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The Division of Student Services at Providence College promotes the educational development of the student outside of the classroom. In addition to providing services which address the students' personal needs while attending college, these efforts include the social, cultural, and recreational resources which make for a complete college experience.

Programs and services include personal and career counseling, residential life, student health, safety and security, discipline, off-campus living, non-varsity athletics, and student activities, clubs, and organizations. Complementing student services is the Office of the Chaplain/Campus Ministry, which addresses students' spiritual growth and development.

STUDENT SERVICES

Personal Counseling Center

The Personal Counseling Center provides a safety net for students who may be dealing with stress, conflict, or other personal problems. The center offers individual counseling on a walk-in and appointment basis. In addition, the center makes available a wide range of resources including self-help literature, workshops, and counseling/support groups, as well as crisis intervention and assistance with substance abuse. All services are confidential within the limits of the law and ethics.

For more information about the center's services or to contact a counselor, go to www.providence.edu and click on Student Life > Services for Students > Personal Counseling Center.

Health Services

The College provides health services to its students during the academic year. The Student Health Center is staffed by two physicians who work part time and by registered nurses. Physicians are available to examine students during regularly scheduled office hours by appointment. When the center is closed, emergency medical services are provided by on-campus emergency medical technicians.

The center provides laboratory services but does not provide x-ray or surgical services, treatment for major illnesses, or allergy shots. The center refers students who need those services to either a local hospital or physician and students assume financial responsibility for those services.

Complete Medical Record: Incoming freshmen and transfer students must submit a complete medical record on forms supplied by the College and signed by their physicians. It is the responsibility of each student to update his or her medical records whenever there is a change in health status, insurance, or other relevant information.

For more information about the Student Health Center including contact names, office hours, mandatory insurance, a list of required immunizations, fees, or to schedule an appointment, go to www.providence.edu and click on Student Life > Services for Students > Health Center.

Students with Physical Disabilities

Providence College is committed to providing students with disabilities access to all of the academic, social, and recreational activities offered on campus. The Division of Student Services, through the coordinator for students with physical disabilities, provides the focal point for coordination and advocacy in seeking an accessible and supportive environment at Providence College.

Accessibility of classrooms is accomplished through priority scheduling. Access to other academic, social, and recreational activities offered on campus is also provided. A variety of support services, including those of the Office of Academic Services for academic needs, are available.

Specially equipped rooms in residence halls and additional rooms in the apartment complex for upperclassmen are provided to meet the needs of students with physical disabilities.

Any student requesting accommodations must present documentation from an attending physician specifying the disability and special needs to the appropriate department (i.e., Academic Services, Food Services, Student Health Center, or Office of Residence Life).

Safety and Security

The Office of Safety and Security operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year-round. The principal objective of the office is to safeguard members of the College community and to protect private and institutional property on campus. The office attempts to contribute to the smooth functioning of College community life by stressing crime prevention, the individual's obligation to take necessary precautions, the cooperation of each member of the College community to safeguard personal and College property, and the care that must be taken to comply with fire regulations.

For more information about the office's services, go to www.providence.edu and click on Student Life > Services for Students > Safety and Security.

Policy on Drug-Free Campus

Providence College, in compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989, has adopted and implemented a program to prevent the illicit use of drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employees of the College.

Providence College will impose appropriate sanctions for violation of standards. These sanctions include dismissal from the College, suspension for a fixed period of time, disciplinary probation, personal probation, referral for legal prosecution, community service, fines, referral for participating in counseling and/or education program, and such other penalties as may be determined by the College discipline officers and/or Disciplinary Board.

CAREER SERVICES

The mission of the Office of Career Services is to help students identify, enhance, and accomplish their career development, internship, job search, and educational goals in the transition from freshman year through senior year, and from college to career.

Services include a number of distinct career development and job search programs, presentations by career experts, workshops, how-to materials, and access to an extensive variety of library and online career, internship, and job search resources covering every career category.

Students may meet individually with career services advisors during "Quick Questions/Walk-In Hours" (available five days a week, and one evening) or by appointment. Students are encouraged to attend workshops and events before seeking an individual appointment.

