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Dear Admitted Student,

Congratulations on your acceptance into the San Francisco Conservatory of Music! As Associate Dean for Student Life, I am responsible for supporting new students with their housing needs. One of my official duties is to welcome you to the Conservatory and to the beautiful city of San Francisco.

Over the past few years, our partnership with Golden Gate Hall, a residence hall located only two blocks from the Conservatory, has flourished. The pioneering group of thirty students who first graced the halls of Golden Gate Hall in 2006 has blossomed into an enthusiastic and excitable community of one hundred Conservatory undergraduate and graduate students. Our presence at Golden Gate Hall has created a home away from home – a place where Conservatory students meet their closest friends, join their study partners, form impromptu ensembles, and find refuge from the daily grind. Students seeking a supportive and friendly living environment, in addition to students wanting the convenience and ease of a fully-furnished room only minutes from school, choose to live in Golden Gate Hall. Golden Gate Hall offers flexible lease terms, and includes amenities such as 24 hour reception and security, a large student lounge, and a fully equipped kitchen and dining area. More information can be found through the Golden Gate Hall brochure or by emailing [ggh@notes.sfcm.edu](mailto:ggh@notes.sfcm.edu).

Students who opt for apartment living thrive in the diversity of the Bay area. As with any metropolitan city, rental rates are competitive. Students seeking a residential community may prefer the Sunset District, home to the Conservatory's former Ortega Street location. Some may enjoy the amenities of urban high-rise complexes, many of which are found in the heart of the Civic Center. Others choose to live in the East Bay, accessible with BART public transportation. The Conservatory continues to enroll in the MUNI Class Pass system, which allows collegiate students unlimited access to MUNI busses, cable cars, and light rail trains in San Francisco. The vast majority of students who find their own apartments do so through the use of craigslist, a website that lists hundreds of new housing postings every day. Craigslist can be found at <http://sfbay.craigslist.org/>

In order to disseminate useful information, share helpful resources, and provide communication between current and incoming students, the Conservatory manages an online housing community. This interactive community provides a forum for Conservatory students to discuss housing needs, trends, and opportunities, and includes a roommate database, comparison charts for over fifteen Bay Area neighborhoods, and helpful online links. This SFCM-Housing Yahoo! Group is a valuable resource in preparation for a move to the Bay Area and to the Conservatory. More information on this online community can be found at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sfcm-housing>. When requesting membership, please mention your full name and your status as a newly accepted student.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 415-503-6281 or [yyip@sfc.edu](mailto:yyip@sfc.edu) with any questions or concerns. I am looking forward to meeting you and to helping you settle into your new home.

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