

STUDENT SUCCESS & PARENT ENGAGEMENT



ADVICE FROM A COUNSELOR AND NEW "COLLEGE MOM"

I am writing this both as a psychologist working for many years at UD's counseling center and as a mother whose oldest child is moving away to college this August. A major difficulty for many parents is the somewhat abrupt lack of control you (and I) will now have over your child's life. You do not have control over what time your son or daughter is going to bed, what they are eating, what decisions they are making about alcohol and other drugs, if they are going to class, if they are doing homework or studying for tests. There are a lot of parents who continue to try to monitor those activities. We have all probably heard about the mother or father who calls their college student to make sure they get up for class. The reason this is such a bad idea is the obvious one that your student

probably won't learn to do for themselves what you continue to do for them but also the reality that in order to become highly functional adults, our kids really need to learn to cope with the consequences of their actions. They will all make mistakes. Hopefully they will be small ones rather than major ones. An important life skill is to mess up, figure out a way to fix it or tolerate the frustration that it's not fixable and figure out how to move on. However, because it is so difficult to watch our children suffer, sometimes we get caught up in thinking that fixing the problem for them will be helpful when all that does is impede their progress toward healthy adulthood. I am not saying don't help your student if they ask. Being a supportive listener is always

a great thing. Going beyond that, what is most helpful at this stage is, asking "What do you think your options are?" or "Have you considered this" rather than saying "Here's what you need to do." If you are struggling with how best to help your student, please feel free to call the [counseling center](#). We always enjoy speaking with parents and are well aware of the many resources on campus.

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NEW NAME FOR CENTER THAT PROMOTES STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Student Life and Kennedy Union will now be called the Center for Student Involvement for the 2013-14 academic year. Campus involvement is an important part of the college experience, helping students develop vital skills such as leadership, interpersonal communication, personal values alignment and community engagement – skills employers look for in stand-out candidates. The Center for Student Involvement is the hub for more than 220 student organizations and 20 values-based Greek organizations on campus. We can also help students find additional opportunities for getting involved through campus ministry, the Office of Multicultural Affairs, campus recreation, student employment, and more!

Students should be sure to attend Up the Orgs, the annual student organization and involvement fair

held on the Central Mall on Friday, August 23 from 3 to 5pm. It's a great way for first-year and upperclass students alike to find new interests and reconnect with old pastimes and important causes. Your student may even come up with an idea for starting his or her own organization; we can help with that! While first-semester students cannot join values-based Greek organizations, this is a great way to learn a little more about Greek life on campus and begin to consider joining in the spring. Students can also learn about the Student Government Association and free and low-cost programming offered by the Campus Activities Board – two great ways for students to get involved!

Looking for a head start? Students can access the [community software](#) beginning August 1 to learn about all of the organizations on campus!

The Center for Student Involvement is more than just student organizations; we also manage operations for Kennedy Union, the McGinnis Center (including a number of meeting spaces), campus box office, and information center. The Hangar, located on the ground floor of Kennedy Union offers a variety of entertainment options, including bowling, billiards, and video games. Nearly [100 student employment opportunities](#) in Kennedy Union make it all possible. Whatever one's interests, the Center for Student Involvement is here to help students make the most of their cocurricular experience at the University of Dayton!

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Tips From Residence Life and a current student– Give “Old-Fashioned” Communication a Chance!

Every year there is speculation for those who have a “random” roommate. “What type of person is he/she? Will we have anything in common? Is he/she clean?” These are questions that students have in mind before move-in day. Naturally, there is a desire to find the answers to these questions in advance.

Social media has made it easy to obtain information about people without meeting them, or even seeing them. This, however, provokes concern involving premature assumptions about people that may be inaccurate. It’s very easy for students to do exactly this — they can search their roommates on Facebook, Twitter or any other social media site and pick out things that they may not like. Many times what is posted on social media sites and what is sent through electronic communication is not an accurate reflection of a person’s identity and personality. It is strongly recommended that students take the initiative to communicate through phone calls and get to know people through their personal interactions.

I started my first year paired with a random roommate. I didn’t have texting at the time so communicating through phone calls was our only option. My roommate confessed that she could get a sense of my personality because of my enthusiastic voice through the phone and it made her excited to meet me in person and learn more of who she would be spending the next year with.

