

Parents @ DU e-newsletter



The DU Parents Program e-Newsletter

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Dear DU Families:

Parents@DU is an electronic newsletter developed by the Office of Parent Relations. Our office requests articles from several departments on campus that may be of interest to families. Please let us know what you'd like to see in upcoming issues.

Most of the articles you will find in our newsletter have links to give you more information on the content found within that article or contact information for the department which submitted the article.

For general questions about the content of our newsletter, you may contact [Laura Stevens](#) or [Sharon Bond](#).

Past issues may be found on the [Parents website](#).

One of the main goals of the Office of Parent Relations is to facilitate communication between the University and families. We hope you find this newsletter useful and informative.

Sincerely,

Laura Stevens and Sharon Bond
DU Office of Parent Relations

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Chancellor sees DU on stable ground with a busy year ahead

Visit [DU Today](#) to read an article outlining the five strategic goals for the coming year during Chancellor Robert Coombe's annual Convocation event on October 5, 2011.

Career Services

DU students might be on Winter Break, but Employers are not! Both DU Careers Online and UCAN will continue to receive job and internship opportunities throughout the break. Now's the perfect time to secure that summer internship or begin your job search! Go to www.du.edu/career/

Family Weekends at DU

Parents and families enjoyed Coffee with the Chancellor, Pioneer Hockey, Family Information Sessions, and more, during Homecoming & Family Weekend.

Our next family weekend event is **"Dads" & Granddads Weekend**, February 24th & 25th, 2012. Activities will include Pioneer sports, Pre-game gatherings, and Faculty lectures. Keep an eye on our [schedule of events](#) for more information and registration (opening in December).



Summer 2012: 13 Day 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 13-day program that will run June 13 - June 29. It is an intensive [business program for non-business students](#) to focus on the professional and leadership skills they will need to be a strong employee and be recognized as an emerging leader in their organization. Register by March 30, 2012 for the discounted rate!

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. Find us on facebook!

Does your student use a Smartphone?

Visit [The Chronicle of Higher Education](#) to read an October 2011 article about smartphone security on college campuses.

One of the goals of the Office of Parent Relations is to keep parents and families informed about issues affecting the DU community.

Let us know what you would like to read in our newsletter, by emailing parents@du.edu.



Resident Assistant Applications for 2012-2013

Housing & Residential Education is recruiting for our 2012-2013 Resident Assistant staff and we would greatly appreciate YOU encouraging your student to apply! More information about the RA position can be found at:

<http://www.du.edu/housing/staff/join/student/raosition/index.html>.

Interested students can begin the application process by filling out an [RA candidate profile](#) any time AFTER December 2nd.

Further questions about being an RA and about the RA selection process can be sent to Jacob Hahn, Jacob.Hahn@studentlife.du.edu.

DU Chaplain's Newsletter

DU's University Chaplain, the Rev. Gary Brower, publishes a weekly newsletter throughout the year. It contains a brief meditation, descriptions of events/programs of interest, listings of campus religious groups, as well as some of the major religious holidays in the upcoming weeks. If you, as a parent or alum are interested in receiving the newsletter (and seeing what's going on on campus), go to the [Chaplain's Website](#), fill in your email address in the box on the left column, and check the box for "Chaplain's Newsletter". You are, of course, welcome to join in any of the events when you're on campus!



Career Center

Parents and Families,

Join the Career Center's Professional Network and agree to talk to DU students and alumni about your career path and the industry in which you work. It's a great way to give back to other students or alumni and allow them to find out more about your career to see if it is a direction they might want to take in the future.



Also encourage your student to take advantage of the Professional Network to contact up to 1000+ people who already belong. Just go to the Career Center at www.du.edu/career and then DU Careers Online to join as a parent, or ask your student to access the database to conduct informational interviews.

Study Abroad

It's almost time to apply to Study Abroad!

Keep in mind that the Study Abroad process takes a bit longer than most students think, and the deadlines are just around the corner! We encourage students to look into their options and even complete their [applications](#) during winter break, if possible.

All students who plan to study abroad must begin by attending a mandatory "Study Abroad 101" session, held weekdays at the I-House. Some students may have an additional mandatory Regional Session to attend, depending on where they are planning to go. Students may find the schedules here:

http://www.du.edu/intl/abroad/info_sessions.html

Here are some important upcoming deadlines for Fall 2011 Study Abroad:

January 20: Deadline for limited-enrollment Fall Quarter/Semester or Academic Year. This deadline applies only to DU programs that have an enrollment quota. Should these programs not "fill," applications may still be accepted after this deadline.

