

2018-2019 Theme Houses

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113 Hamilton	7	Wilderness Conservation House	To educate and promote awareness of protecting and respecting our world's outdoor spaces, to provide a living space for those who are passionate about exploring and preserving the outdoors, and to allow members to easily come together to work towards their common goal of engaging with the community and bettering the natural spaces around us.	<p>Why are the outdoors important to you? What do you hope to get out of living in this outdoors-oriented community? Have you done any environmental activism or conservation work in the past? What outdoor gear would you be willing to share with the house?</p>	All Genders	Coop	
123 Hamilton	6	Production House	To offer a chance to self produce short films working together with students that share the same passion for movie making. As a house we will form a collective team that will work together on all production elements. One month you may be director and the next a set designer. Not only will students be surrounded by others with similar interests but they will be able work with their peers to create something to be proud of. The Production house will also hold a film festival at the end of the year so that the HWS community can see what we have created.	<p>Would you be willing to spend your free time and weekends on student short films? What experience do you have that can help The Production house? What about movies interest you? What is your favorite movie or series? Would you be willing to lead your own project? What does being a leader mean to you?</p>	All Genders	Must participate in a colleges approved meal plan	
402 Pulteney	7	Levels	eSports, also known as electronic sports or competitive gaming, is currently booming as an industry. Approximately one-fifth of the world actively plays video games, many even on a professional level. This house would act as an amateur platform to engage those who are interested in playing, watching, and attending eSport events. As college after college, Ivy Leagues included, begin to create support systems for students to pursue competitive gaming, a house of this nature would serve as a perfect starting point for HWS to participate in the eSports scene. Individuals who are seeking to foster relationships with teammates, share old and new experiences, and connect the community at HWS with the exponentially growing interest in eSports would fit well in this theme house.	<p>Describe how you balance schoolwork with gaming Has there ever been a time where playing games has interfered with your academic or social life and how did you deal with it? What does being on a competitive esports team mean to you?</p>	All Genders	Must participate in a colleges approved meal plan	
408 Pulteney	6	Random Acts of Kindness	To encourage HWS students to perform small, daily, random acts of kindness. We will create a positive environment where like-minded students can encourage one another through small acts of kindness as well as celebrate the achievement of spreading kindness across campus.	<p>Please write about a random act of kindness you have recently performed or witnessed. Specify why that act inspired you to join a household centered around acts of kindness. Write about a Random Acts of Kindness event that you would be passionate about making a reality on campus.</p>	All Genders	Must participate in a colleges approved meal plan	

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412 Pulteney	6	Asian Language & Culture	<p>This theme house supports the mission and various events on campus such as the Asian Student Union (ASU) and Intercultural Affairs. Students in the house can learn more about what's happening in our campus community, make new friends and at the same time engage in more meaningful events. Students must attend at least 3 events per semester hosted by the ASU or Intercultural Affairs. Students who possess an interest in Asian culture are strongly encouraged to apply. The goal for this house is to promote Asian Culture and diversity on the campus. We will provide occasional events related to our goal such as open cooking to everyone, Asian Festival celebration. This house will provide at least 2 events open to students and faculty/staff each semester. All of the events will bring students, faculty/staff, and ASU community together for conversations regarding a variety of topics. Through these events, all students and faculty/staff will not only learn more about Asian culture, but also form a closer connection to the campus and people within it and absolutely have fun!</p>	<p>Why would you want to live in Asian Language and Culture House? What kinds of Asian culture events that interested you? What events would you like to provide to contribute to our house?</p>	All Genders	Coop	
583 S. Main	11	PLEN	<p>On the national level, PLEN's mission is to increase the number of women in top leadership positions influencing all aspects of the public policy process. On campus, our goal is not only to help foster passion for college aged women to involve themselves in these professional realms, but also to empower students to engage with their peers and their communities in order to become powerful and confident leaders for themselves and others.</p>	<p>What does Women's Leadership mean to you? What makes you proud to be a William Smith Woman? The Public Leadership Education Network (PLEN) strives increase the number of women in top leadership positions influencing all aspects of the public policy process. What areas of Policy are you passionate about, and how do you hope to manifest that passion on campus? If you were to live in the PLEN house, what programing would you like to see, and how would it improve your experience in the house?</p>	Female	Coop	
593 S. Main	15	Global Perspectives	<p>The mission of Global Perspectives is to be inclusive of all backgrounds and different nationalities. It is also to spread awareness of multiple perspectives and lifestyles around the globe. GP is a place where people can continue to practice and share their culture with one another.</p>	<p>Why do you want to live in Global Perspectives? What do you think you can bring to Global Perspectives that is different from anyone else? What do you expect to get from residing in GP?</p>	All Genders	Coop	
615 S. Main	23	Wish Factory	<p>Focused on spreading imagination, creativity, happiness and the fulfillment of wishes through the HWS campus and the community of Geneva. We will achieve this goal by promoting a theme of "happily ever after" and aiming to make dreams come true for those who are less fortunate by fundraising for the Make-A-Wish Foundation through social events that allow students to take a step back into their childhood. We also intend to involve the community of Geneva by initiating programs that allow children to feel like a prince or princess for a day.</p>	<p>How do you believe that you can contribute to the Wish Factory house? What program ideas do you have for the 2018-19 academic year that would successfully incorporate the Wish Factory mission statement? Tell us about a time where you had to be creative.</p>	Female	Must participate in a colleges approved meal plan	

