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**Kenai Peninsula College
FY20 Program Narrative Report
Postsecondary Education Funding**

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

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OVERVIEW

July 17, 1990 the voters of the Kenai Peninsula Borough approved ordinance 90-47. This ordinance approved funding for Kenai Peninsula College as part of the Alaska university system to support post-secondary programs and operations within the boundaries of the borough. The funding is subject to annual appropriation and authorization by the assembly. The total amount of funding may not exceed the amount which would be generated by an area wide tax levy of 0.1 mills of assessed property values.

Funding for FY20 was approved in the amount of \$847,186. This amount was amended on May 13, 2020 based upon the verified assessed values. The amendment decreased the award amount as cited in the FY20 KPB agreement 242.78090.KPCC.43023 by \$4,223 for a total of \$842,963.

Funds were fully expended as per the grant agreement. The following is a narrative report of the activities and services Kenai Peninsula College performed. The focus of the work performed is direct support of students to ensure success in achieving their academic goals.

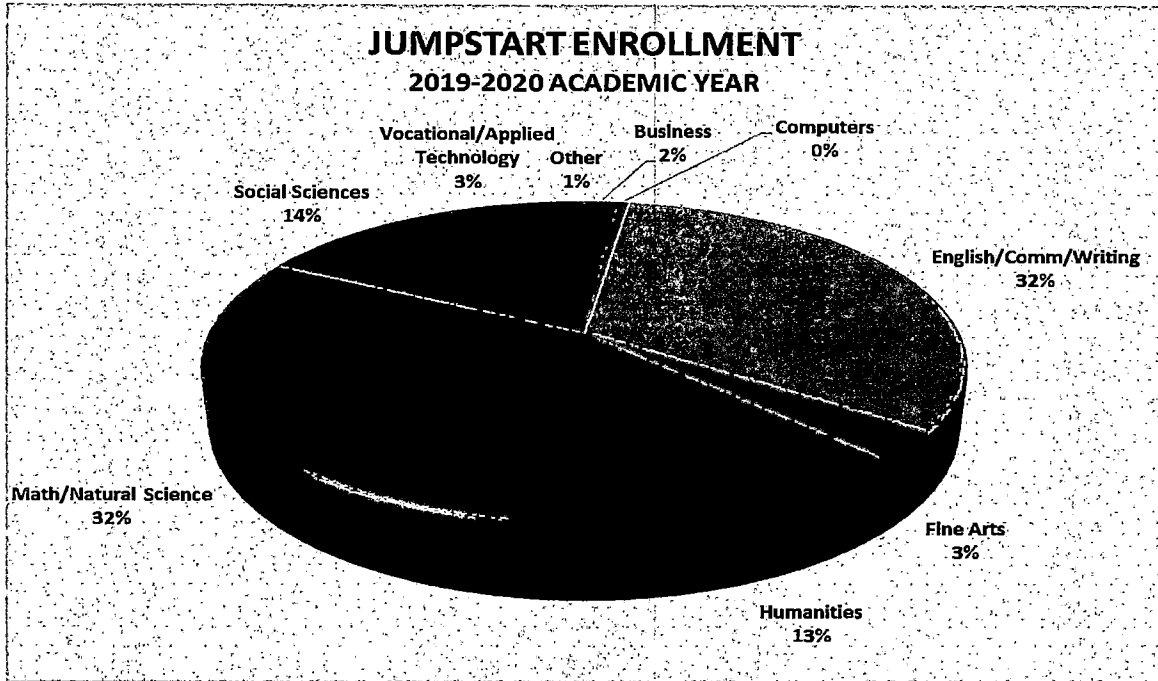
CORONAVIRUS

Kenai Peninsula College closed its campuses to students, faculty and much of its staff in March. Students did not return from the scheduled spring break. After an additional two-week hiatus, classes began again offered exclusively on-line. The overall smooth yet very challenging change in delivery was a success. This is a direct reflection of the dedication and commitment of faculty and staff to our students. Students were able to graduate as planned through a virtual commencement that celebrated their achievements as well as becoming a member of the 50th graduating class from KPC. Summer semester started on time and has been entirely online. A few labs were conducted on campus this summer for classes in the medical and para-medical fields.

