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113 Hamilton	7	Wilderness Conservation House	Our goal is to cultivate awareness, protect, and respect our world's outdoor spaces, while creating a welcoming community that shares the objective of bettering our natural environment.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why are the outdoors important to you? 2. What do you hope to get out of living in this outdoors-oriented community? 3. Why do you think you would be a good fit for the house? 4. Describe your perfect day with no work or obligations. 5. Sometimes the most sustainable choice isn't the easiest or most convenient. What conscious choices do you make on a daily basis with the environment in mind? 6. If you were a tree, what tree would you be? 7. Will you be going abroad this year? If so where and what semester? 	All Genders	Coop	
123 Hamilton	6	Random Acts of Kindness House	To encourage HWS students to perform small, daily, random acts of kindness. Housemates work collaboratively to create a positive environment where like-minded students can encourage one another through small acts of kindness as well as celebrate the achievement of spreading kindness across campus.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please write about a random act of kindness you have recently performed or witnessed. Specify why that act inspired you to join a household centered around acts of kindness. 2. Write about a Random Acts of Kindness event that you would be passionate about spearheading if accepted into this house. 	All Genders	Must participate in a colleges approved meal plan	
133 St. Clair	7	Angela Davis House	Our mission seeks to bring together Hobart & William Smith Colleges and Angela Davis values. Angela Davis believes that we should not satisfy to look forward to change, but discuss and create change within an educational and learning environment. Angela Davis also takes great pride in being a member of a community that transcribes to look out and be there for one another, but also to carry and learn from each other. Hobart & William Smith also believes in the same purpose by "Leading lives of Consequence," which entails that students who attend this great institution leave here becoming leaders making great impacts to our society. This theme house provides the chance for students to develop, embrace and learn the correlating values of the colleges and Angela Davis. In order to have a strong supporting community, it requires a space for people from multiple backgrounds to come together and build strong relationships where we can carry each other through our trials and tribulations to become the best versions of our selves. To conclude this house will provide events and hopefully work with the Intercultural Affairs Office, to provide opportunities to students to network and engage in fun learning activities where they can apply the skills and critical thinking abilities after graduating from HWS.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does an inclusive environment mean to you? 2. Are you opened to different perspectives beyond yours? 3. Are you eager to learn and educate others about your culture and background while being open to theirs? 	All Genders	Must participate in a colleges approved meal plan	




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402 Pulteney	7	E-Scapes House	E-Scapes House will be established for the purpose of creating a safe and open environment where students are welcome to play, socialize, and learn more about video games. It is a space where students can come together and collaborate on something that we all love and enjoy; Video Games. As a safe space, students will be able to express themselves fully as they all share the experiences of virtual worlds.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does gaming impact your life? 2. If you could be any video game character, who would it be and why? 3. If you could live in any video game, what game would it be and why? 4. What always brings a smile to your face? 	All Genders	Must participate in a colleges approved meal plan	
408 Pulteney	6	International "I" House	The International House, or "I-House", aims at offering a space that will promote an understanding of our campus as an increasingly globalized community, assisting the Colleges' in their goal to provide students with a global educational experience.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why are you interested in living in an International Theme House? 2. How do you think you would enrich the community by living in that house? 3. What ideas do you have for events that our theme house can hold? <p>What is your perception of order and cleanliness?</p>	All Genders	Must participate in a colleges approved meal plan	
