Blackstone Hall
5748 Blackstone Avenue
Chicago, IL 60637

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MOVING IN – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2013
The residence hall doors will open at 9:00AM for move-in.

Getting to Blackstone Hall

From LAKE SHORE DRIVE:
- Exit at 57th Drive (Museum of Science and Industry)
- Go west and curve around the museum
- Continue onto S Cornell Avenue and exit to the right to Midway Plaisance
- After driving under the Metra train tracks, turn right at S Blackstone Avenue
- Blackstone Hall will be on the left
- Follow move-in instructions on page 2

From INDIANA:
- Take the I-65 North or I-80 West to the Skyway (I-90/I-94 W)
- Drive westbound on the Skyway, exiting at Stony Island
- Drive north on Stony Island and continue to Midway Plaisance
- Turn left to enter Midway Plaisance and drive to S Blackstone Avenue
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From the Dan Ryan Expressway (I-94):

- Take exit 57 to Garfield Blvd/55th Street, and drive east, following the signs for 55th Street through Washington Park.
- Turn right at S Cottage Grove and drive south to Midway Plaisance.
- Turn left at Midway Plaisance and drive east to S Dorchester Ave.
- Turn left on S Dorchester Ave, and then right at the second cross street onto 59th Street.
- Take the first left onto S Blackstone Ave.
- Follow move-in instructions below

Unloading

In order to facilitate a smooth and orderly flow into the building, cars will be lined up and students will be able to unload in the order in which they arrive. The car line will begin in front of Blackstone Hall and extend south on Blackstone Avenue. Upon arrival, please join the end of the line. By doing so, you will soon be able to unload right in front of the building (note: if you followed the driving directions above, you should end up at the end of the line). Students known as House Orientation Aides will be available to assist you upon arrival to ensure that the move-in process runs as smoothly and quickly as possible. The House O-Aides will be wearing special T-shirts to help you identify them. They can help you unload your car and carry boxes to your new room. In order to avoid running the meter while waiting in line, students arriving by taxi may unload in the front of the line, just north of Blackstone House. Taxicabs coming from the airport should follow the directions above via I-94. On Blackstone Avenue, you can exit the cab and a House O-Aide will help you unload and direct you to the check-in area.

Carts will be available to assist you with your move. The House O-Aides will be in charge of carts and can provide one as you unload. Once you arrive at your room, the cart will need to be immediately unloaded and returned to the check-in area.

Parking

After unloading all your belongings, you will be instructed to immediately move your car from the front of Blackstone Hall to make room for the next arriving student. You should explore the surrounding neighborhood for street parking. Please be patient, as the area can be more crowded than usual due to move-in.

What to Expect When You Arrive

In addition to helping you move your belongings, House O-Aides will be posted around the building to answer questions and provide general assistance. They can point you towards the check-in station, which will be located directly inside Blackstone Hall. There, you will be able to pick up your keys, learn how to get to your new room, and receive instructions for the rest of the day. You will have time to unpack before needing to do things like pick up your Orientation Book, get your student ID, and pose with your fellow students for your class picture.

While moving in, you are likely to run into your Resident Head and RA as they will be walking around welcoming people to the House and answering any questions. Be sure to introduce yourself and your family to them. There will also be signs directing you to the Resident Head apartment in your House so that you know where to find them when you need them.