TUITION WAIVERS / JUMPSTART

Kenai Peninsula Borough funding provides a partial waiver for up to six credits/semester for high school juniors and seniors wanting to enroll in college classes. JumpStart students are able take up to six credits/semester for five semesters beginning the summer semester after completion of their sophomore year when the student officially becomes a high school junior. This is a total of 30 credits and is equivalent to one full-time year of college. In Fall 2020, students will pay \$78/credit (regular lower division tuition is \$234/credit). The University of Alaska Board of Regents may approve a tuition increase in the future.

In the last fiscal year, JumpStart students enrolled in 588 different classes with the largest percentages equal between English, Writing and Communications and Math and Natural Sciences.



JUMPSTART CLASSES					
Programs	Summer '19	Fall '19	Spring '20	Total	Class
Business	0	4	6	10	Business Administration, Accounting, Economics
Computers	0	3	0	3	Computer Science, Computer Info Systems
Fine Arts	2	12	3	17	Art, Music, Dance, Theatre
English, Writing, Communications	7	106	78	191	English, Writing, Communications
Humanities	4	43	29	76	History, Foreign Languages, Philosophy, American Sign Language, English Humanities
Math/Natural Sciences	0	121	68	189	Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Math, Physics, Statistics
Social Sciences	0	43	39	82	Anthropology, Human Services, Justice, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology
Vocational/Applied Technology	0	2	15	17	Welding, Certified Nursing Assistant, Emergency Medical Technician, Process Technology, Electronics Technology, Petroleum Technology
Other	0	1	2	3	All other credited classes
TOTAL NUMBER OF CLASSES				588	

JumpStart Student Statistics

Data is tracked to identify the number of students as well as the number of credit hours from each of the schools located in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. Enrollment in the JumpStart program has remained steady during the spring and fall semesters. Fall 2019 was slightly down in headcount, but credit hours increased by 15. Headcount for the spring 2020 semester increased by 11, and student credit hours increased by 25. Summer enrollment did decline. Connections, Homer High School and Soldotna High School continue to lead in the number of students attending KPC.

Although the university has seen an overall enrollment decrease the past few semesters, enrollment in the JumpStart program continues to increase. The JumpStart program continues to be very successful and benefits all residents of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

KPC JumpStart Program – Summer 2019 Semester

SCHOOLS (alphabetical listing)	NEW DATA	SUMMER				NEW DATA	SUMMER			
	STUDENTS				CREDITS					
	2019	2018	2017	2016	2019	2018	2017	2016		
1	Anchor Academy									
2	Alyeska Central									
3	Aurora Christian									
4	Community Christian									
5	Connections (KPBSD)	2		5	2	12	15	22	9	
6	Cook Inlet Academy		2				9			
7	Galena Sch Dist (IDEA)	1	4		1	6	15		3	
8	Homer Flex									
9	Homer High	1	1		1	6	3		3	
10	Homeschool									
11	Kenai Alternative High									
12	Kenai Central	1	3	1	3	3	9	3	9	
13	Nikiski	1			1	6				
14	Nikolaevsk									
15	Ninilchik									
16	River City Academy	1			1	6			4	
17	Seward									
18	Skyview									
19	Soldotna High		4	1	4		18	4	15	
20	Susan B. English									
21	Voznesenka									
22	Wings Christian Academy									
	TOTALS:	7	14	7	13	39	69	29	43	

KPC JumpStart Program – Fall 2019 Semester

SCHOOLS (alphabetical listing)	NEW DATA	FALL				NEW DATA	FALL			
	STUDENTS				CREDITS					
	2019	2018	2017	2016	2019	2018	2017	2016		
1	Anchor Academy									

