

What are your favorite local spots?

Meet your Lifestyle Director,

Kayla Castilleja

Where are you from?

I am originally from Upstate, NY–I grew up in a small farm-town called Valatie and spent my college/post college years in Syracuse, NY.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I really enjoy traveling—I love to explore new places and build trip itineraries for friends and family. I also love boating and swimming in Lake Wylie, attending concerts and musicals, competing in trivia and game nights, enjoying a weekend brunch with friends, and visiting local breweries and wineries.

In Belmont: The String Bean, The Jailhouse Whiskey & Cigar Bar, Stowe Park, and White Water Center. In Charlotte: Renaissance Patisserie, Good Food on Montford, Olde Mecklenburg Brewery, and Barcelona.

What sorts of things can residents look forward to?

Prior to the completion of our onsite Varsity House, we will be hosting "Lifestyle Without Walls" events, where we will offer events at offsite venues for new neighbors to connect—group seats at sporting events and concerts, cornhole and pickleball tournaments, brewery game nights, happy hours and tastings, tours of local venues. Once the Varsity House and subsequently the Amenity Center are onsite, you can expect catered holiday and theme parties, karaoke nights, fitness classes, comedy and musical performances, sporting tournaments, watch parties, DIY and craft workshops, vendor fairs, fashion shows, and more!

What are you most excited about as the Lifestyle Director for Carolina Riverside?

I can't wait to help create connections amongst neighbors through engaging activities and socials. I am eager for this community to flourish and grow into a supportive, inclusive, and welcoming environment where residents can pursue their passions, make new friends and experience their dream lifestyle.

Any additional fun facts about you?

I'm a huge movie buff—I have seen close to 3,000 films and have a degree in Film Studies. Please share your favorite movie recommendations with me or feel free to chat movies with me anytime!

