

UNL First Year Application- Forming a Roommate Group

Step-by-Step Guide
2026-2027 Academic Year



★ What Is The Roommate Finder?

The roommate finder allows you to browse other students who have completed their housing application and look at your compatibility based on the questions you answered in your application. You can use the roommate finder to search for a specific person who you know you would like to live with, or you can browse other students who seem to be most compatible with you to find someone new.

Forming a roommate group is optional. If you do not form a roommate group, then you will be randomly assigned to a roommate who seems to be compatible with you based on your answers to the roommate matching questions in the application.

★ Who Can I See in The Roommate Finder?

If you have opted to live in Honors Suites, you will only be able to see other roommates within Honors Suites. Those who have opted into a Theme Community will also only be able to see roommates within their Theme Community. Please note that roommate groups may need to be separated if one person is accepted into a Learning Community, Themed Community, or Honors Program later as those students are required to live with others in their same program.

Other students will only appear to you in the roommate finder after they have completed their housing application. If you are looking for someone specific, they will need to complete their application before you can search for them in the roommate finder.

The roommate finder will only show you students of the same gender as you. Students who have opted into Dynamic Housing will only be able to see other students who have opted into Dynamic Housing.

A roommate group is typically only 2 students. However, for students living in Honors, they can form a group of 2, 3, or 4 students. Additionally, anyone who has preferenced living in a triple room will be able to form a roommate group of 3. Once a student has joined a roommate group, they will no longer be visible in the roommate finder.

Navigate to the Housing Portal



STEP 1

You'll start on the Home page. To select your roommate for the 2026-2027 academic year, you'll use the Roommate Finder feature. Click on the Roommate Finder button to begin.

The screenshot shows the HuskerHome portal interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, New Student Application, Family Housing, Accounts, Mail Forwarding, and Log Out. The main content area features a large message: "YOUR APPLICATION IS COMPLETE!" with a thumbs-up icon. Below this, it says "Congratulations! Your housing application is complete. Welcome to your Husker Home!" and provides instructions for next steps. There are links for "ESA/Animal Form" and "New ESA Form". A large graphic says "you are HERE" with a red location pin icon and the text "Your Husker Home is waiting for you. Apply today!". At the bottom left, there is a "MEAL PLANS" section with a fork and knife icon and the text "Check your balance, swipes or add options.". On the right side, there is a "Messages" table with columns for From, Subject, and Date, listing several emails from the University. Below the messages are several buttons: "JOIN A LEARNING COMMUNITY", "LIVE IN THE HONORS COMMUNITY", "ROOMMATE FINDER" (highlighted with a red border), "BUILDING FLOOR PLANS", "RENTERS INSURANCE", and "CANCEL YOUR CONTRACT". A Facebook icon is visible at the bottom right.

STEP 2

Click on Continue for the 2026-2027 Academic Year application

The screenshot shows the "Term Selector" page in the HuskerHome portal. The navigation bar at the top includes Home, New Student Application, Add/Update a Meal Plan, Mail Forwarding, and Log Out. The main heading is "Term Selector". Below the heading, it says "Please select a term below to start or continue with your application. Contact the Housing Office if no applications are available below." There is a large grey box containing the text "2026-2027 Academic Year" and "(8/16/2026 - 5/8/2027)". Below this box, it says "Proceed to search for future roommates!". To the right of the box is a red "CONTINUE" button. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the Nebraska Lincoln logo, the text "BIG", and contact information: "530 N. 17th Street Lincoln, NE 68588-0622", "Housing Office: (402) 472-3561 | (800) 742-8800", and "Family Housing: (402) 472-3753".



★ **Search By Details to Find a Roommate-** There are several ways to search for a roommate. We will review all three below.

STEP 3

The first option is to click on Search By Details. Using this feature will allow you to search for specific roommates.

ification [Add/Update a Meal Plan](#) [Mail Forwarding](#) [Log Out](#)

Roommate Finder

Not In a Group
You are not a member of any roommate groups.

[Search By Details](#)
[Search for Roommates by Profiles](#)
[Browse Potential Roommates](#)