2	Alyeska Central								
3	Aurora Christian								
4	Community Christian								
5	Connections (KPBSD)	42	52	44	38	235	232	264	186
6	Cook Inlet Academy	1	2	2		6	6	7	
7	Copper River								
8	Frontier Charter School								
9	Galena Sch Dist (IDEA)	25	32	14	15	134	146	74	82
10	Homer Flex	5	8	5	1	18	24	20	3
11	Homer High	43	43	42	34	180	174	149	144
12	Homeschool, Private	3	1	1		18	3	12	
13	Homer Selo								
14	Kenai Alternative High								
15	Kenai Central	17	24	15	22	73	93	71	86
16	Nanwalek								
17	Nikiski	2	9	4	6	6	27	14	23
18	Nikolaevsk	4	3	4	1	22	15	18	6
19	Ninilchik	3	2	5	4	12	7	18	22
20	Raven								
21	Razdolna								
22	River City Academy	2	5	3	5	13	24	7	24
23	Seward	19	6	13	21	66	18	51	75
24	Skyview								
25	Soldotna High	35	40	18	28	163	156	123	124
26	Susan B. English			1	1			7	4
27	Voznesenka		2				6		
28	Wings Christian Academy								
	TOTALS:	201	229	171	176	946	835	931	779

KPC JumpStart Program – Spring 2020 Semester

SCHOOLS (alphabetical listing)	NEW DATA	SPRING				NEW DATA	SPRING					
	STUDENTS								CREDITS			
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2020	2019	2018	2017				
1	Anchor Academy											
2	Alyeska Central											
3	Aurora Christian											
4	Community Christian											
5	Connections (KPBSD)	38	30	35	21	193	164	203	111			
6	Cook Inlet Academy		1	1			6	6				
7	Frontier Charter School											
8	Galena Sch Dist (IDEA)	16	20	15	11	73	108	93	70			
9	Homer Flex	5	3	4	2	25	12	12	4			
10	Homer High	31	32	37	21	114	114	129	99			
11	Homeschool - private	3	3	1	2	18	18	6	9			
12	Homeschool - Selo											
13	Kenai Alternative High		2	1	1		12	6	6			
14	Kenai Central	16	12	6	12	72	60	18	39			
15	Nanwalek											
16	Nikiski	5	5	7	5	21	21	22	18			
17	Nikolaevsk	3	1	3	1	15	6	15	6			

18	Ninilchik	2	1	1	4	12	3	4	15
19	Razdolna		1				3		
20	River City Academy	4	3	2	4	18	16	6	21
21	Seward	13	7	15	18	39	391	51	73
22	Skyview								
23	Soldotna High	33	36	26	26	146	146	138	125
24	Susan B. English			1	1			7	4
25	Voznesenka		1	3	1			12	6
26	Wings Christian Academy								
	TOTALS:	169	158	158	130	746	721	728	606

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION/GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT

Funding provides personnel, travel, and support costs to make the ABE/GED program available throughout the Kenai Peninsula Borough, including Nikiski, Homer, Ninilchik, Seldovia, Port Graham, Nanwalek and other remote communities as needed. Due to the coronavirus all in person tutoring and outreach were discontinued in March.

Kenai River Campus

ABE/GED statistics obtained from the State ABE database indicate a total of 7 GED graduates prior to the closing of our testing center in March.

Our literacy program, affiliated with ProLiteracy America, offers program activities that include basic instruction, GED preparation, work readiness, and life skills. Although the ABE/GED program will take a break for the summer, GED Testing will continue to be available three days a week through the KPC Testing Services.

English as Second Language students either had the opportunity to work with an individual instructor, in a group class, or received instruction from a volunteer tutor. Necessary Education and Technology Skills (NETS) courses were also offered to any student enrolled in the ABE/GED/ESL program, and included civic engagement at the Kenai Senior Center and the Food Bank as part of the course.

Our community volunteers met with students throughout the communities of Kenai, Soldotna, Sterling, Nikiski, and Ninilchik. Our Outreach Instructor and mobile GED examiner also served these communities.

All ABE students go through an intake assessment of either a TABE or BEST test. These tests, delivered online or paper-based, include a pre- and post-test to assess progress in the program.

Currently our partners include the Kenaitze Indian Tribe Educational Services, Department of Labor and Workforce Development (Kenai One Stop), the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, the Independent Living Center, the Food Bank, and the Alaska Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, local churches, health clinics, and local businesses. We continue to have space donated to us to provide ABE services in Kenai at the One Stop, at the local libraries, and churches.

