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- Discover which educational benefits are associated with living in residence halls
- Learn how residential environments influence student behavior
- Create residence hall environments that produce measureable learning outcomes
- Monitor effectiveness with a process of systematic assessment

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#### **Editorial Review**

From the Inside Flap

#### Add value to the student experience with purposeful residential programs

Undergraduate enrollment numbers have increased by 25% over the past 20 years and universities are building more residence halls to meet the increased demand for student housing. Every residence life professional knows that the field has experienced significant changes during this time as well, and *Student Learning in College Residence Halls* provides the current research to help them design innovative residence life programs that contribute value to the college experience.

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Students and their parents look for colleges that promise a dynamic and enriching experience. *Student Learning in College Residence Halls* helps academic institutions deliver on that promise by introducing a progressive view of student housing as centers of learning that has the potential to contribute excellence to any residential higher education environment.

From the Back Cover

#### Praise for Student Learning in College Residence Halls

"Residence halls are often the center for holistic learning on campus—this is an exceptional resource for up-to-date research and best practices to improve our impact on our students' growth and development."

—Sallie Traxler, executive director, the Association of College and University Housing

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"The breadth and depth of this book are astounding. Blimling does an excellent job reviewing the past, summarizing the present, and forecasting the future of residence halls and their significance to the educational experience of college students. This should be read by every residence life professional—from entry level to most senior—and it should be consumed by campus presidents and vice presidents as well."

—Kathleen G. Kerr, executive director, Residence Life & Housing, University of Delaware

"No one knows more about the educational potential of college residence facilities than Greg Blimling. His important new book should be required reading for anyone involved with college residential life."

—Ernest T. Pascarella, professor and Petersen Chair in Higher Education, University of Iowa

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