



Rotation Handbook

2022-2023

A Message from the IHC

Hi Prefrosh! Welcome to Caltech!

We are the IHC, the group of House Presidents (plus a Chair and Secretary) that are responsible for the Rotation process on the student side and other house-related issues. We're very excited to meet you and show you our campus and the housing options available to you at Caltech! Our residential life program is one of the things we are most proud of at Caltech. During the rotation process, you'll get to see all residential options and determine which residences you feel most comfortable with. You'll have the option of attending dinners, desserts, and events in each House, as well as lunch and activities in Bechtel. In consideration of Caltech's COVID-19 policies, Rotation this year will largely be held outdoors.

All rotation activities are optional. That said, we strongly encourage you to participate in the events, dinners, desserts, and activities we have planned, regardless of your decision to participate in the rotation process itself! These events will allow you to gain a more accurate depiction of each residence, and its programs, traditions, and environment.

At the end of rotation, you will be able to indicate if you would like to be placed into a House or remain unaffiliated. Regardless of your choice, the events during rotation are still a good way to get to know your fellow students and engage yourself with a variety of social activities on campus. You are welcome to still attend rotation activities if you have opted-out of rotation, and you can opt-in at any time.

We know that rotation can be a stressful, confusing time for some students, and there are always questions about how it works. To help you, we have put

together this Rotation handbook to share some of the resources available during Rotation (and really your whole career at Caltech). Rotation information, such as the Rotation Schedule, Rotation Rules, FAQs, and other useful things to know can also be found on the IHC website (<https://ihc.caltech.edu/rotation>). Please don't hesitate to contact any/all of us (see the roster on the following page) if you ever need anything.

Best,
The IHC

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IHC Roster

Don't hesitate to contact us if you need anything or have questions!

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Rotation Information

Schedule

Individual dinner schedules will be posted on the Olive Walk and on the Schedule page on the IHC website: <https://ihc.caltech.edu/rotation/schedule>.

Big Events

Date	Time	House	Event
After dinner everyday		Blacker	Doing Stuff, Be There
During desserts (9/21, 9/22, 9/26, 9/27, 9/28)		Dabney	Dabney Boat Tours
Thursday 9/22	10:00 PM - 12:00 AM	Page	Chill at Page
Friday 9/23	10:00 PM - 1:30 AM	Ricketts	Open Mic Night
Saturday 9/24	8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Avery	Avery Tea Bar
	10:30 PM - 12:30 AM	Fleming	Dirty Dodgeball
	11:59 PM - 1:59 AM	Lloyd	Capture the Flag and Milkshakes
Sunday 9/25	8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Venerable	Venerable Greens
Saturday 9/24 and Sunday 9/25	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Bechtel	Drop in at Bechtel

Daily Schedule

Date	Wed 9/21	Thu 9/22	Fri 9/23	Sat 9/24	Sun 9/25	Mon 9/26	Tue 9/27	Wed 9/28	Thur 9/29
Linner					House E				
Dinner	House A	House B	House C	House D	House F	Free	House G	House H	Free
Dessert	Free	Free				Free	Free	Free	

Please attend dinners/linner at the house you have been assigned to for that dinner. You are welcome to attend dinner at any house for Free dinners. Desserts are unassigned, so you are welcome to visit whichever house you wish for the dessert.

Dinners and Desserts

Houses will also hold house dinners every night of Rotation. Additionally, on Sunday, there will be “linner” (lunch/dinner) as well as dinner.

Day		Avery	Blacker	Dabney	Fleming	Ricketts	Lloyd	Page	Venerable
Wed 9/21	Dinner A	6:15pm	6:00pm	6:30pm	6:15pm	6:45pm	6:00pm	6:30pm	6:15pm
Thu 9/22	Dinner B	6:15pm	6:00pm	6:30pm	6:45pm	6:15pm	6:00pm	6:30pm	6:15pm
Fri 9/23	Dinner C	6:15pm	6:00pm	6:45pm	6:30pm	6:15pm	6:00pm	6:30pm	6:15pm
Sat 9/24	Dinner D	6:15pm	5:30pm	5:45pm	6:15pm	6:00pm	5:45pm	6:15pm	6:00pm
Sun 9/25	Linner E	12:45pm	12:00p m	12:15p m	1:00pm	12:45pm	1:15pm	1:00pm	12:45pm
	Dinner F	6:15pm	5:30pm	5:45pm	6:15pm	6:00pm	5:45pm	6:15pm	6:00pm
Mon 9/26	Free Dinner	6:15pm	5:30pm	6:15pm (*)	6:15pm	6:30pm (*)	5:45pm	6:15pm	6:00pm
Tue 9/27	Dinner G	6:15pm	5:30pm	5:45pm	6:15pm	6:00pm	5:45pm	6:15pm	6:00pm
Wed 9/28	Dinner H	6:15pm	5:30pm	5:45pm	6:15pm	6:00pm	5:45pm	6:15pm	6:00pm
Thu 9/29	Free Dinner	6:15pm	5:30pm	6:15pm (*)	6:15pm	6:30pm (*)	5:45pm	6:15pm	6:00pm

