### SIGN UP NOW

Apply early! Assignments are made in the order they are received. Make your \$200 enrollment deposit online at www.plu.edu/bealute.



Housing notifications are sent via email within 30 days of submitting your housing application.

### **Residency Requirement**

PLU requires full-time students to live on campus unless

- Living at home with a parent, spouse or child within 25 driving miles of PLU. (notarized form required); or
- 20+ years old before Sept. 1 (fall) or Feb. 1 (spring); or
- Junior status (60+ credit hours completed) on or before Sept. 1 (fall) or Feb. 1 (spring).

### Meal plans

Students living in the traditional residence halls are assigned Meal Plan B. For more information and to see other available plans, visit www.plu.edu/dining.

### Need-based special housing

Modified living options are available for students with disabilities and extenuating medical needs (supplemental documentation is required).

"Jazz is all about connecting with everyone from the other 'cats' to the audience. Ordal definitely has the same feel. There is an incredible bond within the family and anyone feel they belong."

(First-Year student, Resident of Ordal Hall)

## LIVING ON CAMPUS

Not just an address. It's an experience.



## **GET INVOLVED** IN LEADERSHIP AND TRADITIONS

Residence Hall Association (RHA) supports student growth through programming and provides representation and advocacy for residential students.

Residence Hall Councils (RHCs) comprise representative student leaders who plan social and educational programs to build community. Each hall's RHC decorates the hall by annual theme to welcome students at move in and hosts an annual campus-wide, signature event.



Every year, Athletic teams help students move in!

### **QUESTIONS?**

Contact Residential Life at 253-535-7200 or *rlif@plu.edu*.

"We love living in Harstad because it's a home in which we can empower each other to be strong and beautiful women."

(FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS, RESIDENTS OF HARSTAD HALL)



HIGHER GPAs
At PLU from 2011-15, first-year students who lived on campus earned an average of 3.10 GPA. compared to 2.87 for students who lived off campus.

3.10 GPA



2.87 GPA **OFF-CAMPUS** 

### **RESIDENTIAL LEARNING** COMMUNITIES (RLCs)

Students who participate in RLCs, especially those that have a linked course, have increased:

- Critical thinking and academic
- Faculty and peer interactions
- Sense of belonging and satisfaction
- Diversity awareness and openness to new ideas



# HIGHER GRADUATION RATES

HIGHER RETENTION RATES

came the following fall at a rate

nearly 15 percent higher than

students living off campus.

From fall 2010 to fall 2015, students

who lived at PLU their first semester

Since fall 2005, first-year students who lived on campus for four or more semesters graduated from PLU at a higher rate than students who never lived on 🙏

All PLU students are encouraged to live on campus for these value-added outcomes; however, if living on campus is not possible, please contact **Commuter** and Transfer Student Connections (ctsc@plu.edu) for resources and support.

**Applications and information available at** PLU.EDU/RESIDENTIAL-LIFE

# WELCOME HOME

PLU RESIDENTIAL LIFE

# **RESIDENTIAL LIFE PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY**

"Being with people who have an interest in social justice and understand me gave me a judgmentfree environment that really helped me build great friendships and get a sense of community

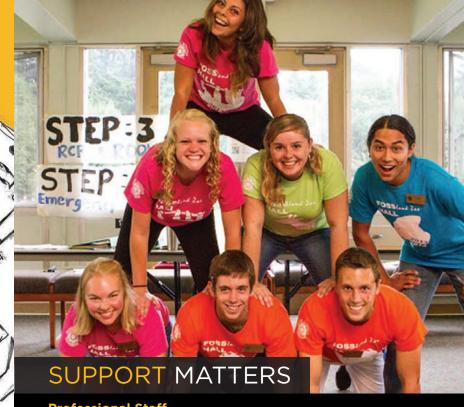
- Kennedy (First-Year Student, Resident of Stuen Hall, Participant in Fall 2016 Linked **FYEP Writing 101** Course)

on campus."



### WELCOME HOME

At PLU, we say "residence halls" because they are SO much more than dorms.



Each hall has a live-in, professional Resident Director (RD).

Resident Assistants (RAs) and Community Assistants (CAs) are trained student leaders who live in the halls and serve as peer mentors to support diverse communities.

Roommates are matched by a person, not a computer.



all 2015 Linked FYEP

### MAP LEGEND

**Residential Learning Communities (RLCs)** are an integral component of the PLU experience, adding to the learning that happens in the classroom and beyond.

Icons with black text on white square indicate these types of wings exist in this residence hall. icons with white text on black square indicate this RLC is throughout the entire residence hall.

