

# Pirate Athletics and Student Life

The Peninsula College Athletic Program, winners of 11 Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC) championships and 20 league championships over the last 11 years, features men's and women's soccer, men's and women's basketball and esports. We take great pride in offering a university-quality athletic experience at the community college level. With the tremendous support of our community, and the Peninsula College Foundation, we offer the maximum amount of scholarships allowed by the Northwest Athletic Conference.

The NWAC is made up of community colleges from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and British Columbia. Peninsula plays in the North Division. Our mission is to create a transformative experience for student athletes that is focused on building character, promoting high academic achievement and community service, winning championships, and moving our athletes on to the next level. Our vision is to provide a program for student athletes that is committed to excellence in every arena.

Off the field, Peninsula College athletes participate in community service projects and play a significant role in the development of young players through the Peninsula Soccer Academy and Peninsula Basketball Camps, as well as engagement in elementary, middle school and high school mentorship programs and school clinics.

With the 2019-2020 addition of the fastest-growing sport in college athletics, esports, Peninsula College now has a fifth athletic program that will strive to provide the same student athlete experience as soccer and basketball. Our esports teams participate mostly in the National Junior College Athletic Association Esports conference.

## **Student Life**

At Peninsula College there is no "typical" student. Our vibrant, diverse student body comes from all over the United States and 16 different countries. And like you, they come for a variety of educational purposes. Some are recent high school graduates who want to pursue a transfer degree, some are returning to school to earn their Bachelor in Applied Science at Peninsula College, some are Running Start students. Still others are returning for career retraining, to brush up on their job skills, to get their GED®, to take ELA (English Language Acquisition) courses, and to learn how to work with computers. But no matter why they are here, they all want the same thing—a quality education at a price they can afford.

Once our students arrive at Peninsula College, they quickly discover that college is more than just books. It's also a time to explore, to experiment with new interests, and even to discover hidden talents, such as writing or drama. In fact, once our students venture into unfamiliar areas, they often discover their own passion for learning.