Note: The times listed above indicate the start of the reception at each house. Food will be served 30 minutes after the times listed. For the free dinners on Monday and Thursday, houses with an asterisk(*) will not have receptions, and dinner will begin at the times listed.

Desserts are at 9:45 PM on Wednesday 9/21, Thursday 9/22, Monday 9/26, Tuesday 9/27, and Wednesday 9/28.

Frequently Asked Questions

For the most up-to-date FAQ, check FAQ page on the IHC website:

<https://ihc.caltech.edu/rotation/faqs>

Resources During Rotation

Rotation Concerns Committee

There is a Rotation Concerns Committee (RCC) that is available to address any questions or concerns you might have about the rotation process. You may also share any other information about you, your needs, or your identity that the RCC should take into consideration during this process.

The Rotation Cases of Concern form (<https://forms.gle/SkQnu8kt8DapgjPd8>) will remain open during Rotation. Cases of concern can be anonymously reported or self-reported, for reasons including but not limited to: experiencing disconnection from the Rotation process, individual/specific needs regarding House affiliation that are not being addressed, discomfort with an individual or situation, or any suggestions for assisting members of the Rotating class to affiliate successfully. Alternatively, you may report this same information to anyone on the IHC or to any Dean, an RA, or an RLC.

Student (Peer) Resources

You can find the contact information (email, room #) of all student resources on **ASCIT Donut** updated by each House:

https://donut.caltech.edu/campus_positions. We recommend spending some time exploring the ASCIT Donut website. There are many useful features including the Directory, Course Scheduler/Planner, and more!

Peer Advocates (PAs)

PAs are a group of dedicated students trained in mental health who look out for and emotionally support the student body. If you have any concerns over rotation or life at Caltech, need to discuss an issue, or want some advice, please consider coming to a PA. They really do care about you and can direct you to the right resources to get the help you need. There are many PAs in every house; look for an identifying sign or plaque by the door. If you're unable to find someone or want to contact someone directly, you can talk to one of the Head PAs (students who organize the PAs in each house) or PA contact below, and they can help you connect with a PA or other resource.

Avery: Maddie Swint (she/her) - mswint@caltech.edu

Blacker: Aditee Prabhutendolkar (she/her)- aditee@caltech.edu

Dabney: Winter Pearson (they/them)- winter@caltech.edu

Fleming: Athena Kolli (she/her) - akolli@caltech.edu

Lloyd: Amelia Whitworth (she/her) - awhitwor@caltech.edu

Page: Rik Bose (he/him) - rbose@caltech.edu

Ricketts: Aanica Gonzalez (she/her) - asgonzal@caltech.edu

Venerable: Tyler Colenbrander (he/him)- tylercolenbrander@caltech.edu

List of PAs (also available on Donut):

<https://wellness.caltech.edu/advocate-programs/peer-advocate/peer-advocate-coordinators-and-PAs>

Health Advocates (HAs)

The Health Ads are students who can perform everything from emergency first aid to more mundane things (such as bandaging cuts or providing cough drops/simple over the counter medicines). Usually health ads also have menstrual products and condoms available for anyone. If you ever need a health ad, ask any upperclassmen, and they should be able to direct you to one. Alternatively, yell "HEALTH AD" at the top of your lungs. This is shockingly effective.

List of HAs (also available on Donut):

<https://ihc.caltech.edu/documents/22482/has-2223.pdf>

Advocacy Committee

The Advocacy Committee (AdComm) is a student group that addresses issues related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility. AdComm has a Representative from each House, and we meet on a biweekly basis to address

concerns as a group. Don't hesitate to reach out to the Chair or a Representative about any issue that you (or a peer) is facing, and we will help you find the right resources or people to resolve your issue. If there aren't resources in place, we are here to advocate for a solution that addresses your needs. You can contact all of AdComm at adcomm@caltech.edu or find our information on Donut.

