Residential Life | Professional Staff

Central Staff

Tom Huelsbeck, Associate Dean for Campus Life, Executive Director of Residential Life Tom provides leadership for the Residential Life department; areas of emphasis include overseeing budget, facilities management, housing operations, and emergency procedures. Direct reports to Tom include: Director of Residential Programs, Residential Life Facilities Coordinator and Office Supervisor, and Residential Operations Coordinator. Tom also provides leadership for Campus Safety. He reports to the Vice President for Student Life.

Jes Takla, Director of Residential Programs Jes supervises the Resident Directors and provides oversight for the residential learning communities, co-curricular programming, assessment, marketing, and professional development and training.

Rebecca Rumpza, Residential Life Facilities Coordinator, Office Supervisor Rebecca manages the Residential Life Central Office and oversees departmental budgets. She supervises the Senior Office Assistant as well as the Central Office Front Desk Student Staff.

Dana McDonald, Residential Operations Coordinator Dana coordinates all housing operations, including housing assignments for the academic year and during transitional periods.

Ginny Cooper, Senior Office Assistant for Residential Life Ginny assists with the Central Staff Office management as well as serves as the Residential Life Web deputy.

Resident Directors

Joe Harper Kowalczyk, Foss & Pflueger Halls Joe oversees Foss and Pflueger Halls including supervising a staff of 16 Resident Assistants (RAs). Foss is home to the First in the Family residential learning community focusing on support for first generation students. Joe is in his third year and final year at PLU.

Melissa Williams, Harstad Hall Melissa oversees the Harstad Women’s Empowerment and Gender Equity residential learning community, including supervising a staff of 8 RAs. Melissa is in her first year at PLU.

Kat Slaby, Hong & Hinderlie Halls Kat oversees Hong International Hall and Hinderlie Community for Creative Expression residential learning communities, including supervising an RA staff of 12. Hinderlie is home to one of two new Gender Neutral Housing wings (the other located in Tingelstad). Kat is in her second year at PLU.

Allison Carroll, South & Kreidler Halls Allison oversees South and Kreidler Halls for upper division students, supervising a staff of 6 Community Assistants (CAs). The Kreidler Community is a new community this year focusing on collaboration with Student Involvement and Leadership to provide resources for commuter, veteran, transfer, and non-traditional students. Allison is in her third and final year at PLU.

Mercy Daramola, Ordal & Stuen Halls Mercy oversees Ordal and Stuen Halls, supervising a staff of 14. This year, Stuen has been off-line in order to complete seismic renovations, so Mercy has been working on Residential Life marketing. Mercy is in her second year at PLU.

Dan Hammerquist, Tingelstad Hall Dan oversees Tingelstad, PLU’s largest residence hall (and the tallest building in the Parkland area), supervising a staff of 16 RAs. Tingelstad is home to one of two new Gender Neutral Housing wings (the other located in Hinderlie). Dan is in his first year at PLU.