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Dear Residents of Munson, JBKO, Fulbright, and Madison Halls:

As we approach Fall Move-in 2011, we want to provide you with an update on the exciting recent developments regarding the construction of the new Science and Engineering Hall (SEH) near your residence hall. As you may have heard, this new teaching and laboratory facility will be located on the site of the former University Parking Garage (UPG) and Building K (both between 22nd, 23rd, H, and I Streets, NW). Demolition of the buildings began this summer and will continue into the fall when excavation begins and continues through the rest of the next academic year. We expect completion of this project in late-2014.

As you can imagine, residents living near this site will experience some noise and other inconveniences as a result of this construction activity – *especially during the upcoming demolition activities*. While we apologize in advance for these disturbances and are working with our contractors to minimize (to the extent possible) the impact to neighboring buildings, we also realize that creating a world-class research facility like the Science and Engineering Hall will require all of us to be patient during the upcoming phases of campus development.

All demolition and construction work will occur during hours permitted by the District of Columbia for construction: *Monday to Saturday, between 7am-7pm*, except in special/pre-approved circumstances (which will be announced to surrounding residence halls when possible) and/or emergency situations. We are also working with the contractors to schedule, to the extent possible, especially noisy work to begin later in the morning. Our goal is to start such exceptionally noisy activities (like jackhammering) after 8 a.m. on weekdays and after 9:00 am on Saturdays. To be clear, work will occur on site beginning at 7:00 am, but we are making our best effort to delay the start of some noisy construction activities.

We will continue to update you throughout the fall on this project's progress, including several informational sessions in your residence hall lobby early in the semester that will be advertised in advance. We also invite you to follow construction activity at the university's neighborhood website: www.neighborhood.gwu.edu/cd.

Thank you, in advance, for your patience. Your cooperation will greatly contribute to the success of this endeavor and will help enhance GW's prestige as a world-class research university. If you have questions before move-in, please contact talktogw@gwu.edu.

Sincerely,

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