What is Bio-Sciences Housing?

**Description:** With Biological sciences being one of the most popular majors at UC San Diego, the inaugural scholar’s floor should focus on the Biology major. Since there are sub-groups of Biology, this floor should be open to the groups that fall within this major. This will allow for the community to bring together students and faculty from a broad range of backgrounds, interests, and experiences.

**Mission Statement:** The Village and Academic divisions at UC San Diego will collaborate to create a continuing Live and Learn student community with a focus towards a specific academic program among self-selected groups of students who are drawn together by shared goals and common intellectual interests.

**Learning Outcomes/Objectives:** Students that participate in the Bio-Sciences interest housing at The Village will:

a. Identify other students in which he/she related to as a result of the program
b. Describe how the Bio-Sciences scholars community contributed to his/her academic growth
c. List more professors and connections he/she has made within the Bio-Sciences community as a result of the community
d. Explain the positive impact at least three of the program events has on his/her learning as demonstrated by a post-survey

**Programming Initiatives:** Programming for the scholars community needs to be intentional and support both the academic and out-of-classroom experience. The floor should have a separate programming budget one that encourages a healthy community. The scholar’s community should focus on several aspects of programming such as:

a. Service Learning- where students volunteer in a neighboring communities and see a direct connection between their field experience and their academic studies
b. Orientation- The cohort of students will move-in a few days early and participate in an overnight trip where team building will be encouraged
c. Traditional programming- The RA/ Peer mentor for this community will focus on programming that enhances the overall experience of the floor and the members residing within the scholars community
d. Academic Workshops- The workshops would focus on topics such as; effective group studying, time management, grad school applications, resume writing, interview etiquette, etc…
e. 1-2 Midterm/Final review sessions with a professor/ grad student
f. Reserve study space for the students residing in this community
g. Create study buddies
h. Develop a mentor/mentee program