AdComm Chair: Abby Jiang (she/they)

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Ricketts Rep: Aanica Gonzalez (she/her) - asgonzal@caltech.edu

Venerable Rep: Eve Fine (she/her) - efine@caltech.edu

Equity & Title IX Advocates

The Equity and Title IX Advocates are students trained to be accessible resources for Caltech community members seeking information or support around issues relating to equity, inclusivity, sexual harassment, sexual assault, or other forms of discrimination. An Equity and Title IX Advocate is not a confidential resource. Instead, an Advocate is a great "first stop" to get support and to learn about your rights and options.

List of currently trained Equity & Title IX Ads* (also available on Donut):

https://titleix.caltech.edu/documents/21173/Updated_Active_Advocates_March_2022.pdf

*the Equity and Title IX Ad program is being updated later year, but this list contains individuals who have been trained under the previous program

The Interhouse Committee (IHC)

The IHC is the committee to ask any questions you have about the process of Rotation. If you have questions about whether you can make up a dinner, concerns you have about certain Houses or other students, or potential Rotation violations, feel free to reach out to the IHC. You can also ask Presidents about their individual Houses.

Institute Resources

The RAs, RLCs, and Deans are good resources to speak with if you have a serious concern about another prefrosh, upperclassmen, or residence.

Office of Residential Experience (ORE)

<https://www.residentialexperience.caltech.edu/>

The Office of Residential Experience was created in order to help the IHC manage Rotation, as well as to create a more streamlined process for event registration. The ORE consists of the Residential Experience Team (includes a Director, Resident Associates and Residential Life Coordinators), staff members in Student Activities & Programs, and Faculty who live in Residence. If you have a serious concern about another prefrosh, upperclassmen, or residence, you can contact the ORE (ore@caltech.edu) or the Residential Life Coordinators (rlc@caltech.edu). The head of the office is Felicia Hunt (fhunt@caltech.edu) and the Residential Experience director is Vanessa Tejada (vtejada@caltech.edu) who are also available to answer questions or concerns.

More information on the administrative resources available to you can be found on the ORE website.

Dean of Undergraduate Students Office

<https://deans.caltech.edu/>

The Dean's office is available to help students with academic concerns, personal well-being, and community issues. The Deans are also available to reach out to if you have a serious concern about another prefrosh, upperclassmen, or residence. You can contact the deans at deansoffice@caltech.edu.

Counseling and Health Center

<https://wellness.caltech.edu/counseling>

The Counseling Center is a great resource if you are feeling overwhelmed or stressed about the Rotation process or starting classes. All of the counselors are confidential resources. The Health Center is the place to go if you're feeling physically sick. It's free for all Caltech students, even if you do not have Caltech insurance. Both the Health and Counseling Center are located on 1239 Arden Road. You are welcome to call Counseling Services and be connected to a counselor at 626-395-8331 (press "2" when prompted for after-hours support).

Equity and Title IX Office

<https://titleix.caltech.edu/>

The Equity and Title IX office is the place to go if you feel you are facing any discrimination based on race, national origin, ethnicity, sex, pregnancy, gender, sexuality, disability, and more. If you feel uncomfortable for any reason in any climate (including a residence, classroom, social space, or lab), the Equity and Title IX Office can support you. If you have any questions or issues, you can reach out to Hima Vatti (hvatti@caltech.edu), the Title IX Coordinator. You are also welcome to contact Pilar Montenegro (confidentialadvocate@caltech.edu), the Campus Sexual Violence Advocate and a confidential resource.

Center for Inclusion & Diversity (CCID)

<https://diversity.caltech.edu/>

The Caltech Center for Inclusion & Diversity provides resources that support a variety of student identities. They host educational events and affinity spaces that relate to race/ethnicity, gender, sexuality. You are welcome to reach out to any of the CCID staff members at any time (<https://diversity.caltech.edu/about/meet-our-team>)..

Informational Resources

You can find all of this information on the Resources During Rotation tab on the IHC website: <https://ihc.caltech.edu/rotation/resources-during-rotation>

Questions?

Feel free to reach out to the IHC with questions! You can reach out via Facebook messenger or email.

How it's Made: The Rotation Process

This year, in consideration of Caltech's COVID-19 Policies, Rotation this year will largely be held outdoors. Attending all these events can be demanding, and we want to remind you that you are not required to go to everything. Some people will, but that might not be right for you and that is okay.

Rotation Period

During Rotation, each prefrish will be able to visit all eight Houses and Bechtel (together referred to as "residences"). Though you will be living in one randomly assigned room throughout the Rotation period, you will each be given

a schedule where you will be assigned one dinner at each House. All houses have an official event where they show off their culture (and many houses put on other unofficial events as well). You are welcome to attend as many events as you like. During the week, there will be two days of free dinners where you can eat in any of the Houses or Bechtel (or Browne Cafe if you choose to opt-out of Rotation). Use this as a chance to visit residences you are particularly interested in again or to make up for an assigned dinner you may have missed. The free dinners can be an opportunity to determine your top choice if you are still deciding between residences. You can also use this time to get a better sense of any residence you didn't get a good feel for at first.