SAVE & CONTINUE



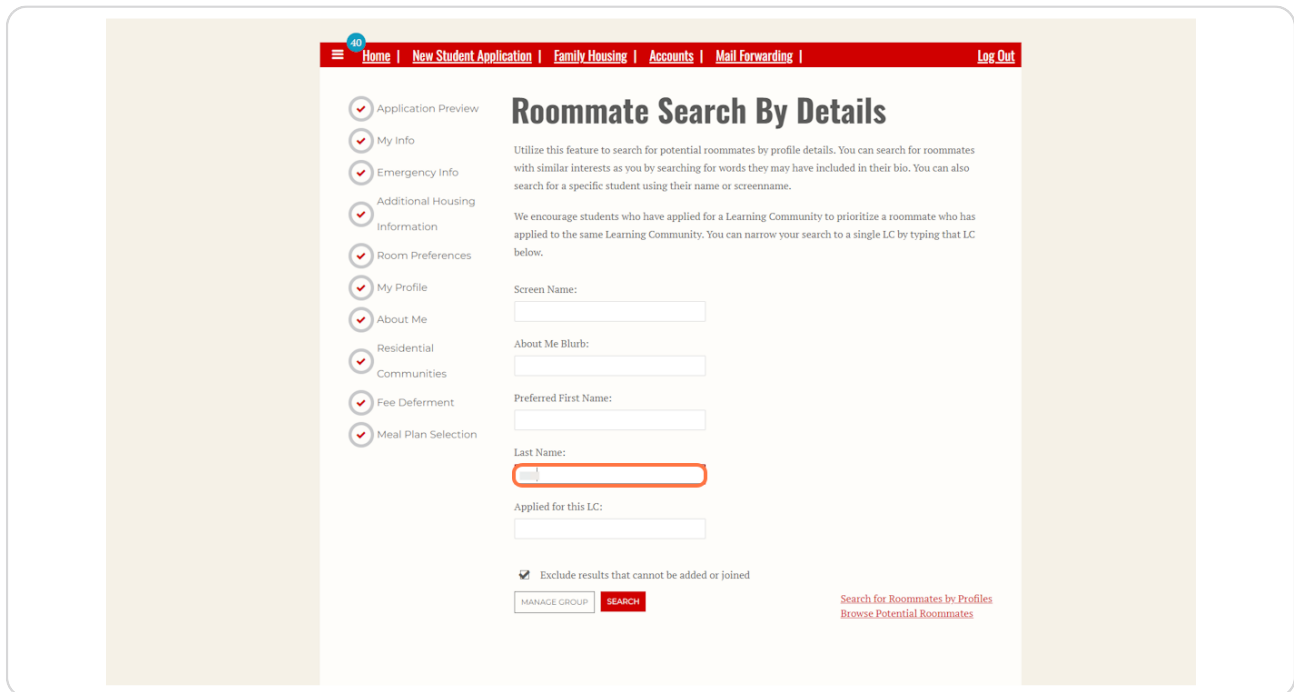
STEP 4

If you know someone's first or last name or you want to see who is in the same Learning Community (LC) as you, this is the easiest way to find them. Type in the information and then click Search.

Screen name is not the student's actual name. It is the username that was automatically generated for the student by the Housing Portal to be used for the roommate finder.

Your search results will appear at the bottom of the page.

The roommate finder will not display the student's name, only the screen name assigned to them for the roommate finder. You may need to ask your friend to log into the housing portal and verify that the screen name is correct.



The screenshot shows a web interface for 'Roommate Search By Details'. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Home, New Student Application, Family Housing, Accounts, Mail Forwarding, and Log Out. On the left side, there is a vertical menu with several options, each with a red checkmark: Application Preview, My Info, Emergency Info, Additional Housing Information, Room Preferences, My Profile, About Me, Residential Communities, Fee Deferment, and Meal Plan Selection. The main content area is titled 'Roommate Search By Details' and contains the following text: 'Utilize this feature to search for potential roommates by profile details. You can search for roommates with similar interests as you by searching for words they may have included in their bio. You can also search for a specific student using their name or screenname.' Below this, there is a paragraph: 'We encourage students who have applied for a Learning Community to prioritize a roommate who has applied to the same Learning Community. You can narrow your search to a single LC by typing that LC below.' The form includes several input fields: 'Screen Name:', 'About Me Blurb:', 'Preferred First Name:', 'Last Name:', and 'Applied for this LC:'. The 'Last Name' field is highlighted with a red border. At the bottom of the form, there is a checkbox labeled 'Exclude results that cannot be added or joined' which is checked. Below the checkbox are two buttons: 'MANAGE GROUP' and 'SEARCH'. To the right of the 'SEARCH' button, there are two links: 'Search for Roommates by Profiles' and 'Browse Potential Roommates'.

★ Search for Roommates by Profiles



STEP 5

A second way to search for potential roommates is to click on Search for Roommates by Profiles

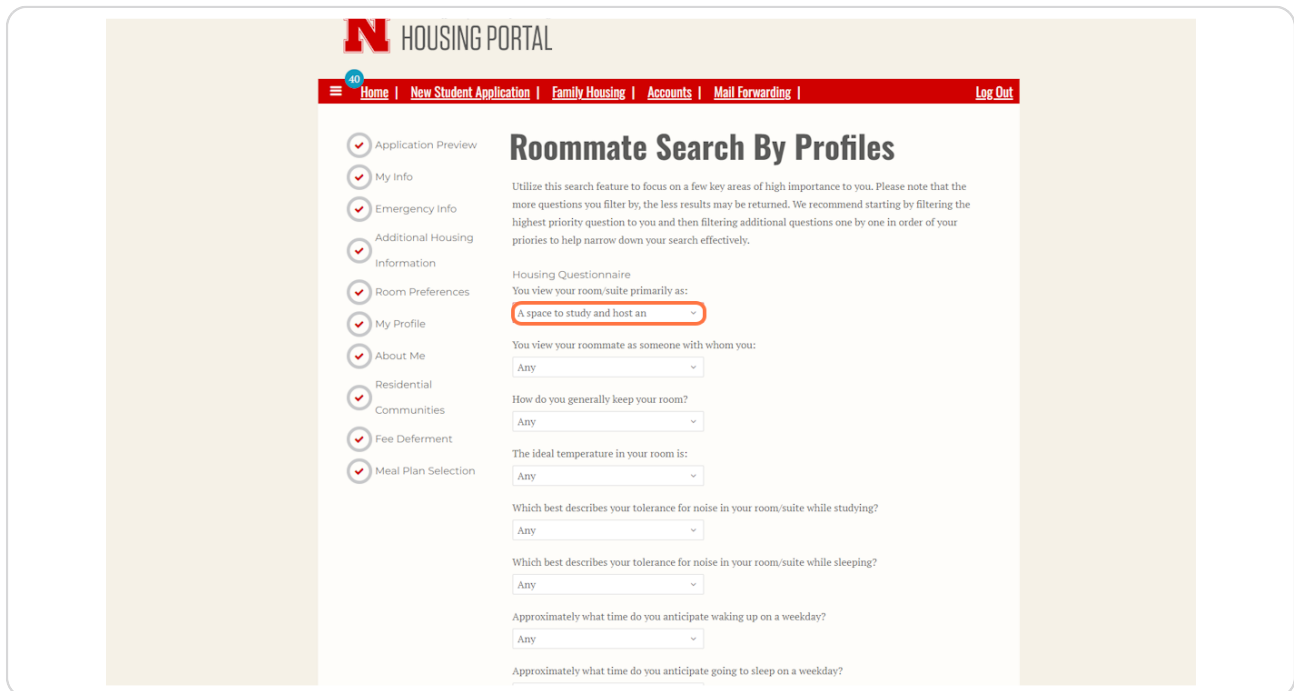
The screenshot displays a search interface for finding roommates. On the left, there is a vertical sidebar with five filter categories, each with a red checkmark: "My Profile", "About Me", "Residential Communities", "Fee Deferment", and "Meal Plan Selection". To the right of the sidebar are several search filters: "Screen Name:" (text input), "About Me Blurb:" (text input), "Preferred First Name:" (text input), "Last Name:" (text input), and "Applied for this LC:" (text input). Below these filters is a checkbox labeled "Exclude results that cannot be added or joined" which is checked. At the bottom left of the filter section are two buttons: "MANAGE GROUP" and "SEARCH". To the right of the "SEARCH" button is a red button labeled "Search for Roommates by Profile" with a sub-link "Browse Potential Roommates" below it. Below the filter section is a profile card for "TestUser001". The card displays the following information: "Age: 20", "Classification: New Freshman", "Gender: Female", "Description: I am super laid back and like to watch Netflix", and "Applied for an LC:". To the right of the profile information is a circular progress indicator showing "53% Match". To the right of the progress indicator are three buttons: "ADD TO GROUP" (red), "SEND MESSAGE" (white), and "VIEW PROFILE" (white).