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639 S. Main	12	Geneva 2020	To provide students with the opportunity to interact with Geneva residents through community service and other civic engagement projects. Students living in the house will uphold the mission and goals associated with the Geneva 2020 program by participating in service-related activities throughout the year.	<p>What does civic engagement look like to you and how may it change your outlook on the community?</p> <p>By living in Geneva 2020, how do you think you can contribute to the house community in a way that will support our service-driven goals?</p>	All Genders	Coop	
730 S. Main	18	Sustainable Living	To provide students with the skills and knowledge to reduce their individual environmental impact through a sustainable lifestyle. By supporting local businesses and farms we would develop a stronger sense of community and increase our overall environmental awareness.	<p>Why is living a sustainable lifestyle important to you?</p> <p>How do you feel sustainable living impacts the community?</p> <p>What is one thing that we can change on campus that would make HWS more sustainable?</p>	All Genders	Coop	
746 S. Main	11	Cultural Connections	The mission of this theme is to promote a shared experience amongst students of various minority groups in America who face different forms of oppression and marginalization. This house is intended to foster a living environment in which ethnic perspectives that have been undervalued in the U.S., and in our college community, are equally shared and respected. Our mission, seeks to emulate the College's mission of Inclusive Excellence, and enact a community in which all students are given an equal opportunity to succeed and empower themselves as individuals on our campus. Here, students will be granted a platform on which they can experience inclusivity amongst their peers and freely express their cultural diversity. This includes, but is not limited to, life experiences, customs, traditions, and ideologies that will allow the individuals in this house and the broader community, to appreciate what different minority groups offer to American history and society.	<p>What does Culture mean to you?</p> <p>How would you teach or learn about culture and diversity?</p> <p>Describe an experience in which you felt empowered by your culture?</p> <p>How would you contribute to the Cultural Connections theme and identity?</p>	All Genders	Coop	
99 St. Clair	7	EDU House	The EDU house will work tirelessly towards educating the HWS school community about the staggering number of girls who are not educated throughout our world. Nearly 30 million girls globally are not in school, and the EDU house will raise funds to support the Malala Foundation. "Education for girls can transform communities, countries and our world." - Malala Foundation	<p>In which way can you contribute to the goal of this house?</p> <p>Are you willing to give up weekends to fundraise and promote awareness?</p> <p>Do you have any experience fundraising? If so please explain.</p>	Female	Must participate in a colleges approved meal plan	

