Involvement — a high degree of interaction; involvement is encouraged, expected and embraced.  
Investment — a personal commitment and sense of ownership that results from involvement.  
Influence — an outgrowth of an ethic of responsibility and action.  
Identity — allows all members to focus on commonalities and celebrate affiliation. (Schroeder & Mable, 1994).

Students are assigned to one of the first-year halls (Katzenbach, Lippincott, or Woodbury). First-year students also have the option of living in the Bunting-Cobb Math, Science, and Engineering Residence Hall or Scholars Floor (please see Special Interest Housing). The staff in the first-year halls include a graduate Residence Director (RD), undergraduate Resident Assistants (RAs), and undergraduate Peer Academic Leaders (PALs).

Katzenbach, Lippincott and Woodbury: These are traditional-style residence halls with either three or four floors, and approximately 60 students living in double rooms on each floor. Each floor is divided into two wings that have lounge and study spaces that are often used for small programs and get-togethers. A main lounge in the residence hall serves as a location for larger events that focus on the residential community. The student rooms are equipped with computer and video capabilities that allow for direct access to the university computer network, as well as cable access through the RUTV network.

The first-year residence Hall program at Douglass College is designed to ease the transition from high school to college. Through various programs and services, the first-year residence hall program provides you with valuable information, encourages informed decision-making, and encourages the cultivation of independence and responsibility as you begin your college journey.

Components of the program include:

Peer Academic Leaders - These are upper-class women who live in the first-year residence halls and offer peer support by: providing information about academically-related college and university resources, class registration procedures, and Douglass College core requirements; organizing an information fair about academic majors; planning workshops that focus on academic-related skills and services on campus such as study strategies, time management, selecting a major, and developing a career plan; and, facilitating interaction with faculty by inviting professors to the residence hall.

Educational and Skill Development Workshops - Throughout the course of the semester, workshops are offered in the first-year residence halls that promote skill and leadership development, such as time management, decision-making, women's wellness, and academic success!

Faculty Programs - The Office of Residence Life recognizes the importance of first-year students connecting with faculty both inside the classroom and beyond. Therefore, the First-Year Residence Hall program offers opportunities to interact with faculty in the relaxed setting of your residence hall. Beyond having a wealth of information about their field, academic department, and majors, professors share information about their research, personal interests such as travel to far away lands, relaxation techniques, and skill development such as resume writing or public speaking. Connections with faculty may also lead to internship opportunities and future job references.
HOUSING OPTIONS - TRANSFER STUDENTS

In an effort to assist and ensure a smooth transition to Douglass College and Rutgers University, houses in the New Gibbons residential area are designated for transfer students. Transfer students also have the option of living in the Bunting-Cobb Math, Science, and Engineering Residence Hall (please see next page for application). The staff in the transfer residence is composed of a graduate Residence Director, an undergraduate Resident Assistant (RA), and a Peer Academic Leader (PAL). Through various programs, the staff encourages residents to become involved in the community through activities and social events in the hall. They also provide residents with information about academically-related college and university resources, class registration procedures, Douglass College core requirements, and selecting a major. By inviting professors to the residence hall, they also facilitate interaction with faculty.

New Gibbons: This cluster of six houses offers study lounges, kitchen facilities, recreational centers, and fireplaces in the lounges. Approximately 60 students live in each house. New Gibbons is a convenient location, with a bus stop in the front, and Hickman Hall across the street, the location many classes. The student rooms are equipped with computer and video capabilities that allow for direct access to the university computer network, as well as cable access through the RUTV network.

SPECIAL INTEREST RESIDENCES AT DOUGLASS COLLEGE

Bunting-Cobb Math, Science and Engineering Hall is the first residence hall in the country designated for women interested in math, science, and engineering. The Residence Life staff consists of a graduate Residence Director (RD), Resident Assistants (RAs), and Peer Academic Leaders (PALs). In addition, Graduate Fellows, women who are enrolled in a math, science or engineering graduate program, reside in the hall, serving as mentors to the undergraduate residents. Recognizing the challenges and academic rigor of a math, science, or engineering major, the hall offers a supportive community for women pursuing these areas of study. Programming centers around peer study groups, career programs, internship resources, and skill enhancement sessions. The residents also have access to a resource library and a networked computer room. Each of the student rooms is networked to the University’s computing services system and offer cable access. Bunting-Cobb is jointly sponsored by the Douglass Project for Rutgers Women in Math, Science, and Engineering; and the Office of Residence Life.

Students pursuing a major in the following areas are eligible to live in Bunting-Cobb: Biology and Life Sciences, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, Engineering, Medical Technology, Nursing, Pharmacy, Physics, Psychology, and Public Health. If the major you are considering is not listed, please contact the Douglass Project for Rutgers Women in Math, Science, and Engineering at 732-932-9197 ext. 19 to verify eligibility.

Bunting-Cobb Residents are responsible for the following requirements:

- One-on-one meeting with Graduate Fellows once a month
- Programming: Attend and actively participate in two academic programs per semester sponsored by the Graduate Fellows and the Peer Academic Leader.
- Maintain an atmosphere within the residence hall conducive to study. This includes adhering to quiet hours and showing consideration of other residents at all times, and providing support to other Bunting-Cobb residents.

Scholars Floor offers women in the Douglass College Scholars Program an opportunity to live together during their first year in college. The benefits of this community include: meeting other first-year scholars and having the opportunity to participate in academic-related programs that are designed to meet the needs of first-year scholars. One Peer Academic Leader, an upper-class student who is responsible for providing academic support and information, lives on the floor and coordinates many of the academic-related programs.
Name____________________________________________________ Social Security #__________________

Home Address_____________________________________________________________________________
Street    City   State   Zip Code

Home Phone #_______  E-mail __________________________________________

Intended Major__________________  Previous College Attended (if transfer) _______________________

Select the residential area in which you are interested:

______ I am interested in living on the floor for Douglass Scholars Program participants.**
**You do not have to complete the remainder of this application if you would only like to be considered for the Scholars Floor.
Please note that you had to have applied to and been accepted for the Scholars Program to be considered for the floor.

_____ I am interested in living in the Bunting-Cobb Math, Science, and Engineering Residence Hall

Applicants interested in Bunting-Cobb should list math, science or technology high school or transfer courses.
Course:        Year Taken:    
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List relevant participation in extracurricular clubs or activities.
Activity/Club/Program    Year(s)    Position/Office Held
_______________________________________________________________________

List relevant work/volunteer experience    Years(s)    Position Description
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ESSAY:  Please include a one-page essay answering the following question:
1) Please share your college academic goals and explain how living in Bunting-Cobb will support these goals.
Also, comment on how you will contribute to the community in Bunting-Cobb.

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Signature        Date

APPLICATION DEADLINE:  June 13, 2003.  Please return to: Office of Residence Life. 35 Nichol Avenue, Jameson H-2, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. After June 13, 2003, applications will be accepted if space is available.