STEP 6

Here, you will be able to select specific answers to questions from the Housing App. We recommend selecting only one or two options that are very important to you as this can really limit the roommate options you see.

If you are not seeing any matches, that's okay! Just decrease the amount of filters you are using or try searching for a roommate another way. Remember that people may be compatible with you but have slightly different answers that would make them not show up if you are filtering for very specific answers to multiple questions.

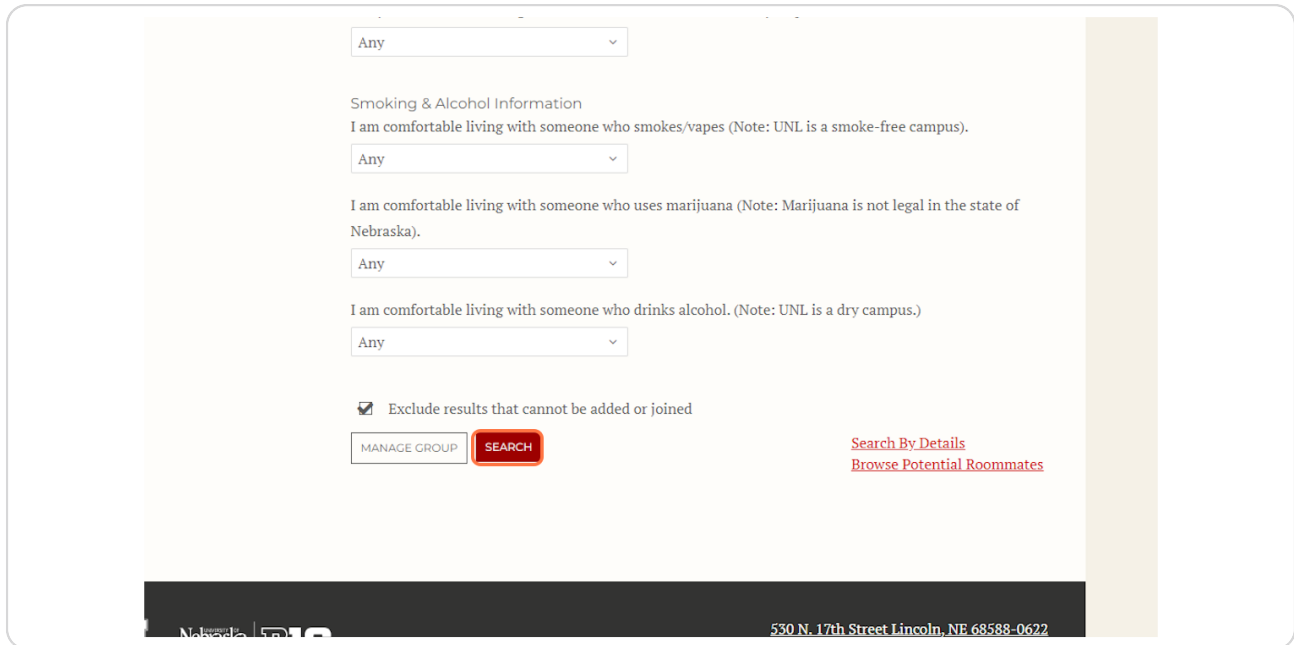


The screenshot shows the 'HOUSING PORTAL' interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, New Student Application, Family Housing, Accounts, Mail Forwarding, and Log Out. A sidebar on the left contains a list of menu items, each with a red checkmark: Application Preview, My Info, Emergency Info, Additional Housing Information, Room Preferences, My Profile, About Me, Residential Communities, Fee Deferment, and Meal Plan Selection. The main content area is titled 'Roommate Search By Profiles'. It includes a brief instruction: 'Utilize this search feature to focus on a few key areas of high importance to you. Please note that the more questions you filter by, the less results may be returned. We recommend starting by filtering the highest priority question to you and then filtering additional questions one by one in order of your priorities to help narrow down your search effectively.' Below this is a 'Housing Questionnaire' section with several questions and dropdown menus. The first question is 'You view your room/suite primarily as:', with the selected option 'A space to study and host an' highlighted by a red box. Other questions include 'You view your roommate as someone with whom you:', 'How do you generally keep your room?', 'The ideal temperature in your room is:', 'Which best describes your tolerance for noise in your room/suite while studying?', 'Which best describes your tolerance for noise in your room/suite while sleeping?', 'Approximately what time do you anticipate waking up on a weekday?', and 'Approximately what time do you anticipate going to sleep on a weekday?'. All dropdown menus currently show 'Any'.