412 Pulteney	6	Asian Language & Culture	<p>This house's mission is to promote Asian culture and diversity on the campus, and the house will hold events related to this mission.</p> <p>International issues and cross country culture have become a really important and diverse topic in not only college life but also academic and social life. Thus a global perspective would be crucial for college students. Also, living with people come from different backgrounds would help us develop critical thinking skills in more than one way. The House events would bring students, faculty, and other student clubs and community together for conversations regarding a variety of topics. Through these events, students will not only learn about Asian culture but also form a close-knit community, make friends with diverse background and have fun! Asian Language and Culture Theme House is open to anyone who is interested in Asian languages, cultures, history, political and contemporary issues. All Students are not required to be Asian or to speak an Asian language to live in this house. This House supports Asian Student Union, and International Student Affairs and all other activity clubs. We embrace all genders, and all cultural backgrounds. Students hold different personal experiences and academic goals are welcome in this house with open attitude and supportive housing environment. Any and all those who possess an interest in Asian culture are strongly encouraged to apply.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why would you want to live in Asian Language and Culture House? 2. What kind of Asian culture related events would you like to do? 	All Genders	Coop	





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583 S. Main	11	PLEN	On the national level, PLEN's mission is to increase the number of women in top leadership positions influencing all aspects of the public policy process. On campus, our goal is not only to help foster passion for college aged women to involve themselves in these professional realms, but also to empower students to engage with their peers and their communities in order to become powerful and confident leaders for themselves and others.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does Women's Leadership mean to you? 2. What makes you proud to be a William Smith Woman? 3. The Public Leadership Education Network (PLEN) strives increase the number of women in top leadership positions influencing all aspects of the public policy process. What areas of Policy are you passionate about, and how do you hope to manifest that passion on campus? 4. If you were to live in the PLEN house, what programing would you like to see, and how would it improve your experience in the house? 	Female	Coop	
593 S. Main	15	Global Education	The purpose of the Global Education House is to spread the basic human right to education around the world. Around the world, over 750 million people are illiterate, most residing in some of the most economically challenged countries on Earth. The purpose of the GE House is to combat this global epidemic by not just donating money but time, energy, and most of all hope for the next generation of scholars.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is one way you as an individual can fight illiteracy worldwide? 2. What are some ideas for fundraisers you have? 3. How much time during the week could you donate to fundraising and planning? 	All Genders	Coop	
615 S. Main	23	Mindful Movement House	The Mindful Movement House will be dedicated to creating healthy, active lives for HWS students. Through expression in dance and mindful movement, Mindful Movement House will actively work to facilitate the growth of individuals awareness of the body's capacity for movement, and the rejuvenating feeling of connecting with our body's mobility. With a focus on dance, Mindful Movement House will also be active in the Geneva Community, connecting and outreaching local dance studios, hoping to begin a choreographic and pedagogical path for residents by holding classes for aspiring dancers. The Mindful Movement House will aim to create healthy and active individuals through dance and movement.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why is mindful movement, whether it be yoga, dance or meditation etc., important to you? 2. Describe your active, movement based, background. 3. What are your motivations for living in the Mindful Movement House? 	All Genders	Must participate in a colleges approved meal plan	
623 S. Main	16	Boys & Girls Club House	By volunteering with the Boys & Girls Club of Geneva we hope to mentor kids and develop the skills of service, team work, and kindness. In the process, we will form strong relationships with the kids and become lasting role models that they remember for years to come. The driving factor behind this theme house is that the Boys & Girls Club is already lacking sufficient amount of mentors. This house will provide aid to the Geneva community, and help those living in it to develop leadership skills.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are you willing to volunteer at least twice a month at the Boys & Girls Club? 2. Have you had any experience working with children? 3. What do you believe the role of HWS is off campus? 4. Do you have any projects in mind that would help benefit the Boys & Girls Club? 	All Genders	Must participate in a colleges approved meal plan	
639 S. Main	12	Thrive House	The goal of Thrive House is to create a learning environment for those serious about academics while working to strengthen the bond between HWS students and the Geneva community by thriving in service opportunities, in particular, our dedication to local cancer support organizations. Students will work together to understand the diverse needs of their surrounding community in an effort to give back and promote personal growth.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does community engagement mean to you? 2. Why is community important to you? 3. What personal strengths do you feel you could bring to Thrive House? 4. What makes a perfect work environment? 5. How do you connect to the mission of Thrive House? 	All Genders	Coop	





