Catering to Creatives
Imagine living in a residence hall that also houses stages, screens and studios! These amenities are designed for tomorrow’s communicators, performers, and artists. Open exclusively to all College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication majors who live in Belvin-Buchanan Hall.
Putting the UNITY in Community

FAMC Creative Community is a collaboration between Residence Life and The College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication. Residents are able to connect and collaborate across various fields of study in an environment that nurtures creativity.

Who May Use the Space?

Any FAMC Creative Community resident and their “accompanied” guest(s) may use the studios when associated with academic endeavors or performances. Please be aware that you are responsible for the conduct of guests you invite into the facility. Rules are posted in this brochure and the Residence Life Handbook.

What You Need to Know

- Food and drinks are not permitted except in the “Concession Area” or during approved staff/hall council programs. Bottled water is allowed in most locations unless noted by signage. Residents in violation of this policy are subject to a $25 fine and disciplinary action.

- Sleeping in the public areas are not allowed at any time. Tours are given to prospective students and their parents throughout the year. Please be aware that this is a public “working” environment. Be mindful of inappropriate behavior and language when using the space.

- Everyone who lives at Belvin has an equal right to use the Creative Community. We work on a first come, first served basis unless a studio has been reserved in advance through the on-line reservation system. Read ahead for details.

- The FAMC Creative Community space functions primarily as an academic environment. If you encounter any behavior that is not conducive to this environment, please contact staff immediately.

- Personal items may not be stored or left in any location other than your personal room. The University is not responsible for personal items that are thrown away or stolen.

- Always clean up after yourself. Individual residents may be charged for excessive trash upon reviewing video recordings.
Art Gallery

The Art Gallery is an area that students can use to display personal art (wall art, sculpture, costumes or “live exhibits” etc.). We are open to any request to display any kind of work through the online reservation system. All submission requests must be approved before using the gallery. Exhibits are for 2 weeks unless approved for longer. Please be respectful of the exhibits and do not touch or move any items that are displayed. If you would like to see your work displayed here, simply fill out an Art Gallery request form online by visiting SHSU.EDU/FAMCLIVING.

VAE Studio

The Virtual Acoustic Environment room is the largest sound isolated studio and houses an upright piano. The VAE system is controlled by a wall panel with clear instructions on how to manipulate the acoustics of the studio. Options include Recital Hall, Auditorium, Cathedral and Arena. You can record/playback or record and take with you on your laptop. There is an optional “foot pedal” you can check out that controls the VAE system. First come, first served unless reserved at SHSU.EDU/FAMCLIVING.

Reception Area

The Reception Area is the hub of the whole Creative Community. Here you can relax with friends or work on projects in a comfortable setting. There are two TV screens. One gives up-to-date information on what events are happening within the FAMC college. The second gives information on studio/theatre reservations and other programs and events.

The entire FAMC Creative Community lower level has WiFi availability. You will find a computer connected to the SHSU network which you are welcome to use when it is free. Large cabinets behind the reception desk are used to store equipment which you can check out through the staff.

It is your responsibility to keep this area clean and suitable for student use and public viewing. You may not store personal items behind the reception desk. No food or drink is allowed in this area except bottled water. Leave the cushions on the couches. Lights must remain turned on at all times. The concession area can be made available for planned events or other programs, but this must be requested in advance and be fully cleaned after use.
The Theatre was designed to be a multi-use space. It is set up to be a multi-media and performance Theatre. Theatre chairs are portable and can be removed on carts, making the Theatre a large studio. Residents have used it to perform plays, recitals, open mic nights and to study films and television. The intent of the Theatre is to provide you a space where you can create and perform as well as review the work of others in your particular field of study. The FAMC Theatre offers the following:

- HD multi-media viewing with Theatre screen and 7.1 surround sound. Limited access is available through the control pad in the adjoining “Dressing Room.” **The code is 1988.** Always turn the projection off and raise the screen when you are done in order to preserve the equipment. Any media viewed is for academic purposes.

- Theatre lights are available for performances and are accessible through the Control Booth.

- The Control Booth computer is equipped for broadcasting capabilities in the Theater. Cameras, additional lights and cables are not provided and must be checked out per the normal Mass Communication procedures for class projects.

- Two wireless mics are available as well as backstage communication with the Control Booth.

- A Peavey Escort 6000 Portable Sound System is available to check out for performances as well as mics and mic stands.

- The Theatre is equipped with a baby grand piano.

- Residents are NOT allowed to make adjustments to the audio cabinet equipment.

- No food or drink except for bottled water.

- Bean bags must be moved back to the Reception Area after use and may not remain in the Theatre.