STEP 7

Once you have selected one or two answers, click on Search



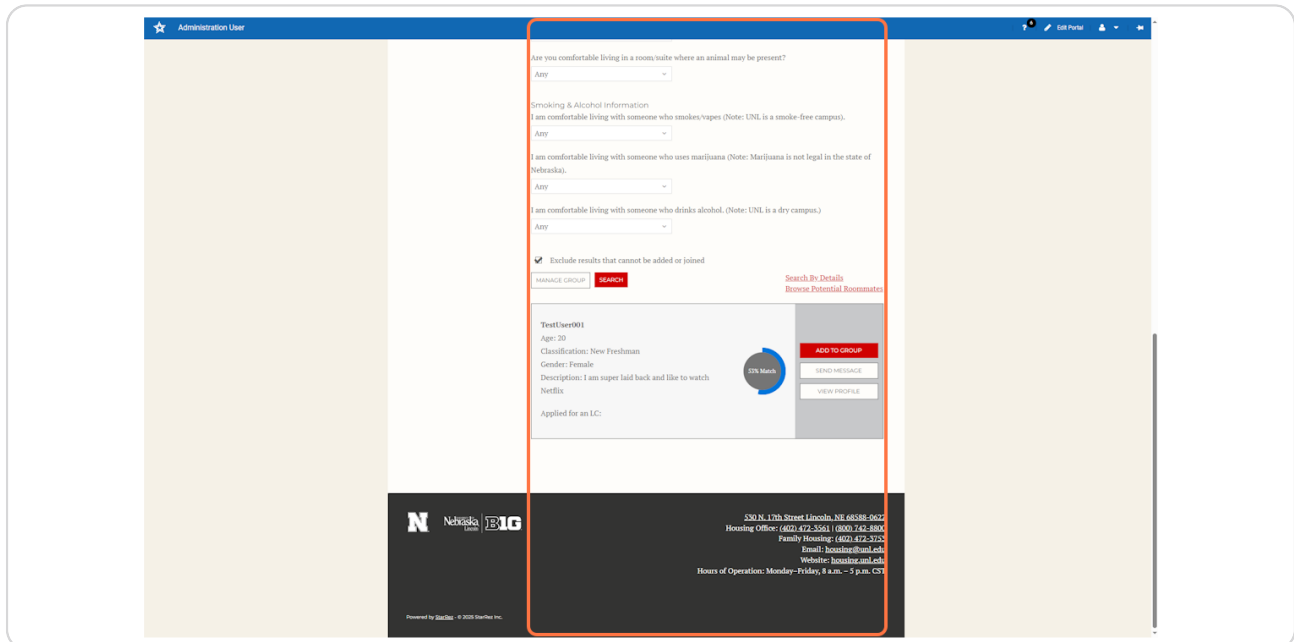
A screenshot of a web form for finding roommates. At the top, there is a dropdown menu with "Any" selected. Below this, under the heading "Smoking & Alcohol Information", there are three questions, each with a dropdown menu set to "Any":

- "I am comfortable living with someone who smokes/vapes (Note: UNL is a smoke-free campus)."
- "I am comfortable living with someone who uses marijuana (Note: Marijuana is not legal in the state of Nebraska)."
- "I am comfortable living with someone who drinks alcohol. (Note: UNL is a dry campus.)"

Below the questions is a checkbox labeled "Exclude results that cannot be added or joined" which is checked. At the bottom left are two buttons: "MANAGE GROUP" and "SEARCH". At the bottom right are two links: "Search By Details" and "Browse Potential Roommates". The footer contains the Nebraska University logo and the address "530 N. 17th Street Lincoln, NE 68588-0622".

STEP 8

This will take you to a page where anyone who has the same answer will be displayed.



A screenshot of a web page showing search results. The top navigation bar includes "Administration User" and "Edit Portal". The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a search form identical to the one in Step 7. The right column displays a profile for a user named "TreviLew001".

The profile information includes:

- Age: 20
- Classification: New Freshman
- Gender: Female
- Description: I am super laid back and like to watch Netflix
- Applied for an I.C.

On the right side of the profile, there is a circular "50% Match" indicator and three buttons: "ADD TO GROUP", "SEND MESSAGE", and "VIEW PROFILE". The footer contains the Nebraska University logo, the address "530 N. 17th Street Lincoln, NE 68588-0622", contact information for Housing Office, Family Housing, and Email, and the hours of operation: "Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. CST".



★ Browse Potential Roommates

STEP 9

The third option is to view available roommate options by clicking on **Browse Potential Roommates**

The screenshot displays a web interface for finding roommates. At the top, there is a dropdown menu set to 'Any'. Below this, there are three sections for filtering preferences, each with a note and a dropdown menu set to 'Any':

- Smoking & Alcohol Information:** I am comfortable living with someone who smokes/vapes (Note: UNL is a smoke-free campus).
- Marijuana:** I am comfortable living with someone who uses marijuana (Note: Marijuana is not legal in the state of Nebraska).
- Alcohol:** I am comfortable living with someone who drinks alcohol. (Note: UNL is a dry campus.)

Below the filters, there is a checkbox labeled 'Exclude results that cannot be added or joined' which is checked. To the left of this checkbox are two buttons: 'MANAGE GROUP' and 'SEARCH'. To the right, there are two links: 'Search By Details' and 'Browse Potential Roommates', with the latter being highlighted by a red circle.

The main content area shows a user profile card for 'TestUser001' with the following details:

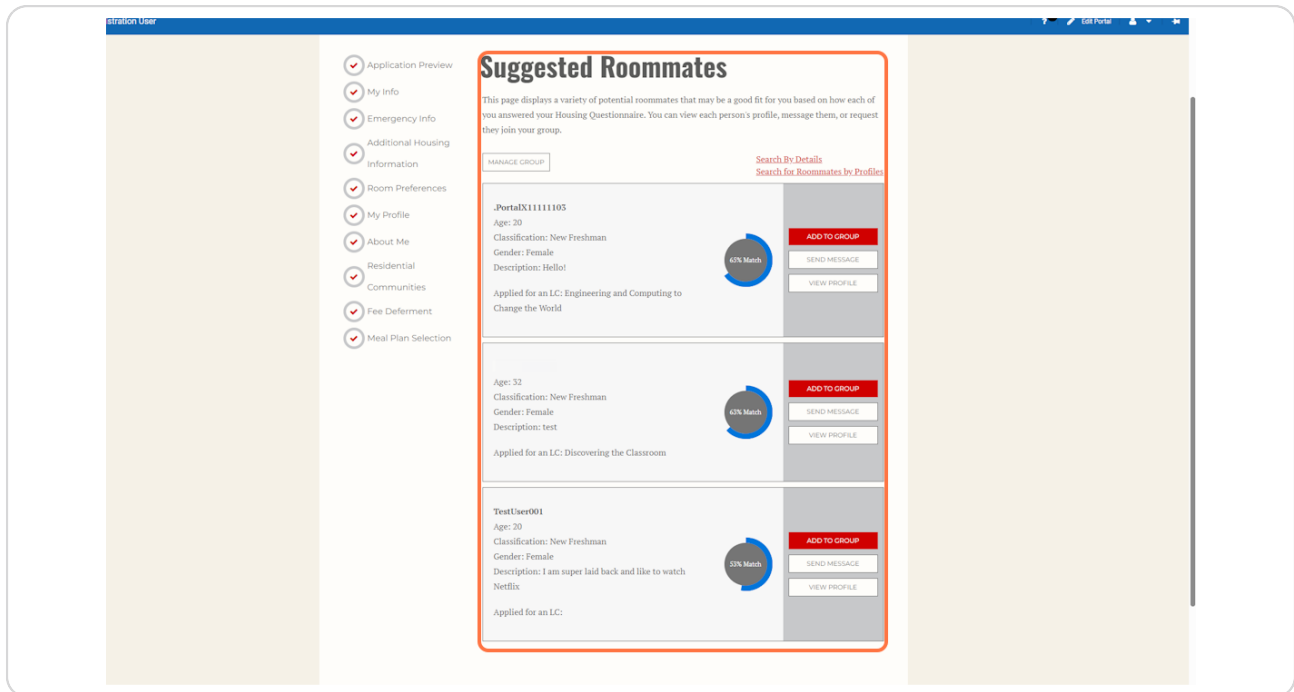
- Age: 20
- Classification: New Freshman
- Gender: Female
- Description: I am super laid back and like to watch Netflix
- Applied for an LC:

A circular progress indicator shows a '53% Match'. To the right of the profile card are three buttons: 'ADD TO GROUP', 'SEND MESSAGE', and 'VIEW PROFILE'.



STEP 10

This will take you to a page that displays people who would be good roommate matches for you based on the answers in your Housing Application. It will display your highest matches first.



The screenshot shows a web application interface for finding roommates. On the left is a navigation menu with options: Application Preview, My Info, Emergency Info, Additional Housing Information, Room Preferences, My Profile, About Me, Residential Communities, Fee Deferment, and Meal Plan Selection. The main content area is titled "Suggested Roommates" and includes a "MANAGE GROUP" button and search options: "Search By Details" and "Search for Roommates by Profiles". Three roommate suggestions are listed, each with a 65% match score and buttons for "ADD TO GROUP", "SEND MESSAGE", and "VIEW PROFILE".

Roommate ID	Age	Classification	Gender	Description	Applied for an LC	Match Score
.PortalX11111105	20	New Freshman	Female	Hello!	Engineering and Computing to Change the World	65%
	32	New Freshman	Female	test	Discovering the Classroom	65%
TestUser001	20	New Freshman	Female	I am super laid back and like to watch Netflix		65%

★ How to See More Information About Potential Roommates



STEP 11

Once you have found someone who you might want to live with, you can connect with them through the Housing Portal by clicking Send Message

Please note that messaging and agreeing to live together does not mean that you have formed a roommate group. You still need to go through the formal process of creating a roommate group to be assigned to live together.

Residential

Communities

Fee Deferment

Meal Plan Selection

About Me Blurp:

Preferred First Name:

Last Name:

Applied for this LC:

Exclude results that cannot be added or joined

[Search for Roommates by Profiles](#)
[Browse Potential Roommates](#)

TestUser001
Age: 20
Classification: New Freshman
Gender: Female
Description: I am super laid back and like to watch Netflix
Applied for an LC:

53% Match



STEP 12

Compose your message and click Send Message to connect with your potential roommate.

The screenshot shows a web interface for composing a message. At the top, a red navigation bar contains a menu icon, a notification badge with the number '40', and links for 'Home', 'New Student Application', 'Family Housing', 'Accounts', 'Mail Forwarding', and 'Log'. The main heading is 'Compose Message'. Below this are three input fields: 'To:' with the text 'TestUser001', 'Subject:', and 'Message:'. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'GO BACK' and 'SEND MESSAGE'. The footer features the Nebraska 'N' logo, the text 'Nebraska | TRIG', and the address '530 N. 17th Street Lincoln, NE 68588-0629'.



STEP 13

You can also see how compatible you are with someone based on the percentage match displayed. The system calculates this percentage based on your answers and the other person's answers in their housing application.

Clicking View Profile in the search results will allow you to view the student's answers to the roommate matching questionnaire.

The percentage match can be a helpful tool to see compatibility at a glance, but we recommend you view the other student's profile to look at their specific answers to the roommate matching questions and how they line up with your own.

Last Name:

Applied for this LC:

Exclude results that cannot be added or joined

[Search for Roommates by Profiles](#)
[Browse Potential Roommates](#)

TestUser001
Age: 20
Classification: New Freshman
Gender: Female
Description: I am super laid back and like to watch Netflix
Applied for an LC:

53% Match



STEP 14

If you want to see how someone answered each question on their Housing Application, which can tell you more about how compatible you may be, click on View Profile

Last Name:

Applied for this LC:

Exclude results that cannot be added or joined

[Search for Roommates by Profiles](#)
[Browse Potential Roommates](#)

TestUser001
Age: 20
Classification: New Freshman
Gender: Female
Description: I am super laid back and like to watch Netflix
Applied for an LC:

55% Match

STEP 15

Once you are done viewing the person's profile, click on GO BACK to continue searching for roommates or to add the person to your roommate group.