Kachemak Bay Campus

A total of 19 full-time students and 8 part-time students received services based out of the Kachemak Bay Campus site this year, for a total of 1127 contact hours. As of March 11th when the COVID-19 pandemic put a stop to GED testing, there were 9 GED graduates. Six additional students were planning on testing, with 3 of them with only 1 test left. In addition to GED instruction, students took courses in Computer Basics, Life Skills, and College and Career Readiness. Literacy levels range from Basic with

English as a Second Language (ESL) students to college preparation, assisting students in getting passing test scores for AVTEC or CNA entrance and increasing readiness for college courses. Two students were assisted in getting TABE scores up to get into AVTEC, which they achieved, and two students were assisted in getting math ALEKS test scores up to get into the CNA program, which they achieved.

Seven volunteer tutors had 102 contact hours working with 10 students throughout the year. Students were tutored in math, reading, writing and basic English literacy.

Instruction was provided at Voznesenka School and Susan B. English School in Nanwalek. In addition, outreach was made to Razdolna, Kachemak Selo, Anchor Point, Nikolaevsk and Port Graham to assess for student instructional needs. Computer-based instruction was offered for those who preferred that modality of learning, including live classes in Social Studies spring semester, and live math and reading classes offered during the COVID-19 stay-at-home mandates. Staffing was extending to evening hours two days a week, which offered an additional option for individuals who worked full-time days.

Some current partners and referral sources include the Homer Job Center, Nine Star Education and Employment Services, South Peninsula Behavioral Health Center, the Independent Living Center, Public Assistance, Seldovia Village Tribe, Haven House Women’s Shelter, among others.

This table summarizes KBC Adult Education instructional efforts on campus and outreach:

	Full-time Students	Part-time Students	Contact Hours
Homer	19	8	1509
Voznesenka	4	3	138
Nanwalek	1	0	29
Volunteer Tutors			102
Total			1536

COURSES AT RESURRECTION BAY EXTENSION SITE - Seward

Funding provides courses in basic general requirements such as English, Psychology, Art, Communication, professional development and community interest courses.

The Resurrection Bay Extension Site (RBES) offered three classes in Fall 2019 and one class in Spring 2020. Twenty-nine students total enrolled in RBES courses during the fall semester, and eleven during spring semester. Nineteen Seward High School students took advantage of the JumpStart Program in Fall 2019 and thirteen students utilized the JumpStart Program during Spring 2020.

Fall 2019 Courses

BIOL A102 Introductory Biology, 3 credits, 12 students enrolled.

PS A101 Intro to American Government, 3 credits, 9 students enrolled (web-based).

WRTG A111 Writing Across Contexts, 3 credits, 11 students enrolled.

Spring 2020 Courses

WRTG A110 Intro to College Writing, 3 credits, 11 students enrolled.

COORDINATOR/NIGHT STAFFING - Kenai River Campus

Of the 100 plus courses offered at the Kenai River Campus each semester about 40 of those are evening classes. There are limited services provided for these students and no direct oversight of the evening program. This funding provides salary, benefits, and support for a 28 hr/week nine-month position. This position provides general advising information for evening students; coordinates the evening program; provides administrative staffing for evening hours, thereby improving security during the evening; and provides support for special projects. The night coordinator is trained in CPR, First Aid, and operation of the Automatic External Defibrillator machines.

LIBRARY SUPPORT - Kachemak Bay Campus

The KBC Library provided academic library support to our staff, faculty and face-to-face and web-based course students. KBC Semester by the Bay and Jumpstart students are also served by our library. New library accounts were processed for 86 students. An average of 18 students per week received services. Seven in-person classroom presentations were given on library/consortium use and on-line research methods, KBC Library is part of the larger UAA Consortium Library system, which includes over 25 academic and public libraries across the state. KBC Library services also include processing book/media circulations, interlibrary loans, cataloging acquisitions and holdings, library accounts processing and management, coordination of course-supporting materials and maintaining and enriching KBC book/media collections. Other library services include extensive research and editing assistance, computer assistance, library room usage monitoring, course-supported materials search and phone/in-person contact with general public and library staff located across the state.