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704 S. Main	16	Wish Factory	To foster community and positive shared values among residents and further the mission of the Make a Wish foundations which is to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy" We will bring those values to the HWS campus and greater Geneva Community.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How do you believe that you can contribute to the Wish Factory house? Please be specific. 2. Tell us about a time where you had to be creative in a situation. What did you learn as a result? 3. Do you have any ideas for community oriented and collaborative programing that would further the mission of the Wish Factory theme house? 	Female	Must participate in a colleges approved meal plan	
730 S. Main	18	Sustainable Living	To provide students with the skills and knowledge to reduce their individual environmental impact through a sustainable lifestyle. By participating in local businesses, farms and sustainability programs we would develop a stronger sense of a community and increase our overall environmental awareness.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does sustainable living mean to you and why is it important? 2. What is one way that you feel that hws could improve in terms of sustainability 3. Are you currently involved in a sustainable club or organization? 	All Genders	Coop	
746 S. Main	11	Cultural Connections	The mission of this theme house will be to promote a shared experience amongst students of various minority groups in America who face different forms of oppression and marginalization. This house is intended to foster a living environment in which ethnic perspectives that have been undervalued in the U.S., and in our college community, are equally shared and respected. Our mission, seeks to emulate the College's mission of Inclusive Excellence, and enact a community in which all students are given an equal opportunity to succeed and empower themselves as individuals on our campus. Here, students will be granted a platform on which they can experience inclusivity amongst their peers and freely express their cultural diversity. This includes, but is not limited to, life experiences, customs, traditions, and ideologies that will allow the individuals in this house and the broader community, to appreciate what different minority groups offer to American history and society.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why would you like to live in Cultural Connections? 2. How would living in Cultural Connections benefit in your experience at the Colleges? 3. How would your culture and traditions contribute to Cultural Connections? 	All Genders	Coop	
99 St. Clair	7	Muslim Life & Culture House	The Muslim Culture theme house serves to bring the multi ethnic Muslim community together and is a safe space for students to practice their faith. No religious affiliation is required for living in the theme house, just a willingness to learn about Muslim life. This house will provide an opportunity for residents to experience Muslim culture and religion through participation in Islamic holidays, social gatherings, and traditions.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why would you want to live in the Muslim Life and Culture theme house? 2. How would you contribute to the environment? 3. What events would you like to see happen? 	All Genders	Coop	

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Abbe Center	9	Jewish Life & Culture	The Jewish Culture House at the Abbe Center for Jewish Life is a welcoming environment on campus in which to experience Jewish culture and religion through participation in Jewish holiday celebrations, learning opportunities, and communal gatherings. No religious affiliation is required for living in the house or participating in the Abbe Center's programming, but residents should have a willingness to learn and share in new experiences, along with a sense of appreciation for religious diversity. The Jewish Culture Theme House, along with the programming at the Abbe Center, contributes to HWS's commitment to diversity and inclusion by providing a space for Jewish students to practice their faith and engage with their culture and for all students to learn about religions and cultures different from their own.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What interests you about living in the Jewish Culture House at the Abbe Center for Jewish Life and what are your expectations for your experience in the house? 2. How can you contribute to the environment and programming at the Jewish Culture House? 3. What previous experience(s) do you have in Jewish themed activities, on or off campus? 	All Genders	Coop	
Bampton	16	HO Honors	To provide an environment where Hobart students can focus on academic goals. Interested Hobart students should apply through the Hobart Dean's Office.	Applications available through the Hobart Dean's Office. Please contact at hobartdean@hws.edu	Male	Must participate in a colleges approved meal plan	
Carr-McGuire	31	Substance Free House	The Substance Free house promotes a fully substance free environment. This is substance free from all alcohol and other drugs. Students that live in the house agree to live a substance free life both in and out of the house.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does being substance free mean to you? 2. What healthy eating habits are you committed to promoting? 3. Do you agree to remain substance free while living in this house? Are willing to sign a contract stating that? 	All Genders	Must participate in a colleges approved meal plan	
