

Culture and Heritage Houses  
Usage Report  
July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017  
FY2017



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Between 2006 and 2011, Washington State University established a set of cultural centers on the Pullman campus called the Culture and Heritage Houses. Each of the Houses is dedicated to the art, history, and culture of a different community of color: African/African Americans, Chicano/Latinos, Native Americans, and Asian/Pacific Islanders.

They provide administrative office space for the Office of Equity and Diversity, and they offer event space for seminars, workshops, potlucks, group meetings, and community gatherings. Each house contains collections of art, books, and artifacts related to its ethnic theme. They have hosted the ribbon cutting for the Pullman Historic District, cultural celebrations, welcome picnics, alumni gatherings, and more. Everyone is welcome in all of the Culture and Heritage Houses.

All four of the Culture and Heritage Houses are beautiful, historic buildings that were first constructed in the 1920's and 1930's. They are fully furnished and feature all brick construction, hardwood floors, full kitchens, fireplaces, wireless internet, and open space for events and gatherings. On NE B Street, where three of the Houses are located, the site has a secluded, park-like atmosphere with attractively landscaped lawns and ample green-space.

The Culture and Heritage Houses were established to:

- Assist in the development of diverse learning communities in the College Hill neighborhood
- Preserve and promote learning and appreciation of African American, Chicano/Latino, Native American, and Asian/Pacific Islander culture and history
- Provide a central location for collections of books, art, films, and artifacts that highlight the experiences of African American, Chicano/Latino, Native American, and Asian/Pacific Islander peoples
- Create a comfortable learning environment that fosters inclusion and intercultural understanding for university personnel and the larger community

To this end, this report summarizes fiscal year 2017 usage and revenue received for Washington State University.

Registered Student Organizations and University Colleges, Departments, and Offices which scheduled their events or hosted overnight guests were:

- Academic Success and Career Center
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity
- Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Colony

- Asian American and Pacific Islander Student Center
- Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life
- The Lovely Sisterhood of Chi Delta Sigma Sorority, Inc. (2)
- Chicano/a Latino/a Student Center (2)
- College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences
- Culture and Heritage Houses (5)
- Department of Anthropology (4)
- Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (2)
- Department of English (2)
- Department of Fine Arts (2)
- Department of Foreign Languages and Cultures (2)
- Department of Horticulture
- Destino (10)
- Diversity Education (6)
- Diversity Education, Social Justice Peer Educator Program (94)
- Division of Student Affairs
- Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority, Inc.
- Housing & Residence Life (6)
- Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. (5)
- Lambda Theta Alpha Sorority, Inc. (6)
- Mariachi Palomas de Palouse
- Middle Eastern Student Association
- Panhellenic Association Council (3)
- Native American Programs (8)
- Native American Women's Association (2)
- Office of Equity & Diversity
- Office of International Programs
- Office of Multicultural Student Services
- Office of Student Involvement (2)
- Regents Hall Government
- Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program (3)
- School of Biological Sciences
- School of Earth Sciences
- School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences
- School of the Environment (5)
- Paul G. Allen School for Global Animal Health
- Scott/Coman Hall Government
- Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Inc. (2)

- Stimson Hall Government
- Students United for Progress
- Team Mentoring Program
- TRIO Student Support Services (2)
- United Greek Association (2)
- Vietnamese Student Association

Total WSU Groups: **48**

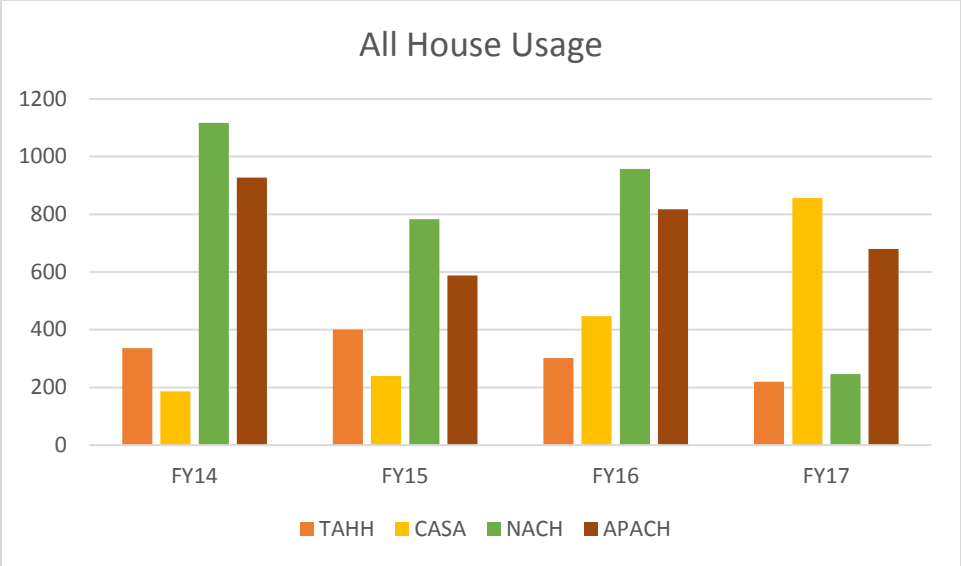
The Culture and Heritage Houses are open to the community and in fiscal year 2017, the following community members either hosted an event or stayed as overnight guests:

- K. Johnson: Dad's Weekend
- S. Alvarez: May graduation
- D. Abraham: May graduation

Total Community: **3**

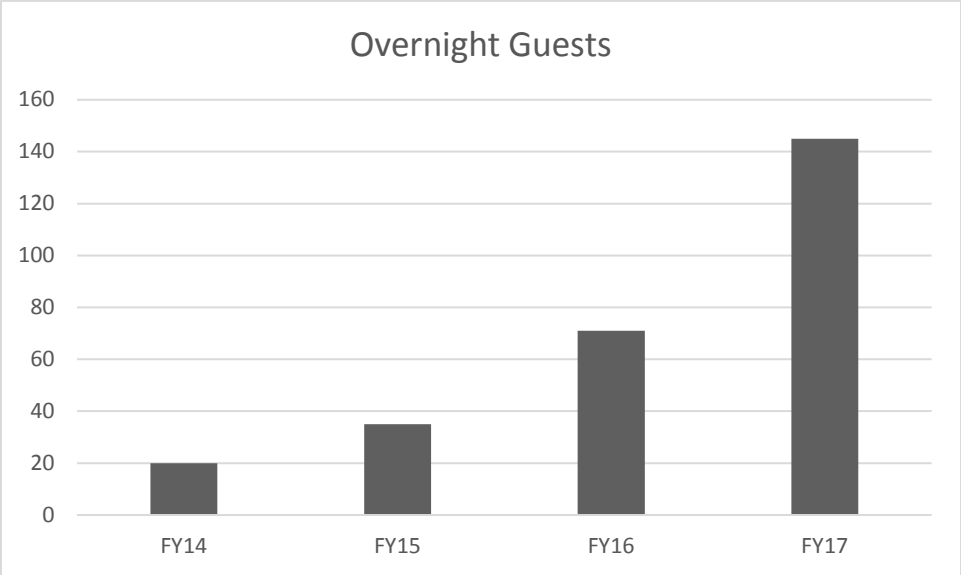
Total usage declined this academic year from last year. Contributing factors were that two of the houses were closed for two months (one in the fall and the other in the winter) due to repairs and Pullman experienced a harsh winter which led to higher than expected cancellations.

All Houses Usage	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
July	60	34	30	10
August	300	117	132	85
September	460	181	355	280
October	427	421	302	317
November	181	246	499	350
December	185	114	154	115
January	113	232	164	117
February	191	236	214	193
March	196	61	168	185
April	142	280	435	227
May	207	65	57	90
June	86	20	14	33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2548</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2524</b>	<b>2002</b>



Total overnight guests increased due to a number of organizations hosting overnight retreats.

Overnight Guests	Totals
FY14	20
FY15	35
FY16	71
FY17	145



The Culture and Heritage Houses collect revenue for overnight stays, studio leases, and events scheduled by community members. Adhering to the initial objective of assisting in the development of diverse learning communities in the College Hill neighborhood, WSU organizations, groups and departments are not charged for events, meetings, potlucks or overnight retreats. While the Culture and Heritage Houses do not operate at a profit, we do have a revenue stream and for FY2017, we did not keep pace with FY2016. Again, attributing factors were the higher than expected cancellations due to the harsh winter and the fact that two houses were closed for two months due to repairs. These factors also attribute to a low number of leases for the fiscal year. A positive is that the amount for overnight stays did exceed the previous year.

	<b>FY15</b>	<b>FY16</b>	<b>FY17</b>
<b>Apartment Lease</b>	\$4,297.83	\$6,522.70	\$1,745.00
<b>Donations</b>	\$200.00		
<b>Events</b>		\$200.00	\$115.00
<b>Overnight Stays</b>	\$7,490.00	\$9,340.00	\$9,753.24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,987.83</b>	<b>\$16,062.70</b>	<b>\$11,613.24</b>

Due to the opening of the Elson S. Floyd Cultural Center in August 2017, it is unclear if usage will stay the same, decrease or increase for FY2018. As of October 2017, the Culture and Heritage Houses continue to serve the WSU community and are operating with numbers comparable to this time of year during FY17.