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT - Kachemak Bay Campus

KBC's academic and administrative support and test proctoring staff member is the primary front-line telephone receptionist for KBC. Support services were provided for 13 staff and faculty. This year 451 tests were proctored (placement tests, professional licensure tests, national standardized placements tests, e-Learning and GED), including 132 that were proctored for other campuses and UA institutions.

INFORMATION/REGISTRATION CLERK - Kachemak Bay

This staff person solely provides registration and enrollment services and student services administrative support at KBC and provides the public and students with information and referrals on all campus and UA programs, services and events. This person receives an average of 17 phone and 9 face to face contacts a day or an estimated 2,500 phone and 1,200 face to face contacts a year.

TUTORS – LEARNING CENTERS

Kenai River Campus

Tutoring services included support for courses in Writing (both face-to-face and online), Mathematics, English as a Second Language, and computer/digital literacy. This tutoring included one-on-one, small group instruction and on-line in a range of subjects, and represented most of the support programs offered through the KRC Learning Center. KRC also has the support of community volunteers that give their time to provide assistance.

Kachemak Bay Campus

426 writing-related tutoring sessions were held with 44 students in 12 different courses. Our math learning specialist tutored 22 students during 84 math tutoring sessions.

DEVELOPMENTAL ADVISOR - Kenai River Campus

The developmental advisor provides services to first-time, incoming, and potential students with ongoing targeted outreach to KRC students who scored into preparatory Math and Writing courses. Preparatory coursework at KRC is defined as: MATH A054, MATH A055, WRITING A090, and WRITING A110. This position encompasses a wide range of services spanning admissions, financial aid, Veterans eligibility, academic placement, college readiness, and course selection/planning to ~588 students entering college and/or taking developmental course. The FY20 data reflects the dates spanning July 1, 2019 through April 10, 2020. Notably, 36% of the developmental advisor individual advising appointments were students who attended more than one advising appointment. This demonstrates that students continue to build on the relationship formed with the developmental advisor.

Direct Service Activities

The following illustrates the multiple avenues of outreach and direct contact between the developmental advisor and the students served.

Services Provided	Number Served		
	FY20	FY19	FY18
Individual Appointments	650	689	685
Group Appointments: Developmental Outreach and Accuplacer,	103	125	125
Classroom Visits	10	9	9
CNA Students	64	57	44
Unique Clients Seen	358	386	365
Total Advising Students Contacts	588	560	557

Post-Accuplacer/ALEKS Advising

At these advising sessions, the developmental advisor reviews placement test results, discusses student's academic goals at KRC and outlines appropriate courses relative to scores. The sessions conclude with the provision of contact information for the academic advisor of their indicated program, general information about registration, admission, and financial aid. Accuplacer is the writing placement test and ALEKS is the Math placement test.

Academic Counseling

This activity represents direct services to students. Due to student need and distance delivery coursework, students seek out academic counseling differently. This position utilizes many modalities of outreach including phone and email appointments. Email communication is not represented in these numbers. Emails to all students occur at the beginning of the semester to remind students of the add/drop dates. Emails also occur at the five-week mark of the semester and at the withdrawal period. These emails remind students of counseling and advising services, encourage communication with faculty advisors and remind students of other supportive services. Academic counseling is initiated by students, the developmental advisor, and/or faculty members who have concerns about student progress.

General Advising Walk-Ins

This activity contains sessions during scheduled walk-in hours, as well as students who arrive without appointments. Some cross-categorization may occur of students who meet multiple criteria, e.g. walk-in, developmental advising, and Veteran services. Walk-in appointments during non-walk-in hours are students who present questions that are brief in nature and are given 15 to 30 minute appointment blocks.

Individual Contacts

This activity is comprised of time spent in advising appointments to identify and support developmental students wherein 42% were general advising appointments, 34% were developmental advising appointments, 3% were CNA (certified nursing assistant) advising appointments, 2% were phone appointments, the remainder were outreach efforts toward individuals through phone calls and emails.

