

Dear Parents of First Year Islanders:

I believe living on campus is very important. In fact, as a parent, I would not allow my three children to attend a University unless they could live on campus. My perspective as a father and as the Vice President for Student Engagement and Success at TAMU-CC has enabled me to see the advantages of living on campus in countless ways.

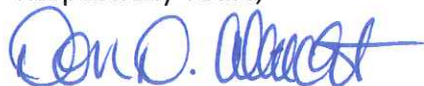
Students who live on campus become more involved and engaged in campus life. Data shows that students who are engaged have a higher persistence and graduation rate. When a student lives off campus, it is much more difficult to return to campus to watch a speaker, attend a meeting for a student organization with their fellow majors or study in a group session. Living on campus empowers the student to become more involved.

Camden Miramar is owned and managed by a private company but it is our on-campus University housing. The Division of Student Engagement and Success works closely with Camden's management when selecting and training staff to ensure your student is one of our success stories. Camden Miramar has professional staff, as well as a large number of paraprofessionals, trained to work with our first year students--we call them RA's or Resident Advisors. They are upper class students who serve as mentors and help your students adjust to college life. Additional positive aspects of Resident Advisor leadership include planned programming for residents; further propelling our students towards success.

Camden Miramar rental rates include all utilities-including all electricity, laundry, high speed internet and basic cable. Other advantages include designated residential parking and a variety of housing options that range from a less expensive unit where two students share a suite to a private studio. To apply for housing, simply use this link: www.housing.tamucc.edu. Space is limited so apply as soon as possible to secure your space.

I urge you make certain that your student lives on campus. If you have any questions, I can be reached at don.albrecht@tamucc.edu or (361) 825-3404.

Respectfully Yours,



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