



FYRE

First Year Residential Experience

The **FYRE (First Year Residential Experience)** program is structured to create learning opportunities in the residence hall allowing students to take full advantage of the programs designed to promote a successful transition. FYRE initiatives are unique to the first-year experience at KSU and are designed to complement the many services currently available to these students at KSU. As a result, the FYRE program will be implemented and evaluated on these learning outcomes:

- Students will develop an awareness of self as it relates to interacting within a diverse residential community.
- Students will acquire skills that support their development as well-rounded, independent adults and engaged global citizens.
- Students will identify and develop skills that will support academic achievement and degree attainment.
- Students will demonstrate the knowledge and value of campus resources, services, and opportunities by utilizing them to aid in a successful transition to the campus community.



Residence Life programming focuses on four dimensions called **OWLS**. These four dimensions are designed to intentionally develop an environment that values learning, promotes integrity, respects individual differences and encourages communication.

- O** Outreach & On-Campus Partners
- W** Wisdom & Wellness
- L** Lifestyle & Leadership
- S** Social & Self-Concept

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Sunday, August 16th
University Village Suites

Every 30 minutes from 12:00 to 4:00 pm

Programs will be held every 30 minutes on topics such as:

- How to do laundry
- How to cook in on-campus kitchens
- How to submit maintenance requests through the Resident Portal
- How to have a great, but safe, social life at KSU and in Atlanta
- How to be successful in college classes and find them

A detailed schedule including locations will be handed out during check-in.

FIRST-YEAR CONVOCATION

Sunday, August 23rd, 3:00 pm at the Convocation Center

Meet your RA at 2:45pm to walk together to the convocation. The floor or building with the highest attendance percentage wins a pizza party. See your RA for details.

Opening Weekend Get In Gear Events

August 14th

6:00 pm UVS 3000, KP 100, 200, & D Floor Mtgs.
10:30 pm Slice of Residence Life, Suites Atrium

August 15th

6:00 pm UVS 4000 & UV 2000 Floor Mtgs.
9:00 pm Movie Night: Fast & Furious, Clubhouse Yard

August 16th

Noon Welcome to the Neighborhood (see below)
8:30 pm Test Your Fortune, Panda Style!, Village Center

August 17th

8:30 am Wake Up KSU!, Bridge near UV 5000

For the full Get In Gear line-up, please visit:
<http://www.kennesaw.edu/residencelife/GIGFall09.pdf>

RESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP & INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Department of Residence Life provides many leadership opportunities that are exclusive for our residential students.

Community Councils

The Community Councils are student organizations that exist within each residential community. The overall mission of these organizations is to help build community and make sure that each resident's voice is heard. Three councils are available for first-year students to participate: KP Council (KPC), UV Council (UVC), and UVS Council (UVSC). Recruitment and elections for the community councils will be held during the first few weeks of the Fall semester.

- August 17 - 21st: Recruitment
- August 23 - September 4th: Elections

Please see you RA, CRL, or email reslife@kennesaw.edu if you are interested in working with your community council. Please include your email, contact number, and where you will be living in the fall.

Residence Hall Association (RHA)

All of the Community Councils constitute the Residence Hall Association, which serves as the umbrella organization for the councils. RHA assists residents in programming and ensuring the well-being of the residents in their respective communities. RHA is comprised of an executive board and senators who represent each community. Senators will be appointed by each community council. **The first General Assembly meeting of 2009-2010 is September 21st at 5:00pm. The location will be announced soon.**

Like what you see? Become an RA!

Resident assistant selection for 2010 - 2011 will begin in November. Applications will be available on **November 16, 2009**. Please watch our web site, www.kennesaw.edu/residencelife, for more information. Can you make the cut?

FIRST-YEAR COMMUNITY STAFF - "The FYRE-starters"

While the Department of Residence Life employs 70 resident assistants across campus, 38 of them are trained to specifically address the unique needs of first-year residents. The list below represents our staff community of FYRE-starters.

University Village Suites 3000

Justin Koonz, Coordinator of Residence Life

Resident Assistants

Jessica Baker	David Berger	Jared Campenella
Elizabeth Cogburn	Steven Damron	Zach Hein
Josh Hughes	Chloe Jondahl	Diana Manolsecu
Elizabeth Olusoga	Mannie Rivers	Sam Seaman
Kayla Thompson	Jace White	

University Village Suites 4000

Natalie Reckard, Coordinator of Residence Life

Resident Assistants

Blake Bagwell	Justina Baumgart	Bethany Blumenshine
Jason Collins	Alex Goran	Katie Hope
Jenny Leach	William Morrissey	David Moye
Berlinda Osias	Andre Williams	

University Village 2000

Mindy Coleman, Coordinator of Residence Life

Resident Assistants

Lauren Devore	Zack Desmarais
Bethany Downey	Jameson Curnick
Caitlin Pennington	Marquis Montgomery
Marissa Jasso	Lauren Nimmons
Danielle Petrowski	Edward Williams III

KSU Place

Kimberly Raspberry, Coordinator of Residence Life

Resident Assistants

Shellie Floyd	Micaela McGee
Shannon Roche	

UPCOMING 2009 - 2010 FYRE PROGRAMS

First-Year Advising in the UV Suites - Fridays / Fall 2009
Five Days of Fright - October 2009
Ice Formal - Spring 2010

Midnight Breakfasts - Finals 2009 & 2010
Fall Fest - November 2009
Field Day - March 2010

MORE TO COME!

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