Administration User

- Information
- Room Preferences
- My Profile
- About Me
- Residential
- Communities
- Fee Deferment
- Meal Plan Selection

Age: 20

Housing Questionnaire

You view your room/suite primarily as: A space to study and host an occasional visitor or two

You view your roommate as someone with whom you: See as part of my friend group

How do you generally keep your room? Mostly clean

The ideal temperature in your room is: Medium (70-73F)

Which best describes your tolerance for noise in your room/suite while studying? I'm fine with some noise

Which best describes your tolerance for noise in your room/suite while sleeping? I'm fine with some noise

Approximately what time do you anticipate waking up on a weekday? 5:30 am or earlier

Approximately what time do you anticipate going to sleep on a weekday? Midnight

In general, how comfortable are you with sharing personal items (e.g. clothing, food, drinks, etc.) with your roommate? Completely comfortable

Guests are permitted to stay overnight in a room no longer than four days per month. With your permission, how often would you be comfortable with your roommate's significant other spending the night in your room/suite? Occasionally

Are you comfortable living in a room/suite where an animal may be present? Yes, either dog or cat

We are committed to providing reasonable accommodations and an accessible environment for all students. Some students may have need for an animal to live in their room as part of their accommodation.

Smoking & Alcohol Information

I am comfortable living with someone who smokes/vapes (Note: UNL is a smoke-free campus). Yes

I am comfortable living with someone who uses marijuana (Note: Marijuana is not legal in the state of Nebraska). No

I am comfortable living with someone who drinks alcohol. (Notes: UNL is a dry campus.) Yes

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Housing Office | (402) 472-3564 | 4800742800



★ Creating a Roommate Group

STEP 16

Once you are ready to create a roommate group, you will click on Add to Group on the student you want to be in a roommate group with.

Clicking Add to Group will send the other student a notification that they can join your roommate group.

The other student must log into the Housing Portal to accept the request within 7 days in order for you to successfully create a roommate group.

The screenshot displays a web interface for managing a roommate group. On the left, a navigation menu includes: My Profile (checked), About Me (checked), Residential Communities (checked), Fee Deferment (checked), and Meal Plan Selection (checked). The main content area is titled 'MANAGE GROUP' and features two search options: 'Search By Details' and 'Search for Roommates by Profiles'. Three student profiles are listed, each with a match percentage and an 'ADD TO GROUP' button:

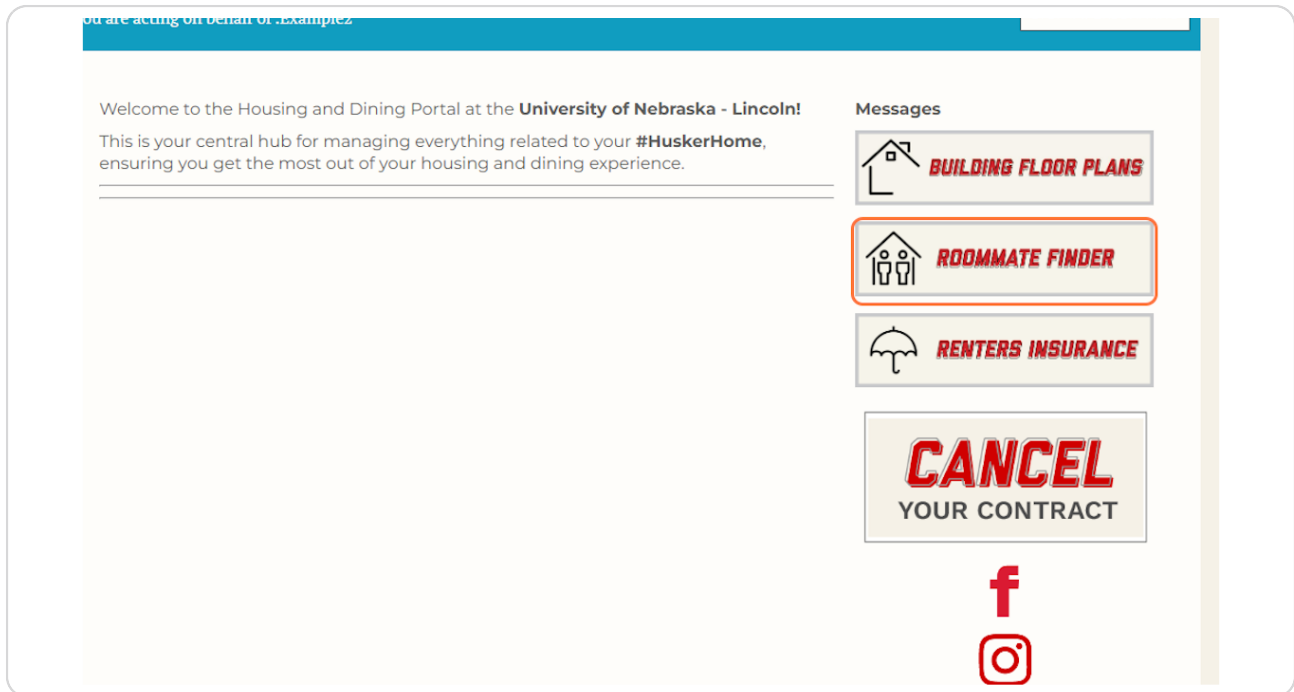
Student ID	Age	Classification	Gender	Description	Applied for an LC	Match %
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.Groth1010109	32	New Freshman	Female	test	Discovering the Classroom	63%
TestUser001	20	New Freshman	Female	I am super laid back and like to watch		53%



STEP 17

Student 2 Logs Into the Housing Portal to Accept the Request

Once your friend has received the email notifying them they've been invited to join your roommate group, they can log into the Housing Portal and click on the Roommate Finder.

