The First Year Experience

A fun, dynamic and academically focused experience for first year students; providing opportunities to make meaningful connections with their peers as well as faculty/staff at Potsdam

**Fast Facts:**

- Housed in Bowman East & West
- Co-ed and single gender floors
- RAs trained on first year academic and transitional needs
- Theme floors: Arts, Honors, FIGs (First Year Interest Groups)
- 2 kitchens in each building
- Lounges for studying and socializing
- Faculty/Staff Fellows
- The First Year Success Seminar
- Additional programs & resources

**How to Sign Up**

You will receive information about how to sign up for the First Year Experience Program in your Orientation Checklist. Please take time to read the information and directions on how to apply for housing in our program. **Space in FYE is limited and will be assigned on a first-received, first-served basis.**

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**Thoughts from this year’s residents...**

“I like living in FYE because the RA’s are always putting on fun, interactive, programs and are always there to help, with schedule advising and questions that the residents have. FYE isn’t just a stereotypical “freshmen” building. FYE helps build community and friendships through its programs and floor activities that are always going on. New students should preference FYE because it makes the transition from high school to college a lot easier with the RAs’ encouragement and help.” - Anneliese

“I have enjoyed being an FYE student [living on a FIG floor] because not only was I living with the people that had just about the same classes I did the first whole semester, but when you have classes together it makes it easier to get to know each other and become friends.” - Brooke

“Everybody on your floor is in the same boat as you and you will go through everything with them and be able to receive support and create friendships with the others on your floor.” - Fred

“I feel welcome and cared for by the staff and other residents. FYE really sets up a sense of community and a feeling of belonging.” - Elizabeth