Classroom Visits

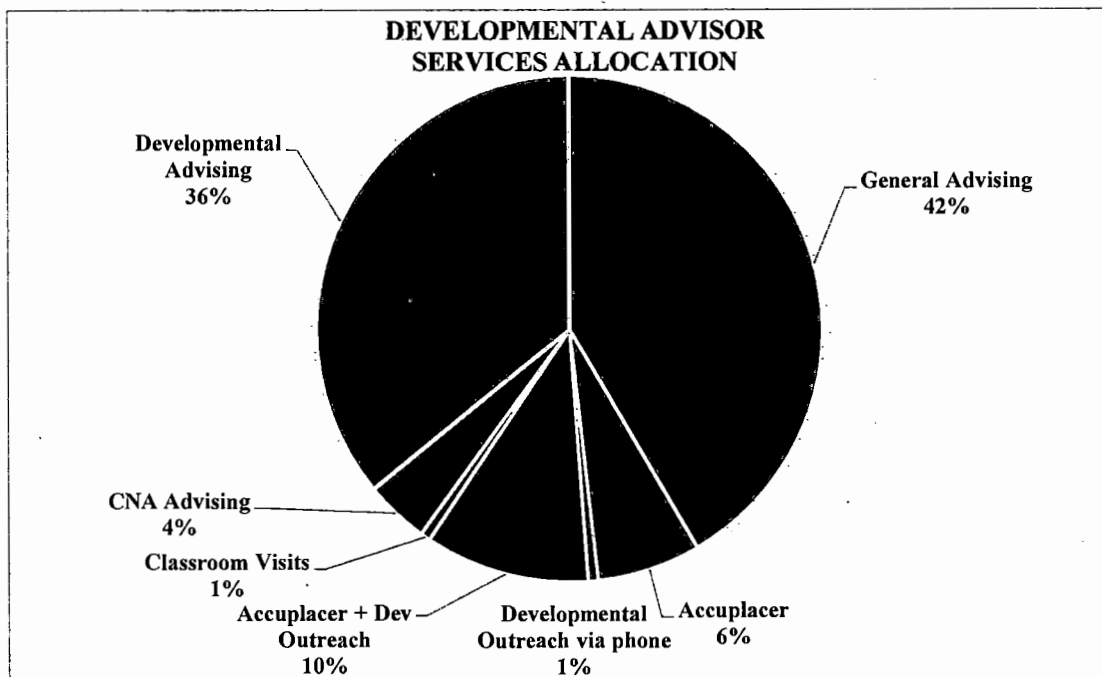
This activity is a direct outreach to students in the preparatory Math and Writing face-to-face course sections to establish contact and provide a handout with resources and contact information. Such contact increases the visibility of the position and students' direct access to resources on campus. This year the developmental advisor visited nine classrooms twice a semester.

CNA Advising

The developmental advisor assists in intake and preliminary counseling for the CNA program at the KRC campus. This position checks compliance and completion of program applications, conducts State of Alaska background checks, and coordinates with the nursing faculty to provide up-to-date information about waitlists, processes, and admissions into the six-credit CNA (HCA A105).

Indirect Activities, Trainings, and Supervision

This year the developmental advisor engaged in retention, outreach, student success activities and recruitment services. Also the developmental advisor participated in new student orientation, Excel Alaska tours, the KPC basketball club, Math success subcommittee, Alyeska scholarship committee, Banner access and training for two student employees.



STUDENT ADVISOR – Kachemak Bay Campus

The Advisor provides advising services to all students and potential students seeking a degree or certificate regarding admissions, career counseling, financial aid, academic placement and course selection/planning. Conducts retention and student success and retention activities, and recruitment services. On average, the KBC advisor has an average of 6 student contacts over the phone and 4 students face to face a day. Over the course of an academic year, that would be 840 student contacts over the phone and 560 face to face.

VETERAN SERVICES COORDINATOR & SAFETY OFFICER – College-wide

The Veteran Services Coordinator (VSC) position was created in FY14 to manage KPC's student veteran educational benefit programs and provide other assistance to veteran students across our all campuses. In Fall 2019 KPC certified 136 VA students, while in Spring 2020 KPC certified 137 VA students. Eleven veteran students graduated during the 2019/2020 academic year. The VSC also has two veteran work study student positions available, funded by the VA, to assist in the certification of VA benefits.