During this time, we advise reaching out to upperclassmen, getting a sense of each residence, and asking lots of questions! Though dinners and desserts are not mandatory, we encourage you to go; even if you do not think you will fit in a certain place, you may be surprised!

Rotation Rules

We also ask during the Rotation period that our Rotation Rules are followed. The full list of rules can be found on the IHC website (<https://ihc.caltech.edu/rotation/rotation-rules>), but we are providing a brief overview of the important things you should know: Rotation is a period that allows for prefrosh and current students to provide accurate representations of each other. Thus, no participant should unfairly bias any prefrosh for or against any residence. Upperclassmen may say anything truthful about their experiences or about any stereotypes of their own House, but may only speak of facts or their experiences (size, number of beds, etc.) about other residences they are not a part of. Upperclassmen living in Bechtel are allowed to speak of their experiences in Bechtel (and why they chose it) as well as any other Houses they belong to. Upperclassmen may not provide alcohol, drugs, expensive gifts, or other extraordinary favors to prefrosh during this period. Prefrosh may be taken off campus as long as no more than \$20 is spent by upperclassmen on the prefrosh and the prefrosh return within 4 hours. You may ask upperclassmen anything about Rotation and the Rotation system. You should refrain from discussing stereotypes with other prefrosh in order to ensure that your peers get an accurate representation of each House for themselves. You may, though, speak about your actual experiences in each residence. You should not share your rankings with any other prefrosh and should not feel pressured to share rankings with upperclassmen. Prefrosh are not to consume psychoactive substances or alcohol during Rotation regardless of source.

Violations of Rotation Rules should be reported to the IHC here:
(<https://forms.gle/D4eaF5KrjpeCzZ3w9>).

End of Rotation

At the end of Rotation, we ask each prefrosh to submit an ordered preference list of all residences. You will do that on a survey sent out to your email by the IHC and Office of Residential Experience via Qualtrics. You may have ties between residences, but can only mark one first choice. If you do have ties, your next lowest rank will be the next lowest ordinal number. For example, if you have one House ranked number one and two Houses ranked number two, the next House you rank will be ranked number three. You will also be asked to indicate whether, in the event that your assigned first year residence is Bechtel, you would still like a membership to one of the eight Houses. The survey will be released near the end of Rotation and will be due on the night of the last Thursday of Rotation. All of this information will be presented to you again when we send the Qualtrics survey, so don't feel compelled to memorize it all!

Alcohol during Rotation:

Prefrosh are not allowed to drink during rotation until the cannon fires, even if they are of age. Upperclassmen may not give prefrosh substances or other drugs.