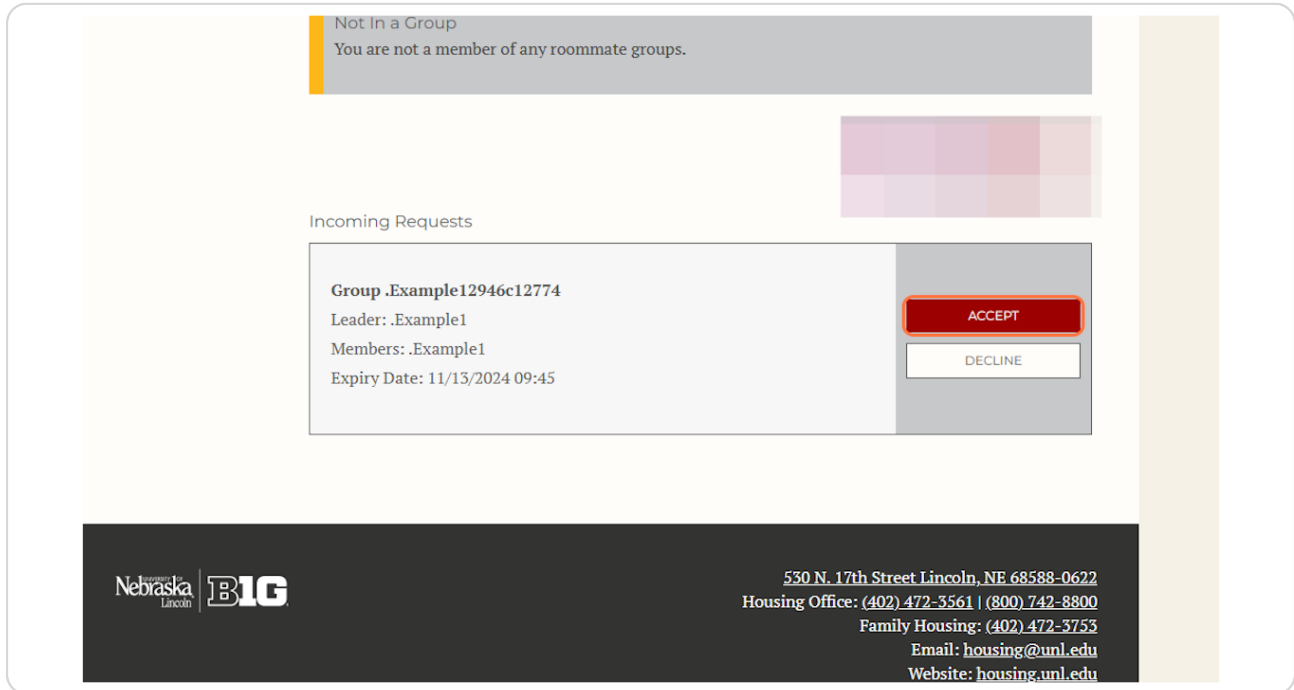


STEP 18

Click on Accept

The student will see an incoming request to join your roommate group. The request includes your screen name so that they know it is the correct group.

When they click Accept, both students will receive an email letting them know that they are now in a group together.



The screenshot displays a user interface for managing roommate groups. At the top, a grey notification bar states "Not In a Group" and "You are not a member of any roommate groups." Below this, a section titled "Incoming Requests" contains a card for a group with the ID ".Example12946c12774". The card lists the leader as ".Example1", the members as ".Example1", and the expiry date as "11/13/2024 09:45". To the right of the card are two buttons: a red "ACCEPT" button and a white "DECLINE" button. The bottom of the page features a dark footer with the Nebraska Lincoln logo and the "BIG" logo on the left, and contact information for the Housing Office, Family Housing, Email, and Website on the right.

Not In a Group
You are not a member of any roommate groups.

Incoming Requests

Group .Example12946c12774
Leader: .Example1
Members: .Example1
Expiry Date: 11/13/2024 09:45

ACCEPT
DECLINE

Nebraska Lincoln | **BIG**

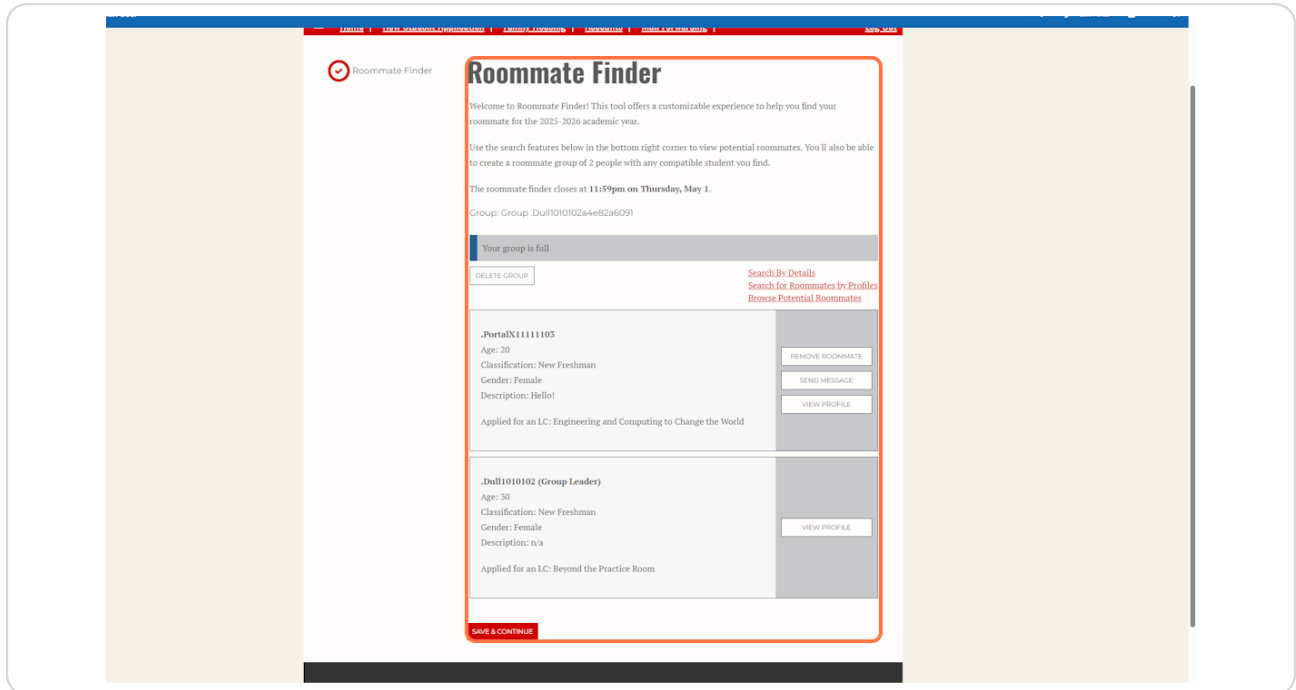
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STEP 19

Once your roommate has accepted the request to be in the roommate group, you should be able to see on the Housing Portal that your roommate was added to your group.

