



Kanonhsesne

Living and Learning Communities

Kanonhsesne Community Contract

Chadbourne Hall

Kanonhsesne, the Native American Student Program was created in the early 1990's as a response to the expressed needs of Native American students at UMass Amherst to have a supportive and welcoming living and learning experience. Many nations are represented, and residents have the opportunity to affirm their own identities and learn about the customs and traditions of other tribes. The program works closely with the Josephine White Eagle Cultural Center, also located in Chadbourne Hall, to sponsor educational support services and social events. The communities' purpose is to be a living learning environment that encourages academic excellence, promotes leadership, and develops social supports and a sense of community for Native American and non-Native allies.

As a member of the **Kanonhsesne Program**, I agree:

____(initial) To abide by all regulations as outlined in the Residence Hall Policies and the Code of Student Conduct, as well as the philosophy of the Kanonhsesne Program.

____(initial) To contribute positively to the community by offering support and encouragement for the living and learning environment.

____(initial) To respect my floor member's different motivations for choosing this living option.

____(initial) To support and advocate for Native American/Indigenous Peoples rights and learn about the heritage, culture, traditions and topics that affect the community.

____(initial) To be actively involved with Native American events including, but not limited to, initiatives by the floor community, student groups and the Josephine White Eagle Cultural Center.

____(initial) To have my guests abide by all of the above.

The success of the community and the fulfillment of its mission are dependent upon full participation of all members. Residence Life may ask students who violate these agreements to re-evaluate their commitment to the Kanonhsesne program. I have read the above and understand both the goals of the Kanonhsesne program and my responsibilities as a member of the community. I understand that non-compliance with this contract may result in my relocation to another space on campus.

Resident Name

Room Number

Signature

Date