RESIDENCE LIFE
Your Place to Live and Learn
ABOUT KRC

THE KENAI RIVER CAMPUS of the Kenai Peninsula College is an extension of the University of Alaska Anchorage located on the Kenai River between Kenai and Soldotna.

With an enrollment of 2,200 students, KRC provides quality, small classroom instruction and individual support in a rural setting known for its wildlife, camping, hiking, biking, kayaking, rafting, boating and fishing.

As an additional support to students, the Kenai River Campus also offers residential services to students with the opening of a new 92 bed residence hall in August 2013.

At the center of residential services is the KPC Residence Life Program.
WHY LIVE ON CAMPUS?  When students connect what they are learning to their own personal experiences, learning becomes a unique journey toward self-awareness.

KPC’s Residence Life program provides students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in this journey. Within small, tight-knit, living-learning communities, students are able to find the foundation on which to explore their college experience.

Recognizing that learning is deepest when it is personal, Residence Life utilizes transformational learning experiences to help students connect what they are learning inside and outside the classroom to their own lives. Through programming and individual supports, Residence Life helps students build bridges between academic learning and personal growth in a manner that produces lifelong, self-directed learners.

The academic and personal success of residential students as self-directed learners is seen by higher GPAs, deeper engagement in academic and co-curricular activities and better retention and graduation rates than students living off campus.

"Living with your classmates, making new friends, and getting to be part of all the extra-curricular activities at the Residence Hall is great. Plus, I don’t have to warm my truck and drive to class...I just walk across the street!"

Zack Moore, AA Student
Eagle River
WHAT IS THE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE?

Full-time students spend an average of:

- 15 hours a week in Class
- 45 hours a week Studying
- 20 hours a week Working
- 42 hours a week Sleeping

What do they do for the remaining 44 hours a week?

They live their college experience!!!

RESIDENCE LIFE IS NOT JUST ABOUT GIVING STUDENTS A PLACE TO SLEEP AND STUDY. ITS ABOUT:

- Being part of a community of learners and teachers.
- Gaining leadership experience.
- Promoting respect for cultural and social diversity.
- Building lifelong relationships.
- Exploring new interests and ideas.
- And much, much more.

‘I really enjoy living in the tight-knit, supportive community. I feel like I have found my place.’

Sean McBride, NDS Kenai
THE RESIDENCE LIFE TEAM

The Residence Life team is committed to empowering students to shape their own college experiences in positive ways and find the academic success they seek by bringing together the elements of living and learning in a safe and supportive environment.

KPC’s Residence Life program offers small communities of 16 students within the residence hall. Each community is supported by a Resident Assistant, a specially trained student staff, who lives within the community and maintains the primary responsibilities of helping the students build a strong sense of community, providing assistance and resources to the students any time of day or night and offering students a choice of stimulating activities and events to complement their education.

There are a total of six small communities within the residence hall that are supported by the Residence Life Coordinator. The Residence Life Coordinator is a full-time, professional staff who also lives within the residence hall and supervises the Resident Assistants. As a member of the community, the Residence Life Coordinator assists students and staff by bringing the smaller communities together within the residence hall and providing students with opportunities to develop leadership, interpersonal, critical thinking and important life skills through programs, activities and individual interactions.

‘The Halloween dance was a blast... I should have won the costume contest. It’s times like that when res life is the best. Its fun, the staff is helpful, and you can do your own thing when you want. It’s epic…’

Douglas McFresh, AA Student
Nikiski
Pick Your Community: Residence Life offers students several choices of communities to join. Students can choose to live in one of our themed living learning communities or can choose to live in a community where they establish their own community theme.

Process Tech and Instrumentation: The Process Tech and Instrumentation Living Learning Community is a unique community to the Kenai Peninsula College. As a community of learners, Process Tech and Instrumentation students who reside in the Living Learning community are given unique opportunities to expand their learning outside of the classroom through natural dialogue, study groups, guest speakers, faculty lead discussions and other activities.

Alaska Native Community: The Alaska Native Community is designed to give Alaska Native students the opportunity to develop their own college experiences in a way that fits them best. Students will live, study and build relationships within a small, tight-knit supportive community that supports Native Ways of Knowing and promotes Native Values as they pursue their academic goals.

Academic Excellence: The Academic Excellence Community is a community of students who reside with a faculty member. The faculty member hosts regular discussions and activities designed to engage students outside of the classroom, assist students in creating roadmaps to achieving their academic and personal goals and provides unique educational opportunities throughout the academic year.

Don’t forget to pick your roommates. If you want to live with friends, simply indicate who you would like to live with on your housing application and residence life staff will do their best to match you up.
APARTMENT LIVING Students who reside on campus will have a private room in a fully furnished four bedroom/two bathroom apartment and full access to all the building amenities.
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