One of the best aspects of the University of Dayton is the sense of community and acceptance. Students connect with people they never thought they would, and build unforeseen relationships. Residence Life offers ample opportunities to connect with other students and offer the best living atmosphere possible. (As told by Allie, rising senior, School of Education)

Office of Learning Resources

The [LTC’s Office of Learning Resources \(OLR\)](#) is a learning resource for students, parents, faculty and staff at the University of Dayton. Encourage your student to peruse OLRs’ website, attend one of their offerings or meet with a staff member -- however you look at it, OLR is **your partner in learning!**

From tutoring and study groups to services for students with disabilities, OLR offers a wide range of services designed to meet an individuals’ learning needs. Services offered through OLR are free of charge for students enrolled at UD.

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learningresources@udayton.edu

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Fall Career and Graduate Fair

[Career services’](#) annual fall Career and Graduate School Fair will be held on Monday, September 23, from 1-5 p.m. at the University of Dayton Arena. The event typically draws more than 150 employers and graduate schools interested in speaking with students about part-time jobs, internships, co-op positions, full-time opportunities and graduate school. Please encourage your student to attend! In an increasingly digital age, the Career and Graduate School Fair provides a unique opportunity for students, alumni, and employers to network face to face. Career services hosts *résumé* review sessions and preparation workshops in advance of the fair.

As you help your student prepare for the move to campus, make sure that he or she has a suit and professional attire. In addition to career fairs, career services also offers these resources at any time:

- *Résumé*/cover letter assistance
- Choosing a major and career assessments
- Mock interviews
- Workshops and other events
- Access to Hire a Flyer database, with hundreds of employers and job postings
- Individual appointments with career Advisers

For more information on the fair and all workshops and services offered by career services, please check out our [website!](#)

Bursar's Office Updates

IMPORTANT UPDATE CONCERNING LOAN REFUNDS

New for the fall 2013 semester, the [UD Office of Student Accounts/Bursar](#) will no longer be issuing refund checks at the loan window. Instead, we are strongly encouraging all students to sign up for direct deposit, so that your refund may be sent directly to your bank account.

If you do not sign up for direct deposit, refund checks will be mailed to your permanent address. This could delay your refund for up to several weeks. Checks and cash will not be available for pickup. No exceptions will be made.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING STATEMENTS AND PAYMENTS

Students, it is time to sign up your parents as an authorized user on Porches. This will allow them to receive an electronic copy of your tuition statement and allow them to make payments on your behalf.

Log on to [Porches](#), go to Flyers First, then My Payment Center, click the Authorized User tab and [follow the instructions](#).

If you have not already done so, please sign up for direct deposit now. It is easy, secure and convenient!

Have questions? Please contact the Office of Student Accounts/Bursar at 800-259-7117 or 937-229-4111, or email bursar@udayton.edu

As a reminder, refunds, per federal regulation, may not be disbursed until the first day of class or after.

Financial Aid/Flyers First Corner

Have questions about financial aid?

Please feel free to contact the financial aid office, part of [Flyers First](#), at 800-259-8864, or visit us in St. Mary's Hall, room 411.

If your student is an incoming first-year student, please contact an admission/financial aid counselor at 800-837-7433 if you have questions.

IMPORTANT REMINDER REGARDING SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

If your son or daughter is receiving an academic scholarship to UD, please remember that in order for these awards to renew, students must maintain a 3.0 GPA. Students who may be struggling with this requirement are encouraged to contact the [Office of Student Success & Parent Engagement](#) for assistance in creating a plan for academic success.

The financial aid office communicates with students via email and Porches. Please remind your student to check both places frequently for information on filling out important paperwork and meeting financial aid deadlines. Students may also request verification of their enrollment for insurance discounts or any purposes that a family may have through [Porches](#). Select the Flyers First tab and then "Request an Enrollment Verification" in the Registration Tools channel.



Academic Updates

There have been some changes in student academic affairs in the [College of Arts and Sciences dean's office](#). The dean's office provides direct student support through three assistant deans: Dr. Cindy Shafer, Dr. Kim Trick and Professor Tim Wilbers. In addition, administrative assistants Tracy Babal and Amanda Alexander serve in the dean's office, while Aaron Witherspoon works as academic success specialist in the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Two of the three assistant deans are new to the office in the past year. Shafer joined the office in the summer of 2012 and Trick began in January of this year. While they may be new to the dean's office, Shafer and Trick bring significant UD experience to their roles. Shafer has been a member of the UD community since 1997 in the roles of English department instructor and coordinating adviser in the department of communication. Trick has been a member of the University faculty since 1994 in the departments of engineering technology and chemistry. They join Wilbers who has been an assistant dean in the College since 2007 and a faculty member in the department of visual arts since 1983.