Two service divisions operate within the Office of Career Services: the Career Planning and Internships Service focused on students before senior year, and Career Services for Seniors. Seniors may continue to use internships services and resources, although internships are best completed before senior year.

Career Planning and Internships Service focuses on the special needs and challenges of freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. It assists them in assessing career interests, their individual talents and strengths and in developing an understanding of how academic major and individual abilities relate to career options. It also helps students select majors, research employers, make linkages with alumni, make use of resources, research options for further schooling, prepare internship résumés, pursue suitable internships, and prepare for internship interviews. Selected internships are listed in our online system, eFriars. The service produces a newsletter entitled *Career Connections* to keep students informed of events, services, and internship opportunities. The overall goal of the service is to help students become prepared for the challenges of senior year and the years beyond Providence College.

Career Services for Seniors helps students link their strengths and motivations to entry jobs, or long-term career paths, or graduate and professional school programs, or all three. Services are delivered through three main systems: PC ERS - PC Entry-level Recruitment System; PC ALT - Advisement, Leads, and Tips for the Independent Job Search; and PC EPICC - PC Education for Individual Career Concerns.

PC ERS has a number of components: on-campus recruitment, alumni networking events, three career fairs on campus, recruiter presentations and panels, and a number of off-campus fairs produced in collaboration with a group of other colleges: career fairs in Boston, New York, online and a regional/national teacher fair held in Rhode Island. Job listings are also provided during senior year and after graduation. All PC ERS opportunities and events are listed in our online system, eFriars, or on collaborative online systems.

PC ALT focuses on opportunities not available through PC ERS. PC ALT produces a series of “Career and Job Search Guides” in career fields where employers seldom use campus recruiting as their main means to find candidates.

PC EPICC provides individual services appropriate to each senior’s stage in the career process, including developing a career focus and direction. EPICC also supports PC ERS and PC ALT through a “Tip Sheet” series on the job search, on job interviewing, and on the graduate and professional school application process. The service produces a newsletter entitled *Moving Ahead in Your Career*. Some editions are general and some are targeted to specific majors or to seniors from any major who have registered for a particular career target.

Internships

The Office of Career Services is the central campus resource for students interested in school-year or summer internships. Internships can be volunteer, paid, and/or for academic credit. Academic credit internships (three credits), typically 10-12 hours per week for one semester, are available to eligible juniors and seniors. Students interested in academic credit should pick up the internship booklet at the career office, and contact the academic department related to the internships (departmental internship contacts are in the booklet). Students should also meet with the internship coordinator at the career office for assistance with site development and to register the Learning Agreement Form (required for credit).

All students interested in internships should register their internship interests at the career office, use eFriars to identify listed internships, and attend internship workshops to learn how to expand their internship search beyond eFriars. The office conducts an online internship fair in the spring.

The career office has a number of library and online resources for the internships search. Students should make inquiries about how to use these resources.

For more information about school-year or summer internships, go to www.providence.edu/career and click on Students, then Internships. Students should also consult the internship section in the Academic Information section of this catalog.

Our Resources and Web Site

The Office of Career Services maintains a career library and distributes a number of free publications. Our Web page—www.providence.edu/career—keeps students informed of events and programs and provides a number of resources for self-assessment, major and career exploration, the internships search, the job search, and the graduate and professional school process. Some of our main resources are eFriars, the online system used for internships and entry-level on-campus recruiting; FriarLink, an online system for connecting to alumni for career information and advice; SIGI, a self-assessment and career focus program; our Web page section on the graduate and professional school preparation process; and a number of internship and job listing resources and links.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE

On-Campus Living

Freshmen and sophomores—with the exception of commuters and married students—are required to live on campus.

Comprised of traditional-style residence halls, apartment complexes and our new suite-style residence hall, residential living at Providence College is an *experience* that offers opportunities and choices as diverse as the student personalities who inhabit each residential facility. Types of occupancy include: single-room, two-person, three-person and four-person accommodations in the traditional residence halls; four-person, five-person and six-person accommodations in the apartments; and five-person, six-person and seven-person accommodations in the new Suites residence hall. Furthermore, each residential building—as a result of both location on campus and structural size and capacity—offers unique amenities that serves to distinguish each from each other.

