








**“Home is a place you grow up wanting to leave and grow old wanting to get back to.”**

### **To Rez or Not to Rez:**

Sometimes the advice given to students heading off to post-secondary is that where they live is of a secondary concern, as they are there with the primary purpose of attending school. While undoubtedly the purpose of post-secondary schooling is to receive a higher level of education, a student's choice of accommodation can greatly affect this same student's ability to academically perform. A student's home-life, or life outside of school, should support the student's school-life. Excess stress, anxiety, or conflict at home can at times pervade all aspects of the post-secondary world. There is no right or wrong answer to the question of “Where should a post-secondary student reside?”, but rather it is a question of determining the right path after considering all the facts.

<b><i>Residence Accommodation</i></b>	<b><i>Private Accommodation</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Proximity to institution</li> <li>✓ Required access to transportation</li> <li>✓ Meal plan- access to food services</li> <li>✓ Time management</li> <li>✓ Socialization opportunities</li> <li>✓ Sense of community</li> <li>✓ Rental agreement aligned with school year</li> <li>✓ Mentorships</li> <li>✓ Sense of connection to the institution</li> <li>✗ Cost (sometimes higher than private)</li> <li>✗ Privacy</li> <li>✗ Roommates- the unknown</li> <li>✗ Size of accommodation (possibly)</li> <li>✗ Independent living experience</li> <li>✗ High demand- availability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Cost (possibly)</li> <li>✓ Independence</li> <li>✓ Choice of Roommates</li> <li>✓ Meal selection</li> <li>✓ Sense of work and home separation</li> <li>✓ More decision-making opportunities</li> <li>✗ Transportation (parking or bus)</li> <li>✗ Time management</li> <li>✗ Rental agreements often not aligned with the school calendar</li> <li>✗ More difficult to engage in socialization and networking</li> <li>✗ Social supports</li> <li>✗ Lack sense of connection to the institution</li> <li>✗ High demand- availability</li> </ul>

### **BE TRUE TO SELF**

-  Do I want to travel to school every day?
-  Do I like cooking/cleaning?
-  Will my classes require me to stay late at school?
-  Am I outgoing? Do I make friends easily?
-  Am I easy to get along with?
-  Do I effectively use my time (work & personal)?
-  Do I know someone with whom I'd like to live?

Search U of R Residence, U of S Residence, or whatever post-secondary institution you wish to attend and residence

**Remember: Regardless of whether you choose to live in university residence or an apartment, competition can be fierce so be sure to apply or house hunt early!**