Veteran Registrations

In total, the VSC completed 273 veteran student certifications for the Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 semesters. Of that total, 40 were KPC degree seeking students. KPC's degree seeking certifications consisted of 13 veteran students pursuing the process technology program, 1 veteran student in the industrial process instrumentation program and 2 students seeking a dual major in both process technology and industrial process instrumentation. The remaining 24 KPC degree seeking veteran students pursued degrees in a variety of associate programs. KPC submitted 233 guest student certifications for veteran students enrolled in degree programs at other campuses within the UA system.

Early Veterans Registration

KPC veteran students are allowed to register for KPC sponsored courses before any other KPC/UAA student cohort. The opportunity to register early allows veteran students to more efficiently utilize their benefits by getting the classes required for graduation as early as possible.

KRC Veterans' Services

The veterans' services center provides VA students a place to bond, study, and share experiences. It consists of a lounge area, an office for the VA work study students and a study room with internet access.

KPC Veterans Talent Grant Scholarship

The veterans talent grant scholarship is designed to compound KPC's investment in its veteran population. KPC will reinvest 3% of the total VA funded credit hours from the 2019-2020 academic year back into the veteran population in the form of tuition waivers for the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters.

To be eligible a veteran must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Honorable discharge as reflected on the veteran's DD214.
- 2) Admitted to a KPC degree program and enrolled in at least 6 KPC credit hours.
- 3) A GPA of at least 2.0 for returning students.
- 4) Preference given to combat veterans as defined by the award of a recognized campaign medal or badge, service in Korea between 30 June, 1949 and the present, or earned hostile fire or imminent danger pay.

- 5) Preference given to veterans with no VA educational entitlement remaining.

VA Work Study Program

KPC currently has two VA funded veteran work study positions available to support the veteran services coordinator. work study students must be veteran students attending school at least ¾ time (9 credit hours) per semester. The students can work up to 25 hours per week and receive either the state or federal minimum wage (whichever is higher). The addition of the two work study positions has effectively tripled the support provided to veteran students at no additional cost to the college or the borough.

National Vietnam War Veteran's Day

Kenai Peninsula College is a commemorative partner with the Department of Defense to aid in the large job of honoring our nation's Vietnam Veterans. KPC was unable to host its third National Vietnam War Veterans Day event due to COVID-19. KPC will continue to host this event by request of the Kenai Peninsula Borough's local Veterans and their families.

Safety Officer

The VSC also serves as the KPC safety officer who provides a variety of campus safety briefings and ensures OSHA compliance is followed in a safe work environment using safe equipment. The coordinator is the conduit for safety information from/to UAA and the University of Alaska statewide office of risk management.

KPC RECRUITER – College-wide

The KPC recruiter is often the first contact potential students have with KPC. The recruiter can be seen at nearly every public event in our community, attends academic events as well as leads tours of the Kenai River Campus for students of all ages as well as parents, local educators and the general public.

School Visits, Application Assistance and Other Outreach

Recruitment events for the 2019-2020 school year included college fairs, application days, and presentations on KPC Jumpstart, degree programs, admissions, and financial aid.

Application Days

KPC Application Day events or presentations took place at 4 KPBSD high schools: Soldotna High School, Kenai High School, Nikiski High School, and Ninilchik School. These events educated students about starting college and encouraged them to start the college admissions process and submit applications early. Twenty-eight students submitted applications to KPC/UAA during these events.

Presentations

The week before the Fall 2020 semester began, the KPC recruiter arranged visits to Soldotna and Kenai High Schools to provide information on JumpStart and assist interested juniors and seniors in completing the registration process. This was in addition to JumpStart informational sessions that had been scheduled at the high schools the previous spring semester.

During the months of September and October, the KPC Recruiter was invited as a guest speaker at several informational events held at Kenai Central, Soldotna, Nikiski, and Seward high schools. These events targeted graduating seniors and their parents.

The KPC Recruiter assisted in facilitating an event that took place at Anchorage's West High School on October 24. KPC process technology faculty member, Jeff Laube, presented an overview of the process technology program to students enrolled in high school process technology courses.