Farm House	8	Guiding Eyes for the Blind	Guiding Eyes for the Blind is a nonprofit organization that allows students to come together with Geneva citizens by raising a dog to become a guide for someone with impaired vision. The idea of this theme house is to further connect HWS with the town of Geneva and an organization the helps students responsibility grow in a way that is life changing.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are you a member of the guiding eyes for the blind club? 2. How do you intend to be involved with the house? 3. Do you have any experience with dogs? 4. Do you have any program ideas for the house? 5. What would you like to gain from living in the house? <input type="checkbox"/> 	All Genders	Must participate in a colleges approved meal plan	

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Hillcrest House	9	QPoC	<p>The Queer People of Color and Allies (QPoC) is a gender-inclusive living community that affirms the cultural experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer, non-identifying, and questioning residents, and their allies and who also identify as persons of color. The QPoC house offers a haven of tolerance for those who transcend traditional sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or gender presentation. The QPoC house serves as a symbol of the presence and existence of the QPoC community here in HWS. This is a home where we can feel comfortable, accepted, and loved. We seek to create a community where residents are empowered, supported, and educated through the discussions and meetings that will be done within this space. QPOC welcomes and lavishes affection upon all open minded residents and guests, regardless of sexuality or gender. In addition to offering a safe, inclusive, and equitable environment for people with nonconforming sexualities or genders, QPOC House also holds a commitment to bringing about social justice in its surrounding communities, and adores those who might share that commitment with us. QPOC beseeches anyone who might help us build stronger ties with any of the LGBTQ communities to come, take part in, and contribute to our flourishing cultural space. This house will be STRICTLY SUBSTANCE FREE. Students are paired regardless of sex or gender identity.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This house will be strictly substance free. Do you understand that any resident or guest found using and/or in possession of substances will be documented and referred to the Colleges' judicial system. 2. How do you plan to build community within QPOC? 3. Are you socially active or aware of contemporary LGBTQIA+ struggles? If so, demonstrate this awareness in a few sentences. 4. The QPoC House is expected to be open to those who are not residents of the house. How would you preserve or encourage this open atmosphere of the house? What should be the limitations to this "openness?" 5. Taking into consideration the fact that there might be a mix of queer people of color and allies in the house, what are your expectations for the house residents? 	All Genders	Coop	
McDaniels	12	Hope House	<p>Hope House continues efforts to provide fundraising to promote the awareness and treatment of cancer.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What fundraising ideas do you have? (Big or Small!) 2. How do you relate to the mission statement of Hope House? 3. What is your living style? 4. What can you bring to Hope House? 	All Genders	Must participate in a colleges approved meal plan	
Stewardson	8	WS Honors	<p>To provide a peaceful and comfortable environment for the students who want to use the house as a study place. WS Honors theme will encourage residents to share and obtain valuable study experiences with each other. Residents will also be encouraged to help each other to find ways to deal with life issues.</p>	<p>How would you contribute to helping house members solve academic and life problem?</p> <p>How will you move the community up to have a equal and positive campus, as a WS Honors house member?</p>	Female	Must participate in a colleges approved meal plan	
Trowbridge	9	Writer's House	<p>To create a home that fosters a sense of community among writers and allows them to express their love of writing. Writers will be able to share their ideas in a creative environment based on appreciation and collaboration.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When did you discover your love of writing? 2. What genre are you most comfortable with and what did you last write in that genre? 3. Is there a genre you have been meaning to explore? What's keeping you from it? 4. Submit a short sample of your writing. 	All Genders	Coop	

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Zappler	9	Arts + Design House	To provide an inclusive and innovative space for all students interested in the arts. Whether it be studio art, architecture, art history, or more, we want to act as a center for that creative mindset.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How are you involved in the arts? 2. Why do you think you would be a good fit for this house? 3. How do you think the arts are an important part of daily life? 4. What type of art are you most interested in and why? 	All Genders	Must participate in a colleges approved meal plan	