- **fy** First-Year Wings For first-year students, staffed by returning student leaders (RAs) to assist in the transition to PLU and the Parkland/Tacoma community.
- ntrt
  New Transfer and Returner Wings For new transfer and continuing students (second year and beyond) with programming centered around academic support and major/career exploration.
- Upper Division Halls: Transitioning to the Future/Career Preparation For students who are 20+ years or who have 60+ credits, these communities promote an independent living experience to support post-collegiate transition.
- Kreidler Community Lounge For upper-division transfer, commuter and veteran students, this community is located in the Kreidler main lounge and is programmed in conjunction with the Diversity Center.
- Transfer Wings (in Kreidler) For upper-division transfer students (both new and continuing) who want a transfer student-focused living community.

### Basics

- First-year students guaranteed housing
- Single rooms available for sophomores, juniors and seniors
- Space reserved in each hall for new students

**Amenities:** Extra-long twin beds, desks, chairs, dressers, closets, wireless internet, cable television, TV and study lounges, pianos, bike storage, laundry facilities, kitchen, recreation areas, front desks and mailboxes.

Visit *plu.edu/residential-life* to view floor plans and pictures.



"Being the first to go to college was scary for me until I got to PLU. I met people who also identified [as first in the family], and it made things easier as I transition to life here. I'm not alone. I enjoy being with my newfound friends."

- Francisco (Sophomore Student, Former Resident of First in the Family Community, Participant in Fall 2015 Linked PSYC 113 Course)



### Hinderlie Hall

**Kreidler Hall** 

Center

Fire and Ice

All single rooms

RHC signature event:

and veteran students

Focus on transfer, commuter

Programmed with Diversity

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- RHC signature event: Toga Party
- Two pianos Linked courses for first-year students

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### Ordal Hall

- RHC signature event: Casino Night
- Recently renovated; card access to rooms
- Linked course option for firstyear students in Lavendar Community

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MAP LEGEND, (RLCs) cont.

dis Diversity, Justice and Sustainability Hall (in Stuen)

in their family to attend college

identify as people of color

action and leadership

For students interested in gaining an increased

All first-year residents in Stuen will co-enroll in a

understanding of their cultural identities while learning

how to create positive change in their communities.

linked FYEP\* writing 101 section on the topic of social

justice. Community comprises three themed floors in

• First in the Family Wings For students who are first

• Students of Color Wings For students who self-

students interested in social and environmental

Environmental and Social Justice Wings For

gih Gender Inclusive Housing Wings (in Hinderlie, Ordal

and Tingelstad) For students who want a gender

inclusive living experience. Features gender inclusive

available for students for whom sex assigned at birth

bathrooms that have enhanced privacy (open to all

users). Single rooms and gender inclusive rooms

**Hall** Community for women-identified residents with a focus on gender equity. First-year residents can opt into a linked FYEP\* writing 101 section on the topic of gender equity.

hcce Hinderlie Community for Creative Expression Hall For students interested in a co-curricular focus on creativity and expression across all disciplines. All first-year

and expression across all disciplines. All first-year residents co-enroll in a linked FYEP\* writing 101 section on the topic of creativity.

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Hong International Hall For students who are interested in a global study focus, Hong offers language-immersion (Chinese, French, German, Norwegian, Spanish) and International Honors (IHON) wings. All non-IHON first-year residents co-enroll in a linked FYEP\* writing 101 section on the topic of global engagement.

Lavender Community (in Ordal) For students who are interested in exploration of LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, +) identities through conversations, activities, and reflection. First-year residents will have the opportunity to opt-into a linked FYEP\* writing 101 section on the topic of social justice. Community located in Ordal Hall in the Gender Inclusive

**STEM House (in Tingelstad)** For students interested in co-curricular learning about STEM (science, technology, engineering and/or mathematics). All first-year residents co-enroll in a linked (FYEP) writing 101 section on the topic of the sciences.

Wellness House (in Tingelstad) For students interested in conversations and activities that promote and sustain healthy lifestyles, including transitioning to college in a way that develops healthy habits around mindfulness, diet, exercise, substance use, time management and mental health. All first-year residents co-enroll in a linked writing 101 section on the topic of wellness

\* First Year Experience Program



### Hong Hall

- RHC signature event: Discoteca
- PLU's original RLC founded in 2004
- Home to PLU's Language
- Resource Center (LRC)

Linked course for non-IHON first-year students

## Stuen Hall • RHC sign

- RHC signature event: BBQ
- Recently renovated; card access to rooms
- Linked course for first-year students

djs (fif, soc, esj)