From this page, you can remove a roommate, send them a message, view their profile, continue browsing potential roommates, and delete the roommate group.



STEP 20

Once you are satisfied with your roommate group, you can click on **Save & Continue** to be taken back to the Home Page.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the "Roommate Finder" application. The browser's address bar shows "http://localhost:4200/roommate-finder". The page title is "Roommate Finder".

At the top, there is a navigation bar with "Administration User" on the left and "Edit Profile" on the right. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is titled "Roommate Finder" and includes a welcome message: "Welcome to Roommate Finder! This tool offers a customizable experience to help you find your roommate for the 2025-2026 academic year." It also provides search instructions and a closing time: "The roommate finder closes at 11:59pm on Thursday, May 1." The current group ID is "Group: Group: Dull1010102a4e82a609f".

A status bar indicates "Your group is full" with a "DELETE GROUP" button. To the right, there are links for "Search By Details", "Search for Roommates by Profiles", and "Browse Potential Roommates".

Two roommate profiles are listed:

- .PortaX11111105**
Age: 20
Classification: New Freshman
Gender: Female
Description: Hello!
Applied for an LC: Engineering and Computing to Change the World
Buttons: REMOVE ROOMMATE, SEND MESSAGE, VIEW PROFILE
- .Dull1010102 (Group Leader)**
Age: 20
Classification: New Freshman
Gender: Female
Description: n/a
Applied for an LC: Beyond the Practice Room
Button: VIEW PROFILE

At the bottom of the main content area, there is a red "SAVE & CONTINUE" button.

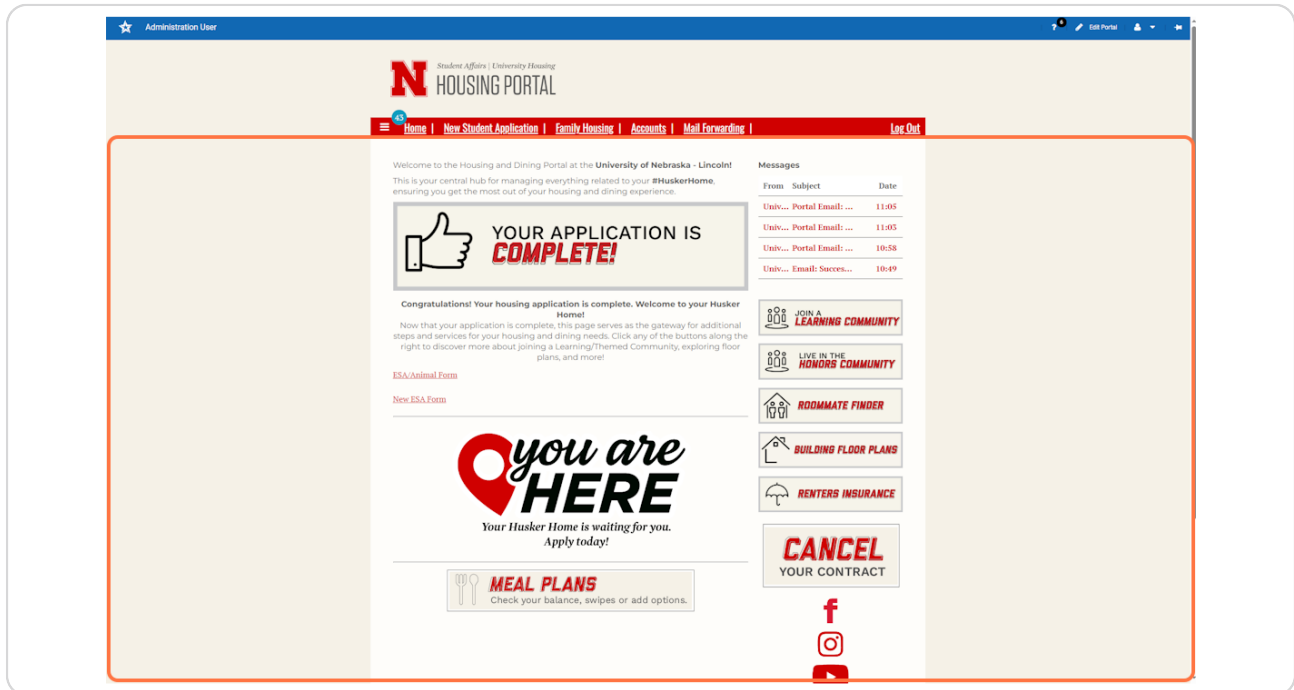
The footer contains the Nebraska Lincoln logo, the "BIG" logo, and contact information: "530 N. 17th Street Lincoln, NE 68588-0622", "Housing Office: (402) 472-3561 | (800) 748-8900", and "Family Housing: (402) 472-2925".



STEP 21

Depending on your situation, you may see different buttons on your home page. Please review all information to make sure you are all set for housing next year. You can see messages others send you by clicking on the hamburger menu on the top left.

Please email housing@unl.edu with any questions!



The screenshot displays the University of Nebraska Housing Portal. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, New Student Application, Family Housing, Accounts, Mail Forwarding, and Log Out. The main content area features a large message: "YOUR APPLICATION IS COMPLETE!" with a thumbs-up icon. Below this, a congratulatory message states: "Congratulations! Your housing application is complete. Welcome to your Husker Home!" and provides instructions on how to use the portal for additional services. A "you are HERE" graphic is prominently displayed, along with a "MEAL PLANS" section. On the right side, there is a "Messages" table and a list of service links including "JOIN A LEARNING COMMUNITY", "LIVE IN THE HONORS COMMUNITY", "ROOMMATE FINDER", "BUILDING FLOOR PLANS", "RENTERS INSURANCE", and a "CANCEL YOUR CONTRACT" button. Social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube are visible at the bottom right.

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Univ... Email: Succes...		10:49

