

Life on Campus

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Pomona is joining a
community rich in*

diversity and opportunity. The residential nature of Pomona's campus encourages students to share their talents, develop new ones and benefit from the varied social and intellectual backgrounds of their classmates and teachers. Pomona students are musicians and long-distance runners, computer whizzes and small business owners, aspiring poets and published scientists—in short, people with their own distinctive interests and abilities who share impressive academic backgrounds and a great enthusiasm for learning. From departmental gatherings to five-college dances, from a discussion over dinner to a varsity soccer game, Pomona people combine social, cultural, artistic and athletic activities with their academic pursuits to create their own Pomona experience.

A testament to the quality of life on campus is that fewer than five percent of students choose to live elsewhere. The scale and arrangement of Pomona's 12 residence halls encourage students to get to know each other. Ranging in size from 60 to 250 students, with an average of about 120 each, these coeducational residences are large enough to bring together students with a variety of interests and experiences, but small enough to allow residents to work as a cohesive group. First-year students are divided



into “sponsor groups” of 10 to 20 classmates who live in close proximity, along with their sophomore sponsors, who serve as informal organizers, guides and advisers. Resident advisers, usually seniors, live in each residence, serving as administrative liaisons and peer counselors, but each hall decides upon its own organizational, governing and planning structure.

Outside the classroom, students may choose from a practically limitless number of organized and spontaneous activities—from sports to the arts, community service to simply hanging around with friends. With the enormous number of public events available on the five undergraduate campuses—from lectures to concerts to films and plays, the danger of indecision far exceeds the danger of boredom.

Living together in such a lively and diverse atmosphere affords students a valuable opportunity to learn how to pursue their own interests and honor their personal values as part of a real community. One of the central purposes of residential life at Pomona is to embed knowledge in its daily social context and to enlighten daily life with an awareness of the balance of freedom and responsibility that lies at the foundations of civil society.