The Sorting Hat

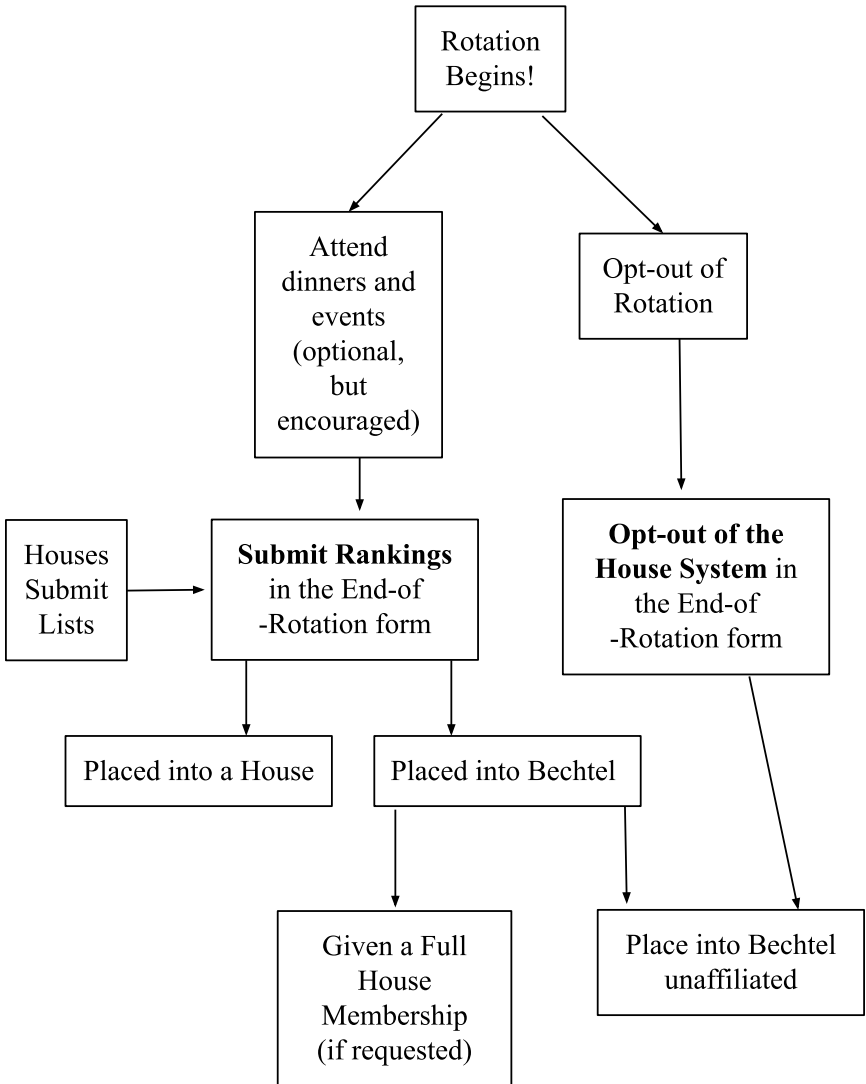
Like prefrosh, each House is allowed to give input into the Rotation process. Each House may submit a list of up to $M/2+2$ prefrosh (where M is the number of beds reserved for prefrosh in that House) they feel would be integral to their culture. If a prefrosh on this "house list" ranks the house number one, they will be automatically paired with the House. The details of this house list are not released. Only a few upperclassmen know the details of the house list, and prefrosh should not ask if they are on the house list. The information is also used in the second stage of the algorithm, as explained below. If students rank Bechtel first and decide they do not want a house affiliation, they will be automatically placed in Bechtel. If there are greater than 44 students to do that, students from that group will be randomly selected for Bechtel. The remaining students from that group will go through the algorithm. Students may also bring up concerns they have about prefrosh to the IHC, RAs, RLCs, the Deans, or the head of the Office of Residential Experience. These concerns will then be reviewed by the RCC committee consisting of the IHC Chair, an Undergraduate Dean, the ORE director, the director of Residential Experience, the ADA coordinator, and the director of the Center for Inclusion and Diversity. Any prefrosh may also go to the IHC, an RA, or this Committee if they have any concerns about other

prefrosh or their own living situation. These students will be placed before the algorithm. Only members of the RCC committee will know which cases were placed before the algorithm. After the house list matching and cases of concern allocation is completed, the rest of the prefrosh will be allocated via a convex penalty algorithm. The way this algorithm works is it attempts to minimize the sum of the squares of the rank each prefrosh gave a House or Bechtel. For example, if a prefrosh ranked Booty House first, the penalty of placing them in Booty House is 1, and if they ranked Booty House ninth, the penalty of placing them in Booty House is 81. This is done in order to optimize for the preferences of prefrosh. The algorithm will likely have many solutions. The second stage of the algorithm will optimize for house input based on the house list, ignoring students who were automatically placed already in the pre- matching process. Prefrosh who rotate into Bechtel but indicated they still desire House membership in that case will be assigned a House membership by a similar process as the algorithm explained above. The algorithm also accounts for gender inclusivity, gender balance, maximizing the number of students each house gets on their house list, and maximizing the % each house fills.

The Aftermath

After the Rotation algorithm is run and assignments are finalized, we will give you your assignments. As per tradition, assignments will be given out on the Saturday after Rotation is over. At 5pm the cannon fires, and then your assignments will be handed to you on the Olive Walk. Once you receive your assignment, you will also be given welcome event information for your new House or Bechtel (if you rotate into Bechtel but have also been assigned a House membership, we encourage you to also join your House's welcome activity). Sunday is Moving day. Frosh will have all day Sunday to move into their new room assignments. *COVID-19 cleanliness and sanitation guidelines for moving will be distributed to all students who are moving rooms. All items on the form must be followed sufficiently to ensure that the move is safe for all students involved.* Room Move forms will be sent via email from the Housing office. Frosh should submit their forms by the posted deadline. Upperclassmen will be around to help move - just ask! More information can be found on the IHC website: <https://ihc.caltech.edu/rotation/moving-after-rotation>

Rotation Flow Chart



DABNEY

FLEMING

RICKETTS

BLACKER



AVERY

VENERABLE

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LLOYD