

Parents@DU



The DU Parents Program e-Newsletter

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Dear DU Parents and Families,

Greetings from the University of Denver Parents Program. Parents@DU is an electronic newsletter that will keep you up to date on the latest news and events at DU.

Please let us know what you'd like to see in upcoming issues. You may contact Laura Stevens at laura.stevens@studentlife.du.edu or Sharon Bond at sharon.bond@studentlife.du.edu. You may access past issues at www.du.edu/studentlife/parents/.

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Congratulations to the class of 2011

The Parents Association sends congratulations and best wishes to the families

of the Class of 2011

Save The Date

*Homecoming & Family Weekend 2011
October 21st & 22nd*

Join other DU families and alumni for 2 full days
of activities and time with your student

Grandparents are invited...

to join our Grandparents Listserv to receive the bi-monthly [Parents@DU](#) electronic newsletter. If there is a grandparent in your family who would like to receive this newsletter, please send their name and email address to Sharon Bond sharon.bond@studentlife.du.edu.

Join the Parents Association

Four-year members of the Parents Association will receive a copy of the 2011-2012 Parents & Family Calendar in early July. Visit www.du.edu/studentlife/parents/informing for the full list of benefits and online membership form. You may join the association or extend your one-year membership.

Parents-Calling-Parents Call for Volunteers

The mission of the Office of Parent Relations is to facilitate communication between families and the university. We are recruiting current parents to call and welcome new parents to the DU community. These volunteers are familiar with how it feels to start the college journey with their own students and now they can share that experience with new families, welcome them to the DU community, and answer questions about the DU experience.

If you would like to become part of the Parents-Calling-Parents program, please email sharon.bond@studentlife.du.edu and provide your name, your city and state, and the email address we may use for contacting you when the program is ready to launch in June.

Thank you for supporting the Office of Parent Relations and your DU community.

Commencement Resources

As you prepare to graduate from DU, we're here to make sure your transition from student to alum is a seamless one. Use this site to find important Commencement resources.

www.du.edu/commencement

Career Center

Graduating? What are you going to do?
Stop the questions. Find the answers.

www.du.edu/career



Summer Course Offerings

DU is substantially increasing course offerings beginning summer quarter 2011. More courses will be offered online and on campus to help your student accelerate work in his or her degree program. Registration is open. Visit www.du.edu/summer for information.

DU Bookstore Computer Center

Congratulations to all DU parents and families as another great school year concludes. Did you know that you can shop for your student year round. Visit on campus or call 303-871-2673. You save with academic pricing on Apple, accessories and will even find software up to 80% off full retail. Laptops and software make great graduation gifts. For the class of 2011, it's the last chance to receive student only pricing.

http://www.dubookstore.com/denver/site_computer.asp

Renovation of Penrose Library

The University is about to begin a long-awaited and very important renovation of Penrose Library, an institution that has served DU students and faculty very well for the last 40 years, but that is now in need of significant renewal.

I encourage you to track the progress of the Academic Commons project by checking this link frequently: <http://library.du.edu/site/academicCommons/home.php>.

DU Launches Android App

The University of Denver's latest app is now live. For those of you with Android devices, it is available through the Android Market. DU's Apple app (iPhone, iPad and iPod touch) launched last fall, and nearly 2,400 users in the U.S. and many other countries have downloaded it.

Among the many features, the free app allows you to access the directory, follow the latest news on DU Today, and link to Athletics, TEDxDU and other programs. Join the growing number of DU app users by entering the search term "University of Denver" and downloading it today.

Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Everyone in Natural Sciences and Mathematics (NSM) is hard at work finishing up the Spring quarter. The Departments are planning end-of-year celebrations; announcements will be sent to students in the following weeks and parents are welcome to attend.

We are looking forward to seeing more than 100 NSM students graduate in June, and hope to see you there. Please visit our website to keep up on current NSM events: www.du.edu/nsm.

Health Insurance

The Alumni Association offers health insurance to fill the needs of many students who will be without coverage after graduation. Parental policies often end as early as the day before graduation, or may not be suitable after graduation. And for those on the school's plan our student health insurance ends on August 31, 2011. Most products are available to family members as well - even if they didn't attend the University of Denver.