The duties of an assistant dean include support of the academic advising activities of the College, initial academic advising of all students entering the College, evaluation and authorization of transfer credit including study abroad experiences, final review of degree requirements for graduation and coordination of support to students facing challenges in their academic work. Students in the College of Arts and Sciences with questions or concerns about any aspect of their academic work at UD are encouraged to contact their assistant dean. In order to provide the highest level of support the three assistant deans specialize in specific curricular areas. Trick works with students with majors in the physical sciences. Shafer works with students majoring in the social sciences, English and philosophy, and Wilbers works with students majoring in the arts, languages, and communication. All three can be reached at 937-229-2611.



Staying Just a Phone Call Away

Parents — it's true — students do want to stay in touch. Here: a student employee— a community liaison in the Office of Student Success — describes the importance of touching base.

And if your son or daughter starts to feel homesick, [our office](#) is a good first step. We are a staff of four professionals and eight students who are here to assist students with the transition to college life. Contact us anytime!

“For most, college life is completely different from home life. No parents, no rules, and the sense of freedom can be exhilarating and at times overwhelming. It is easy to get wrapped up in school work, in making new friends, in adjusting to different living and eating situations, and in clubs outside of the classroom.

Over the last couple of years I've spent at the University of Dayton I've completely enjoyed my time but also found it wonderful to have a sound support system at home when times got tough. It might be easier than you think to forget to call a family member or stay connected with old friends. Calling my mom gave me the chance to reflect on what's been going on in my busy life away at school and catch up on what has been going on back home. Many will find that college has a lot of challenges not only with academics, but in social disagreements whether it is with roommates or in difficult situations at parties. A quick phone call to family can remind you to stay true to yourself or give you valuable advice that could stick with you for a lifetime.

In high school, associating with parents was just about the least cool thing and at times embarrassing, but now that we've all grown up and moved on to new things, don't forget to give your family a call. Give them a quick update on what's been going on with you—I guarantee they'll love to hear from you. As students, we have taken the steps to start our new lives, but let's not forget how we got here and who guided us along the way. “



New Student Programs

The [New Student Orientation team](#) is hard at work preparing for the arrival of our first-year Flyers. We can't wait to see new first years and their families on Saturday, August 17, but want you to know that we are here to answer any questions that you may have before then. As you prepare, here are just a few reminders.

You can reach us via email at nso@udayton.edu or via phone at 937-229-2229. We're available Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. See you soon, and safe travels!

NSO Registration

Is your student registered for NSO 2013? If not, please have your student register themselves and any family members coming along on Porches. Registration will be open until July 31.

Early Drop-Off

Don't forget to register for Early Drop-Off! Early Drop-Off takes place on August 10 and 11. Students sign up for a one-hour time slot in order to move in their belongings in before August 17, making Move-in Day a little less hectic. Participation is highly recommended, especially for students who live within comfortable driving distance to campus. Registration closes on July 31 so sign up today! Visit go.udayton.edu/nso for more information and to access the link to registration.

Family Weekend. . . Save the Date!

[Family Weekend 2013](#) is **September 27-29** and is a great time to return to UD to visit your student and participate in a variety of fun activities together. Some highlights for this year's weekend are the UD football game with pre-game hospitality tent, UD soccer/volleyball games and club sports matches, 5K run, cornhole tournament, study abroad and Greek life information sessions, family Mass and a variety of evening activities including the first Murder Mystery Dinner. Please be aware some events will require preregistration and/or prepayment. We will post additional information about the details of this weekend in early August on our website. Event registration is scheduled to open on August 21 and close on September 18.





Important Dates

Saturday — Tuesday August 17-20	New Student Orientation
Sunday August 18	Upperclass students move in for Fall
Wednesday August 21	Classes begin at 8 a.m.
Monday September 2	Labor Day — no classes
Monday Sep 23	Fall Career and Graduate School Fair
Friday — Sunday Sep 27-29	Family Weekend 2013
Wednesday October 9	Midterm break begins after last class
Monday October 14	Classes resume at 8 a.m.