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Ordinance 2021-19

Jd Quartly

Location:

Submitted At: 4:48pm 06-01-21

Hello KPB Assembly and Borough Mayor Pierce - As a parent of a former KPC student, I strongly encourage you to fully support funding for KPC. My daughter was able to attend college classes through the Jump Start program while in high school. This important program has allowed many students in the borough to attend college classes while in High School at a reduced rate, helping to keep the cost of higher education affordable. Affordable education keeps the younger people here in Alaska to help power this state moving forward. I support this funding, and hope that you do as well.

Victoria Trujillo

Location:

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Hello Mayor Pierce and Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly members. As current KPC staff member, and former KPC student, I am asking you to fully support the funding for Kenai Peninsula College for FY22. I can attest first hand to the benefits that Borough Funding provides to KPC students and Kenai Peninsula Community. Without Borough Funding, several programs, including General Education and English as Second Language programs, would not be possible. Those programs benefit not only KPC students that have access to tutors and advisors funded by the Borough, but also adult community members who want to better themselves, improve their jobs skills, or improve their English language. Being originally from a foreign country myself, I personally know many members of the community who greatly benefited from adult education programs funded by the Borough.

Borough funding also helps to provide services to veteran students and give a head start to high school student through a Jump Start program. I know many high school students who took advantage of a Jump Start program and successfully transitioned into college after graduating from high school. Please consider approving a full amount of \$851,747 to support KPC.

Thank you for your service to Kenai Peninsula residents.

Victoria Trujillo

Evgeniya Malakhova-Quartly

Location:

Submitted At: 4:10pm 06-01-21

Dear Borough Assembly,

My name is Evgeniya (Jenya) Malakahova-Quartly. I am not just an employee at Kenai Peninsula College, I am also an alumnus.

In 2007, I started as an international student. In 2009, I received my first AA in general studies. The following year, I graduated with AA in General Business.

It took some time but in 2018 I graduated with my BA in Human Resource management from UAS. During my education and employment at KPC, my daughter, Alyson Quartly used the opportunity to take college classes through the Jumpstart program in 2012-2014.

When she graduated from High School, she had already finished the first year and a half of her college years. A year later she was admitted to the UAA Nursing School.

Kenai Peninsula College became a big part of our family. Thank you!

Today I am a proud parent of a 25 year old daughter who graduated UAA nursing school and working as a fulltime nurse at the McLaughlin youth facility in Anchorage.

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Thank you everyone who continues supporting the Jumpstart program. It is a big “jump” for many of our high school students.

Cheryl Brock

Location:

Submitted At: 3:04pm 06-01-21

Dear Borough Assembly members and Mayor Pierce,
I am writing to you today as a KPC Staff member, student and resident of the Kenai Peninsula, Soldotna AK. As a KPC Staff member, I have worked at KPC for four years and three of those in my current position in Administrative Services where one of my responsibilities is to oversee our grants. From this viewpoint I have seen firsthand the positive impact that Kenai Peninsula College has been able to make on its students and our community directly related to the funding provided by the Kenai Peninsula Borough grant from the 1/10th mill rate of property taxes. This impact has a wide range from providing Jump Start tuition waivers to high school students allowing them to affordably take classes at KPC that give them college credits while meeting their high school requirements, to providing much needed support and services to our veterans thru our Veteran Services Coordinator, our GED program that helps students get the skills they need to successfully pass their GED exam, KPC's English as a Second language program that provides the tools and training for members in our community to learn the English language and help them to be more successful in college and their careers, our Academic Advisors that provide students with guidance and support to help them navigate their college experience and be successful and many more areas of impact from tutoring, library support, test proctoring support, registration, student services and recruiting. From my perspective as a student at Kenai Peninsula College I have heard directly from many of my fellow classmates how many of these programs have enriched their lives and the lives of their family members. I have known many of my peers that have benefited from the jump start program tuition waivers. One of my fellow students in particular was very impressive to me. The jump-start program had allowed her to get such a terrific start to her college career that when she graduated from high school she also received her diploma for Associate of Arts degree. This gave her a tremendous head start to achieving her goals of getting a bachelor's degree in nursing. Several other classmates and friends of mine started their educational career at KPC in our ESL – English as a Second Language program after moving to Alaska from foreign countries. Both of these unbelievable women are now graduates of the University of Alaska's Nursing program taken at Kenai Peninsula College and are working as Registered Nurses at Central Peninsula Hospital in Soldotna. These are just a few of the many personal stories that I encountered where lives have been permanently enriched by the programs that KPC is able to offer thru the KP Borough funded grants. Please continue funding of KPC through a 1/10th mill rate on property taxes thru Ordinance 2021-19.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Brock