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Abbe Center	9	Jewish Life & Culture	The Jewish Culture House at the Abbe Center for Jewish Life is a welcoming environment on campus in which to experience Jewish culture and religion through participation in Jewish holiday celebrations, learning opportunities, and communal gatherings. No religious affiliation is required for living in the house or participating in the Abbe Center's programming, but residents should have a willingness to learn and share in new experiences, along with a sense of appreciation for religious diversity. The Jewish Culture Theme House, along with the programming at the Abbe Center, contributes to HWS's commitment to diversity and inclusion by providing a space for Jewish students to practice their faith and engage with their culture and for all students to learn about religions and cultures different from their own.	<p>1 What interests you about living in the Jewish Culture House at the Abbe Center for Jewish Life and what are your expectations for your experience in the house?</p> <p>How can you contribute to the environment and programming at the Jewish Culture House?</p> <p>What previous experience(s) do you have in Jewish themed activities, on or off campus?</p>	All Genders	Coop	
Bampton	16	HO Honors	To provide an environment where Hobart students can focus on academic goals. Interested Hobart students should apply through the Hobart Dean's Office.	Applications available through the Hobart Dean's Office. Please contact at hobartdean@hws.edu	Male	Must participate in a colleges approved meal plan	
Carr-McGuire	31	Subfree: LIGHThouse	LIGHThouse will promote healthy eating habits, positive mental health through de-stressing activities, environmental awareness, and constructive community interaction. This house will provide an opportunity for students who wish to live amongst others with a healthy, positive outlook on life. This definition of healthy living extends beyond bodily health into realms of mental wellness, environmental sustainability, and the prosperity of others. By creating a welcoming environment to all students, this house will encourage active lifestyles of all shapes and sizes.	<p>What healthy eating habits are you committed to promoting?</p> <p>Do you have any dietary choices or restrictions that you have consciously made in order to better your health?</p> <p>How would you help to inspire those who you are living with to lead a healthy lifestyle, both physically and emotionally?</p>	All Genders	Must participate in a colleges approved meal plan	
Farm House	8	Guiding Eyes for the Blind	Working with the broader GEB organization to raise guide puppies.	<p>Have you taken the PPC?</p> <p>Are you part of the GEB club?</p> <p>If you are not part of the club, how do you plan on getting involved?</p>	All Genders	Must participate in a colleges approved meal plan	

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Hillcrest House	9	QPoC	The Queer People of Color and Allies (QPoC) house serves as a home for members of the LGBTQ+ community who also identify as persons of color. This is a home where they can feel comfortable, accepted, and loved. We seek to create a community where residents are empowered, supported, and educated through the discussions and meetings that will be done within this space. The QPoC house will also serve as a symbol of the presence and existence of the QPoC community here in HWS.	<p>QPoC is expected to be a home that is welcoming to people of other identities, as well as to those who are not residents of the house. How would you preserve or encourage this open atmosphere of the house? What should be the limitations to this "openness?"</p> <p>As a resident, what are your expectations for the theme?</p> <p>Taking into consideration the fact that there might be a mix of queer people of color and allies in the house, what are your expectations for fellow house residents?</p> <p>If you plan on living in QPoC with a friend, or want to share a room (Double or Triple) with someone, please write their name(s) down.</p>	All Genders	Coop	
McDaniels	12	Hope House	Hope House continues efforts to provide fundraising to promote the awareness and treatment of cancer.	<p>What is your living style (quiet/loud, organized/disorganized, introverted/outgoing)?</p> <p>What ideas do you have for fundraising opportunities all members of the house could participate in?</p> <p>How do you connect with our mission statement?</p> <p>What will you bring to Hope House?</p>	All Genders	Must participate in a colleges approved meal plan	
Stewardson	8	WS Honors	To provide a peaceful and comfortable environment for the students who want to use the house as a study place. WS Honors theme will encourage residents to share and obtain valuable study experiences with each other. Residents will also be encouraged to help each other to find ways to deal with life issues.	<p>How would you contribute to helping house members solve academic and life problem?</p> <p>How will you move the community up to have a equal and positive campus, as a WS Honors house member?</p>	Female	Must participate in a colleges approved meal plan	
Trowbridge	9	Writer's House	To provide an environment that fosters a sense of community among writers and nurtures their love of writing, allowing residents to share their ideas and work together, as well as to learn from each other's unique styles	<p>What is your favorite style or form of writing?</p> <p>How does using this form enhance your writing?</p> <p>Explain how you could share your writing with others.</p> <p>Submit a short sample of your writing.</p>	All Genders	Coop	
Zappler	9	Seneca House	To establish a community of scholars that are interested in environmental and scientific issues in our society. Our location in the Finger Lakes gives our school the unique opportunity to discuss and understand past, present, and possible future issues the region could face. Anyone interested in the Finger Lakes and the environment is encouraged to apply!	<p>Why are you interested in living in the Seneca house?</p> <p>Why are environmental and/or scientific issues important in today's society?</p> <p>How are they important to you?</p> <p>How do you think we could share our mission statement on campus and in the community?(Any event ideas?)</p>	All Genders	Must participate in a colleges approved meal plan	