL
Presently, many sophomores reside in pockets of small groups or isolated single rooms across widely separated areas of campus. The result? Some students feel cut off from the academic and advisor-related support systems formed as first-years and find it difficult to embrace the leadership roles traditionally expected of them. Moving first-years to Keeney and Pembroke will free up more housing options, allowing Brown to consolidate sophomores on the Wriston Quadrangle, central campus, and select adjacent areas.

Refurbishing Hope College and Hegeman Hall will yield refreshed student rooms and bathrooms, and also enable us to reclaim space for study and lounge areas, seminar rooms, and other meeting spaces. To enhance the sense of community—and to address challenges specific to the sophomore year—we will provide advising and other programmatic initiatives in the residences.

**HOPE COLLEGE**
**HEGEMAN HALL**
Square feet: selected spaces within 33,000
Renovated beds: 76 (Hope College)
Renovated bathrooms: 19 (Hegeman Hall)
Projected completion date: Fall 2013
Juniors and seniors have defined their areas of interest and are pursuing research with faculty, Group Independent Study Projects, and theses or capstone projects. After two years on campus, these scholars also have a clear sense of what they like and with whom they want to live. Their independence is reflected in their housing choices—favoring singles, suites, and apartment-style living.

To support these young adults, we are renovating 315 Thayer Street to yield 14 suites with single rooms, adding 59 new beds to the campus total. This new residence hall will be available to upperclass students in the fall of 2012 and is targeted to achieve LEED Gold.

“When these renovations take effect, the residential experience will be exponentially better.”

TRAVIS SPANGLER ’13, MD ’17

315 Thayer Street
Square feet: 21,000
New beds: 59 (14 suites)
Projected completion date: Fall 2012
“We feel more confident as students—and can do better in class—when we are living in an established, supportive environment on campus.”

GILLIAN MICHAELSON ’14

Project Scope Details (TOTAL : $56 MILLION)

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KEENEY QUAD
A two-phased plan to create three “right-sized” first-year communities adjacent to one another

- Divide large, looming corridors to produce smaller, more welcoming communities
- Combine single rooms to yield additional doubles
- Reclaim lost lounge space; construct communal areas on each floor; create a large magnet lounge in each community with kitchen and group study space
- Update bathrooms and add new elevators
- Install new low-VOC carpet tiles, energy-efficient lighting, and furniture made from sustainable and post-consumer recycled materials
- Upgrade systems

HOPE COLLEGE, HEGEMAN HALL, AND 315 THAYER STREET
Renovations to support smaller living communities

- Refurbish selected spaces in Hope College and Hegeman Hall to improve the sophomore experience
- Completely renovate 315 Thayer Street to yield all new suite-style housing to better support living expectations of juniors and seniors

PEMBROKE RESIDENCE HALLS
Transformative renovations to establish a consolidated living area for 900 first-year students

Miller and Metcalf Halls
- Combine single rooms to form doubles, create lounges and student study spaces, replace major systems, renovate bathrooms, and install elevators
- Install low-flow fixtures and appliances, low-VOC products, and LED lighting; add solar panels to power “magnet” student lounges and interactive reporting to encourage students to monitor, control, and conserve the use of energy
- Seek to achieve a rating of LEED Gold

Emery-Woolley Halls and Morriss-Champlin Halls
- Merge single rooms to form doubles

Verney-Woolley Dining Hall
- Expand the dining room

Andrews Hall / Student Commons
- Tighten and insulate building exterior to reduce energy loss; join singles to create doubles; and update with new paint, low-VOC flooring, solar thermal domestic hot water, and energy-efficient lighting
- Re-design first floor and Andrews Dining Hall to craft a student commons and terrace with spaces for 24-hour study, faculty advising, seminars, meetings, and recreation to support community development
- Seek to achieve a rating of LEED Gold