

Welcome to Chapin!

We are so excited to have you join the Chapin Humanities Residential College community. Chapin may have been your first choice, or this may be the first time you are hearing about it. We are a tight-knit (65 students), warm, and welcoming community, and we are so excited to meet you all. Chapin is centered around the humanities in name and in spirit, but you do not have to be a humanities major or have interest in it in order to thrive in this community. Some of our current Chapinos major in Biology, Journalism, Engineering, Theatre, Philosophy, and Psychology (just to name a few). We also have a group of Faculty Fellows, who are faculty members from the Northwestern community who participate in and organize events, in departments ranging from Chemistry to Radio, TV, and Film Studies.

Chapin Hall is situated in the Southwest corner of Northwestern's campus. This means you are both 5 minutes from major academic buildings (like Kresge and University Hall), and Downtown Evanston (this means Target, public transit, and coffee shops). One of my favorite parts of Chapin is its location, so make the most of it!

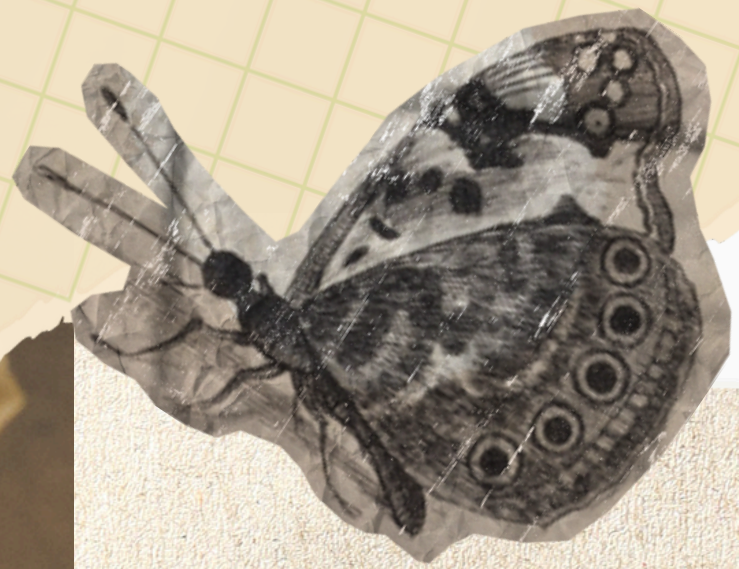
Chapin Hall also happens to be the oldest dorm on campus, but we have been very recently renovated.

This means we have the biggest doubles on campus. You can look forward to lots of natural light, large closets, modern bathrooms, high ceilings, and beautiful historical charm. We also have laundry and kitchen facilities on each of our three floors, along with two communal lounge spaces on the first floor where you can watch movies, hang out, study, and attend events. In the rest of this packet you will find some helpful

tips and resources for navigating both Chapin and Northwestern. I highly recommend following us on Instagram to get a glimpse into Chapin life and joining the GroupMe to get updates about Chapin's events during Wildcat Welcome. If you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out to Chapin's Exec members through our contact information on the website.

Congratulations and have a great summer,

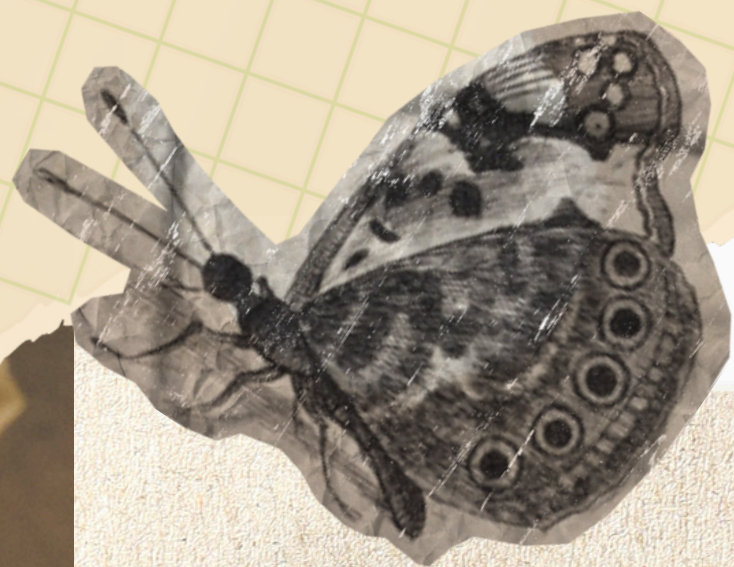
Chapin Exec. Council



From our Faculty Chair

A warm welcome to all! My name is Meaghan Fritz, and I am the Faculty Chair of Chapin Hall, the Humanities Residential College. On behalf of faculty fellows and the Chapin staff, please know that we are so excited that you'll be joining our community next year! Chapinos are a special breed: we are engineers, actors, biologists, and historians, for instance, and while our educational pursuits may vary, we are united by a common interest in--and reflection on--the human experience. We invite you to grow comfortable with your RC family, to experience our collective curiosity, and to laugh and have fun with us! This year will be my second serving as faculty chair, but I've been delighted to be affiliated with Chapin since I began teaching at Northwestern six years ago. In all of my experiences working with Chapin students-- from workshops that I've hosted, to cooking classes I've taught in the Chapin kitchen, to book-club meet-ups, to weekly faculty fellow lunches in Alison Dining Hall--





I've been continually energized by the individuality, strong sense of character, intellectual creativity, and many different experiences, backgrounds, and insights that Chapinos bring to our campus. I can't wait to foster connections between Chapinos and our impressive cohort of faculty fellows and the larger RC universe this academic year. We have so much fun to look forward to!

In addition to my role with Chapin, I am an Associate Professor in the Cook Family Writing Program and co-director of The Writing Place, Northwestern's peer-to-peer writing center. I am also an avid reader and have been dipping my toes into creative writing. I love to hear about what you are reading and writing, and I hope you'll join me on many literary and writing adventures this year!

As the 2025-2026 academic year beckons, the entire Chapin community is here to support you.
Welcome!





EVENTS

As a member of Chapin you will get to participate in tons of cool (and free) events. Some highlights from our previous year included our Chapin Formal (Chormal) at SkyZone, our Scottish Supper, seeing Ocean Vuong speak at the Chicago Humanities Festival, and so much more!



LINKS

Chapin Instagram:
@chapinresidentialcollege

Chapin website:
<https://chapinhall.wixsite.com/northwestern>

Northwestern WiFi guide:
<https://tinyurl.com/wifiNU>

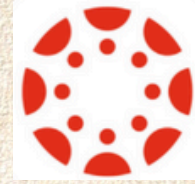
Packing list:
<https://www.northwestern.edu/living/incoming-undergraduates/things-to-bring.html>

GroupMe:



HELPFUL APPS

Canvas



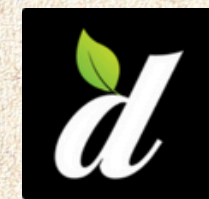
Hub for classes; submit assignments and view grades and class announcements



SafeRide

NU's free version of Uber; operates in evenings on campus locations only

DineOnCampus



View dining hall menus and schedules



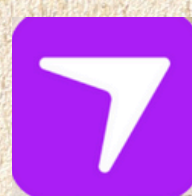
GETMobile

View dining dollar and meal exchange balances

Ventra



View the L, Metra, or Pace bus schedules; add Ventra account funds; buy Metra or Pace tickets/passes



TripShot

Track university buses (Campus Loop, Evanston Loop, and Intercampus)