You must be trained by staff before you are allowed access to the control booth. See your staff for details. The Theatre is open during the day for general use until the last set of Resident Assistant (RA) duty rounds. Return the Theatre to its original “movie theatre” arrangement when you are done and always clean up after yourself. Vacuums are available upon request. For special projects or performances you can request to reserve the Theatre by visiting [SHSU.EDU/FAMCLIVING](http://shsu.edu/famcliving)
Collaboration Studio

In this space you will find a large conference table with 12 chairs. There is a 60” HDTV with video conference capabilities and a conference phone. This space is ideal for group projects, meetings and discussions. A laptop and special mic system is available for checkout specifically designed for video conferencing. Please clean up after yourself and wipe down the table if needed. All personal items and projects must be removed when you leave. First come, first serve unless reserved at SHSU.EDU/FAMCLIVING.

Recording Studio

The Recording Studio is next to the Digital Studio and is available for recording and sound dubbing. The software “Multi-Track” and “Audacity” is available on the i-Mac in the Digital Studio. The Creative Community has limited equipment for checkout (mics, mic stands etc.).

Digital Studio

The Digital Studio consists of two PCs and two i-Macs. Each computer has access to the Adobe Creative Cloud software.

Rehearsal Studio with Dance Floor

Rehearsal space can be used by all FAMC CC residents on a first come, first served basis, but can also be reserved through the online booking system by visiting SHSU.EDU/FAMCLIVING. The space includes a Harlequin sprung dance floor, portable tap dance floors, mirrors, portable ballet bar, seating, and a Bose Bluetooth speaker that can be checked out from the staff. Foot wear appropriate for the dance floor is required.
Practice Studios

Three sound-isolated practice studios come with an upright piano or electronic keyboard. Both the VAE Studio and the Practice studios operate on a first come, first served basis. However, they can be reserved through the online system at SHSU.EDU/FAMCLIVING.

Stairs to Nowhere

This is a perfect place to quietly get some work done, or relax and chat while “Pepper” the Cat watches over you. No sleeping is allowed (Pepper does not approve of catnapping). Bottled water only.

Bathrooms & Hydration Station

Bathrooms are located by the Control Booth. Outside the bathrooms you’ll find a Hydration Station. Please use and reuse water bottles.
Programming Designed with YOU in Mind

Programs are designed around each of the majors within the Fine Arts and Mass Communication College (Art, Dance, Music, Theatre/Musical Theatre and Mass Communication). One of the advantages of living in the Creative Community is having the opportunity to experience programming in your discipline as well as other disciplines. Take the opportunity to experience as much as you can. Look for digital signage publicity and emails with specific information on programs that will be presented this year. Note that the FAMC Creative Community has limited equipment. The equipment is designed to assist residents with their class projects, rehearsals or productions within the Creative Community. Equipment can be checked in or out during scheduled office hours each weekday or by the RA on duty. Office hours are posted near the main office in the lobby. Equipment will not be checked in or out after midnight each night and must be prearranged with the Resident Advisor (RA) on weekend duty. Please be mindful that residents will be accountable for equipment damaged due to misuse or negligence.

FAMC Creative Community Hall Council

You have an opportunity to become directly involved in the social programming for your community through Hall Council. You can be a member or run for an officer position. The Hall Council works closely with the staff to coordinate programs and activities within the community. Let your Residence Hall Director (RHD) know if you are interested.

Studio Reservation

Most areas in the Creative Community work on a first come, first serve basis. However, some areas can be reserved for special events. All reservations must be made by Belvin residents and must be associated with your academics. Approved reservations will have priority over non-reservation use. Reservations will be displayed on the digital signage in the Reception Area. If you would like to reserve the theatre, you need to complete a Theatre Reservation Form with a detailed description of your project. Most reservations will also require you to schedule a meeting with a Graduate Assistant (GA) to discuss your request. Make sure you read all guidelines associated with each form before submission. The forms can be filled out online by visiting SHSU.EDU/FAMCLIVING.

* No reservation is valid until you have an email confirmation from a GA.
Contact Us

All Inquiries can be sent to: BelvinFAMC@SHSU.edu or speak to your Residence Hall Director (RHD), Resident Advisor (RA) or Graduate Assistant (GA).

| Staff Office Phone       | 936-294-4022 |
| RA Rm G-2 Phone         | 936-294-4002 |
| RA Rm 202 Phone         | 936-294-3235 |
| RA Rm 302 Phone         | 936-294-3236 |
| FAMC Reception Desk Phone | 936-294-2612 |
| RHD Office Phone        | 936-294-3241 |
| RA Rm 119 Phone         | 936-294-2614 |
| RA Rm 219 Phone         | 936-294-4508 |
| RA Rm 317 Phone         | 936-294-4005 |
| GA Office Phone         | 936-294-2613 |

Feedback / Suggestions / Equipment Issues

We are always looking for ways to improve the Creative Community. Your feedback and suggestions are important to us. Please email your feedback or suggestions to BelvinFAMC @shsu.edu. In addition, we ask that you notify the staff immediately of any equipment or maintenance issues within the Creative Community. Timely notification will help us ensure that the Community is always operating at its best.