Every residential building provides telephone, Internet, cable TV access, a laundry facility, and study lounge space.

The College guarantees residence for all freshmen and sophomores; juniors and seniors are not guaranteed housing, but have never been forced off campus. Freshmen are required to live in the traditional halls. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors may choose to live in the traditional residence halls, in one of five on-campus apartment complexes, or in the new Suites residence hall. Regardless of the type of residence a student chooses, each is safe, appropriately staffed, and in good repair.

Every student living on campus must make a full academic-year commitment to his or her residence. Students who wish to leave their room, apartment, or suite before the academic year is complete must make arrangements for another student not currently living on campus to take their place. Exceptions can be made only at the discretion of the vice president for student services and the dean of residence life.

For more information about on-campus living options, including contacts in the Office of Residence Life, photos and descriptions of residence halls, and housing procedures and deadlines, go to www.providence.edu and click on Student Life > Living at PC.

Traditional Residence Halls

The College has nine traditional residence halls with single, two-person, three-person, and four-person rooms. Both co-educational and single-sex residence halls provide students with diverse and dynamic opportunities in lifestyle and community living. As freshmen and sophomores are required to live on campus, they typically comprise the greater percentage of each traditional residence hall's population.

Each residence hall possesses a study lounge with ample space open for use by every member of the hall's community.

Apartment Complexes

The College has five apartment-style student residence buildings. Three buildings are comprised of six-person apartments, wherein there are three two-person bedrooms, while two buildings are comprised of four-person apartments (two bedrooms with two students per room).

All apartments provide full kitchens (including a dishwasher), are fully furnished, and are equipped with central air-conditioning and heat. For more information regarding our on-campus apartment complexes, go to www.providence.edu and click on Student Life > Living at PC.

The Suites

Providence College is proud to offer its new suite-style residence as yet another opportunity for sophomore, junior, and senior students who choose to live on campus. The suites feature two or three-person bedrooms with an adjoining common living area for combinations of four, five, six, or seven persons per suite (two to three bedrooms).

In addition to providing central air-conditioning and heat, each suite provides an efficiency-style area equipped with a 15 cu. ft. refrigerator, a microwave, a deep weld sink, and ample countertop space.

The Residence Hall Council

An open opportunity for all residents of Providence College, the Residence Hall Council is a vibrant and vital component of each residence hall. Though facilitated by the hall director of each residence community, nearly all aspects of the council, including the conducting of meetings, are managed by the residents. The Residence Hall Council is run “town-hall” style, where a new resident leader is elected by his or her community each month and encouraged to lead in-community hall council meetings. Additionally, this elected leader serves as a representative for his or her respective residence hall community at monthly all-hall council meetings, where the elected leaders for the month gather to deliberate, present proposals, and develop action plans on behalf of their entire community before a board of hall directors.

The purpose of the Residence Hall Council is to coordinate—in cooperation with residence life staff—programs, activities, and events in the halls and to represent the resident student body in various facets of on-campus living. Through its function as an open forum for ideas and creativity, it has come to serve as the launch pad for student leadership and empowerment.

Off-Campus Living

Providence College offers assistance and advice to juniors and seniors who wish to live off campus. The Office of Off-Campus Living provides students with assistance in securing off-campus accommodations and roommates. The office lists available rental property in the area and monitors the status of minimum housing code inspections. Assistance is available to students in all matters related to off-campus living, from landlord and roommate problems to legal concerns.

Each year that a junior or senior student wishes to live off campus, he or she must have permission from the dean of residence life. Students are advised to sign no leases until that permission has been granted. Graduate students, married students, and local students living with parents are exempt from this permission requirement.

All students living off campus, including commuter students, are required to notify the College of their local off-campus address along with current telephone and e-mail contact information through the Office of Off-Campus Living by the beginning of the second week of classes. For more information about off-campus living, including contacts in the Office of Off-Campus Living and useful information about everything from leases to utilities, go to www.providence.edu and click on Student Life > Living at PC > Off-Campus Living.

