Saturday, January 15, 2022 5:00PM
Thompson/Moore Residential Halls were inspected by FCS, Facilities Management, Housing and Campus Safety to ensure safety measures before students were allowed to enter. Staff members were responsible for escorting students in and out of the building.

After the green light, in a concerted effort, the student body, facilities / dining, student organizations, football team, greeks, faculty/staff, parents, alumni and community members volunteered to assist in relocating students to other residence halls.

The Department of Housing and Residence Life professional staff, graduate assistants and resident assistants also were available to help the residents by providing encouragement and moral support. The housing team was instrumental in coordinating a seamless relocation process to ensure that the residents were able to have a smooth transition as well as, to retrieve their essential personal belongings from the building.

Friday, January 14, 2022 (UPDATE) 2:33AM

Restoration is underway after a Friday evening dryer fire at Thompson Hall on the campus of Bethune-Cookman University. No one was injured and all occupants were evacuated safely. The building remains intact and suffered primarily water damage to several locations. Uninformed social media postings of more serious damage were incorrect; the building nor its ceiling collapsed.

First Choice Services (FCS), a restoration services provider, has already begun restoring the building by removing water and ceiling tiles that resulted from the fire sprinklers which came on as they were designed to do. First Choice Services is working to restore power and to back pump the elevator shafts as well. Dehumidifiers and air scrubbers are being used to dry the building.

All students were relocated to other residence halls late Friday night. In addition, residents received bed linen, toilettes, and towels to help with their personal needs.

Friday, January 14, 2022
Media Alert
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An electric clothes dryer caught fire on the third floor of Thompson Hall on campus at Bethune Cookman University at 8:05 p.m., Friday, January 14, 2022. No one was injured and about 135 students were evacuated from the building. At the time of the fire, the building’s sprinkler system came on, flooding all three floors in the building. The building suffered internal damage and remains standing. The roof did not collapse. Power has been shut off. Students will be relocated to other housing areas on campus. Officials will determine on Saturday when students can return to the building.