The KPC Recruiter travelled to Ninilchik on February 18 to present to high school students about college admissions and enrollment processes. A follow up meeting with parents and community members took place on February 25. Both events were in partnership with the Ninilchik teen center.

Pride in the Park

In honor of its commitment to foster an inclusive, welcoming, and respectful campus community, Kenai Peninsula College attended Soldotna's first Pride in the Park event on June 15, 2019 and the KPC recruiter was delighted to serve as the KPC representative at this event.

Soldotna Progress Days

In July of 2019, KPC Recruiter and student services staff operated a booth at Soldotna Progress Days. This was an opportunity to interact with the community, engage out-of-town/state visitors, and promote classes offered in the upcoming semester.

Anchorage Alaska College and Career Fair

The KPC recruiter attended the college and career fair located in Anchorage on October 13th and 14th. There was an estimated 3,000 people in attendance.

Alaska School Counselor Conference

KPC was honored to send a representative to the Alaska School Counselor Conference in Anchorage on November 14th and 15th. The KPC recruiter hosted an informational booth and took advantage of this excellent opportunity to make personal connections with high school counselors around the state and promote degree programs and the residence hall.

Peninsula Winter Games

In January, KPC Recruiter and Veteran Services Coordinator hosted a booth at the 44th Annual Peninsula Winter Games in Soldotna. A free slime-making station was open to the youth, while information about the college and its course offerings was made available to parents and other community members. Approximately 250 people stopped by their table.

Project Homeless Connect

The KPC recruiter supported staff at the annual Project Homeless Connect event in Soldotna. The Learning Center coordinated KPC's presence at the event, where representatives gave out information on GED, ESL and N.E.T.S. classes offered throughout the Spring semester.

Alaska Tsunami Ocean Sciences Bowl

In February, KPC Professor of Biology Dr. Alison Gardell travelled to Seward to attend the annual Alaska Tsunami Ocean Sciences Bowl. At the event, Alaska high school students present research papers and compete in a quiz bowl. The KPC representative hosted a table and promoted Kachemak Bay Campus' Semester by the Bay program.

Kenai Peninsula Job Fair

The KPC Recruiter had plans to attend this event, but the job fair was cancelled due to concerns over the spread of COVID-19. Other large-scale community events that the KPC Recruiter regularly attends, such as the KPC Health Fair and the IDEA Curriculum Fair, have been postponed, cancelled, or moved to online formats.

Tours and Events Hosted at KPC

Throughout the year, KPC hosts numerous groups on campus. The Recruiter collaborated with counseling & advising, financial aid, rural and Native student services, learning center, residence life, and various faculty to ensure that prospective students receive a balanced overview of all programs and services available at KPC. The table below shows the various groups that KPC hosted during the past year, as well as scheduled tours that were canceled due to concerns over the spread of COVID-19. This table does not include the many private tours facilitated by the recruitment and other student services staff. In FY20 212 prospective students toured the Kenai River Campus.

Groups Touring KPC	Number of Students Attending	Age Group
Bristol Bay High School	10	11 th & 12 th Grade
Seward High School	15	11 th & 12 th Grade
KPBSD UPSTREAM Drone Academy	36	Middle School
EXCEL Alaska	15	11 th Grade
EXCEL Alaska	14	12 th Grade
KPBSD UPSTREAM Med Tech Academy	36	Middle School
Kids2College – Mt. View Elementary	86	5 th Grade
Total	212	
	Prospective Students	

KRC Open House

This event, typically held in April, was not able to take place as result of campus closures due to concerns over the spread of COVID-19. The KPC recruiter is working with student services staff at both campuses (Kenai River and Kachemak Bay) to host KPC virtual open house events over Zoom that will be open to the public. The first event was held in mid-June and two others will be held this summer.

PEER AMBASSADOR SCHOLARS

Peer Ambassadors are student representatives selected for their leadership skills and academic excellence to aid with recruitment events. The KPC recruiter coordinates the program at Kenai River Campus. The student and enrollment services coordinator runs the Kachemak Bay Campus program.

The duties of peer ambassador are a semester long commitment. Over the last few years this program has seen a significant decline in interest by students. Early in this academic year it was determined that the funds could be better used to fund additional tuition waivers through the JumpStart program.