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN/CAMPUS MINISTRY

The chaplains, staff, and student leaders who make up the Campus Ministry team at Providence College bring together students, faculty, and staff for prayer, worship, and learning. Campus Ministry promotes the building of a genuine Christian community through a vibrant sacramental life, which includes daily and Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist and regular opportunities to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. Through its many services and programs, Campus Ministry helps students explore their faith and serve their community. The goal of Campus Ministry is to help students integrate spiritual, academic, and personal growth.

The chaplain of the College is a Dominican Friar, who together with the other chaplains and campus ministers, is responsible for the pastoral care of the entire College community. The chaplain is always available to help and support students in times of crisis or difficult decision making.

The chaplains and campus ministers reach out to students of all faiths to offer pastoral support and promote full spiritual and personal development. Recognizing the impact we can have on society by working together and sharing the gifts with which we have been blessed, Campus Ministry offers members of the College community many opportunities to work for social justice through reflection groups, prayer vigils, and direct volunteer service to the local community.

Campus Ministry also seeks to help train future leaders for society and the Church. This is done through the retreats program, as well as through lectures, workshops, and opportunities for involvement in ministry to the College faith community.

For more information about the Office of the Chaplain/Campus Ministry, including contacts, go to www.providence.edu and click on Student Life > Spiritual Life.

ACTIVITIES & ORGANIZATIONS**Student Organizations and Activities**

One of the advantages of a small college is the rich campus life with many undergraduate interests. The size of Providence College permits and engenders a warm, friendly relationship among students, faculty, and administrators.

Life for a Providence College student is much more than just a classroom and textbook experience. The College is committed to helping students learn and develop into well-rounded individuals with a wide variety of interests. The cocurricular activities at Providence College provide students with opportunities to develop, mature, and to apply in a practical way what they learn in the classroom.

The College offers hundreds of cocurricular activities including a wide selection of preprofessional and academic clubs such as the Finance Club, the Marketing Club, and the Biology Society. Students can become involved in the spiritual aspect of campus life through Campus Ministry. They can choose from several performing arts clubs and related activities including the Dance Company, the Jazz Band, and the Blackfriars Theatre, and from a broad range of language, cultural, and political clubs such as the Young Democrats and the Asian American Club.

Students who want to serve the community can choose from a number of service organizations such as Urban Action, Big Brothers/Sisters, or the Council for Exceptional Children. Or, they may join specific issues/interest clubs such as a campus branch of SOAR (Students Organized Against Racism).

For a complete list of clubs and organizations, go to www.providence.edu and click on Student Life > Student Activities > Clubs and Organizations.

The Student Congress

The Student Congress is the only organization on campus that represents the entire student body in all facets of College life. The Student Congress also has representation on various standing committees of the College. The president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary are elected annually by all students. Class officers and representatives are elected by each class. All officers serve for a one-year term. For more information about how to get involved with the Student Congress and for a list of subcommittee opportunities, go to www.providence.edu, then click on Student Life > Student Activities > Student Congress.

Board of Programers

The Board of Programers (BOP) sponsors cultural, social, and recreational programs designed to meet students' needs and to complement their academic programs. The BOP is comprised of four executive officers and approximately 40 chairpersons serving on 10 committees. Officers are elected annually by the entire student body and the chairpersons are selected by the executive committee. For more information on the Board of Programers, go to www.providence.edu, then click on Student Life > Student Activities > Board of Programers.

Slavin Center

Slavin Center, the student union, is one of the main hubs of the Providence College campus and is home to the College's many student organizations and clubs. It also houses a variety of offices and facilities that provide services to students, from the Office of Off-Campus Living and the Providence College Bookstore to the Office of Career Services and '64 Hall, which serves as a theater, cinema, ballroom, and lecture hall. The Alumni Hall Food Court is accessed through the lower level of Slavin Center. For more information about Slavin Center/Student Union, go to www.providence.edu and click on About PC > Campus Buildings > Administrative > Slavin Center.

McPhail's Entertainment Facility

Slavin Center houses McPhail's Entertainment Facility, a multipurpose student facility where students can gather throughout the week to socialize with friends, grab a snack, shoot a game of pool, or watch the big game on a wide-screen TV. A number of special entertainment offerings are promoted on a weekly basis throughout the academic year. For more information about McPhail's Entertainment Facility, go to www.providence.edu, then click on > Student Life > Student Activities > McPhail's.