Don't risk going without health insurance, especially when affordable options are available. Watch the mail for more information or visit www.meyerandassoc.com/ma/DU.

Student Life Sustainability Achievements

The Academic Advising & Discoveries Orientation Staff is committed to sustainability and learning how to reduce negative impact on our environment.

We are cutting back on paper reams and paper use, being more intentional with turning lights off as well as the type of light bulbs used, reducing the number of hard copy forms by moving to interactive electronic forms, and partnering with the Career Center as well as the University Technology Staff to develop an interactive check-in and appointment process for students.

Sustainability is part of our performance goals and we are committed to make a difference.

Daniels Summer 2011 Three-Week Business Program for Non-Business Majors

Is your son or daughter a **non-business student** who wants to be more prepared for their first job after college? Our **Summer Business Institute** is a 3-week program that will run June 13-July 1. It is an intensive immersion program designed exclusively for non-business majors to focus on the business and leadership skills they will need to be a strong employee and be recognized as an emerging leader in their organization. The cost of the program is \$3,900.

If you know anyone who may be interested in the program, please let us know! Please contact Becca Mahoney at 303-871-4833 or Becca.Mahoney@du.edu. Also, visit our website at: www.daniels.du.edu/sbi and find us on Facebook!

Going Home For The Summer

For college students, summer break is a time to get caught up on school work, earn money for next quarter, prepare for their career, or simply relax and reconnect with family and friends. It is important to remember that you and your student will be going through a transition this summer if your student decides to visit over summer break. Your student has probably gotten accustomed to a different lifestyle that may cause some tension while visiting during the summer.

Keep in mind that students tend to want to maintain the independence they have built while at college, even when they are at home. It is important to discuss what has changed and what has stayed the same for you and your student.

Here are some things to consider as you prepare yourself and your student for the return

home...

<http://www.du.edu/duhealth/counseling/going-home.html>

Daniels College of Business

Spring has sprung and summer is right around the corner! This past quarter, we held exciting events that benefitted all our students, especially our secondary admission students. Our most recent event was our annual Career Conference with the theme of "How to Make Money and Advance Your Summer." This event was a huge success. Students were able to hear from Internship Coordinators and Professional Recruiters from various industries who discussed how to make the most of their summer internships, and how to stand out in the job search application process. For a complete list of programs and speakers, visit:

<http://daniels.du.edu/degreesmajors/undergraduate/studentlife/backbacksbriefcase.html>

Have you asked your student if they have gotten involved on campus to help make memorable contributions and connections? For information on how to get involved with a student business group or if you are interested in participating in any of our co-curricular programming please contact Karen Vreeland (karen.vreeland@du.edu, 303-871-6910).

You can get involved, too! Contact our Associate Dean Dan Connolly (Connolly@du.edu, 303-871-6910) if you are interested in participating in any of our co-curricular programming. If you have any further questions please email us at DCBUndergrad@du.edu.

Financial Aid Update for the 2011-2012 Year

Award Letter Notifications

New students will receive both an email and letter when they have been offered a financial aid award. Starting in late May, continuing students will receive an email, to their DU address, when their financial aid award for 2011-2012 is available to view online through [webCentral](#). If you believe you should have already received this communication, please contact the [Office of Financial Aid](#).

Next Steps to Take

First, all awards need to be accepted, reduced, or declined through webCentral. To learn more, [watch our how-to video](#) on accepting your financial aid. If your student plans to borrow federal loans for the first time, he/she will also need to complete both a Master Promissory Note and Entrance Counseling online through StudentLoans.gov. Find additional information about next steps through the [Financial Aid website](#).

Parent PLUS Loans

If you are interested in applying for a [Parent PLUS loan](#), first-time borrowers will need to Request a PLUS Loan and complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN) online at [StudentLoans.gov](#). If you borrowed a PLUS loan last year, the MPN is not required. Remember that you must pass a credit check before the loan is guaranteed.

Have additional questions? Please contact the Office of Financial Aid at 303-871-4020 or finaid@du.edu.



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