Athletics

Providence College has a rich athletic tradition. The Friars play an active role in intercollegiate athletics through membership in the NCAA, ECAC, HOCKEY EAST Association, Metro Atlantic Conference, and The BIG EAST Conference.

On-campus athletic facilities include the Peterson Recreation Center, the Joe Mullaney Gymnasium in Alumni Hall, Schneider Arena, and four large field and recreational areas, including an artificial turf field for intercollegiate and recreational purposes. The College presently fields teams in the following sports for men: basketball, cross country, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, track, and swimming. Intercollegiate teams for women include basketball, cross country, field hockey, ice hockey, soccer, softball, tennis, track, swimming, and volleyball.

Intramurals, Club, and Recreational Sports

Students who wish to participate in non-varsity sports have a wide variety of intramural, club, and recreational sports to choose from at the College.

Intramural sports provide safe, physical competition in a variety of sports and skill levels and encourage respectable competition and good sportsmanship. The Intramural Athletic Board (IAB) is composed of approximately 15 students who support the Department of Intramural and Recreational Sports in organizing, scheduling, and overseeing intramural competition.

Among the sports currently offered to both men and women are: flag football, ice hockey, soccer, 3-on-3 basketball, 5-on-5 basketball, softball, and wiffleball. Coed sports include tennis, volleyball, and ultimate Frisbee. The IAB frequently hosts a number of one-day tournaments to introduce new sports for participation.

Club sports include men's and women's rugby clubs, men's volleyball, the Outdoor Adventure Club, racquetball, golf, crew, figure skating, and the Sailing Club.

Physical fitness and recreational activities are also provided based on established interest. A variety of fitness classes are conducted. Other programs which have been offered at times include self-defense and swimming lessons. The intramural and recreational sports program provides additional instructional classes as interest is expressed by suitable numbers of the campus community.

For more information about intramural and club sports, click on Student Life > Intramurals and Recreational Sports.

Peterson Recreation Center

The Peterson Recreation Center is the hub of all intramural athletics and recreational activity at Providence College. Opened in 1980, the center is available for use by all members of the College community. It is home to the Begley Arena, the Cuddy Racquetball Complex, and the Taylor Natatorium, a 25-meter pool with outdoor patio.

The Begley Arena, featuring five multi-purpose courts within a perimeter 200-meter running track, accommodates basketball, volleyball, tennis, indoor soccer, and other uses. The Cuddy Racquetball Complex has three courts with observation windows and a dance studio where both academic dance classes and recreational fitness classes are taught. The Peterson Center also hosts a cardio/Nautilus equipment room containing exercise bikes, treadmills, and elliptical machines, in addition to a second weight room providing free weights and benches, as well as plate-loaded and selectorized equipment.

Alumni Hall-Joe Mullaney Gymnasium

Alumni Hall is the home of Joe Mullaney Gymnasium, which has a 2,620-seat capacity and serves as home court for the women's basketball and volleyball teams. It also serves as the practice court for the men's basketball team. It provides offices for the athletics and military science departments. It also houses strength and conditioning facilities, a food court, and other learning and training facilities.

Friar Fitness Center

Scheduled to be opened in September 2007, the Friar Fitness Center will be a 23,000-square-foot addition to the Peterson Recreation Center and Alumni Hall. It will feature a three-story glass atrium, 11,500 square feet of space on the first level for cardiovascular and aerobic equipment, 4,600 square feet of space on the second level for cardiovascular and aerobic equipment, and 2,700 square feet of space on the second level for free weights.

Friar Field Hockey and Lacrosse Complex

The Friar Field Hockey and Lacrosse Complex is a new artificial turf facility that opened in September 2005. This multi-million-dollar facility serves as the home of the Friar field hockey and lacrosse teams. It also is used by intramural teams. Located beneath the complex is the 101-car Peterson Garage.

Schneider Arena

The Schneider Arena, with a seating capacity of 3,030, is the home of the Friar hockey teams. The arena provides student activities such as ice skating and intramural hockey.