March 1: Regular Deadline for Fall Quarter/Semester or Academic Year.

DU Shuttle

The DU Shuttle is a transportation service provided to the University community starting Tuesday September 6, 2011.

Accessible Shuttle: 8 am to 6 pm-- the DU Shuttle operates one wheelchair accessible van for students, faculty and staff who have mobility impairments, both permanent and temporary injuries. Advance notice must be given; same day rides are not guaranteed. Contact Disability Services at 303-871-2372/2278; medical documentation must be provided.



The DU Shuttle also operates between the hours of 8:00 pm and 12:00 am on campus and surrounding streets. Call Campus Safety at 303-871-2334 to arrange a pickup. All times are dependent on weather and traffic conditions. Schedules are subject to change without notice.

Health & Counseling Center

Plans for Drug and Alcohol Programming for 2012 include a mandatory on-line class for all incoming first-year students, designed to provide safety education around substance use.

Other program elements include a stringent set of outcomes for students who violate the conduct code ranging from online interventions, individual counseling sessions, and educational workshops according to the violation.

Voluntary programming includes individual counseling and a support group for students trying to make changes to their use. Finally, a community resource list is being created for students with substance issues. Future elements include a smoking cessation program, increase in "sober" activities on campus, and a "drug court" model of programming for students with repeated substance use violations.

More information on this and other resources is available at:

<http://www.du.edu/duhealth/health-resources/aod/>

Financial Aid Update

Winter Quarter Disbursement

The Winter quarter portion of financial aid is scheduled to pay into DU student accounts on December 24. The Bursar's Office will process [refunds](#) 2-3 business days later. Therefore, students who have signed up for [direct deposit](#) should receive their refunds (if applicable) by December 29. All financial aid requirements must be satisfied for aid to disburse, which your student can check by logging into webCentral and viewing the "Student" tab.

411 on Financial Aid - The Director's Blog

This new blog-written and updated weekly by our Director of Financial Aid, Chris George-offers insight and direction into a process that many find daunting, confusing and

challenging. Learn more about DU's Office of Financial Aid, and financial aid topics in general, by reading [411 on Financial Aid-The Director's Blog](#).

Have questions?

Please contact the [Office of Financial Aid](#) at 303-871-4020 or finaid@du.edu.



The University of Denver's Lamont School of Music is recognized widely as a premiere university music school with a long-standing tradition of excellence.

The Lamont large ensembles are wrapping up Fall Quarter with a couple of outstanding concerts. Catch the Lamont Chorale, Men's, and Women's Choirs in one performance on Wednesday, November 16th. Admission is free, and no tickets are necessary. Visit [DU Today](#) for a story about the concert. On Thursday, November 17th the Lamont Symphony Orchestra will perform its final concert of Fall Quarter, featuring Lamont faculty [Steven Mayer](#) on piano. Admission is free, however tickets are required for all Lamont Symphony Orchestra concerts. Complimentary tickets are available in person at the Newman Center Box Office. Tickets may also be reserved online or over the phone for a small service charge: www.newmantix.com or 303-871-7720.

Both performances begin at 7:30 pm in Gates Concert Hall at the Newman Center for the Performing Arts. Parking will be free in the Newman Center parking garage.

Please visit the [Lamont Web Calendar](#) or call the Lamont Concert Line, 303-871-6412, for information on upcoming concerts and events.

Daniels College of Business

We at the Daniels College of Business are looking forward to the holiday season after a very busy fall quarter. We kicked off the school year with our annual Welcome Back BBQ and successfully completed our first round of the secondary admissions process.

Our featured event with the Backpacks to Briefcases program was a Case Question Interview Workshop with Marc Consentino. In December a select group of juniors and seniors will participate in our second year of the City Treks program, visiting New York and

San Francisco and networking with professionals in those cities.

If you are the parent of a Daniels senior, please encourage your student to fill out their Business Week Survey. The feedback helps shape future programming and curricular decisions.

On behalf of Daniels, we wish you a wonderful and safe holiday and a lot of fun as you welcome your students home again!

If you would like any further information on our programs, or how to get involved, please contact us at 303.871.6910 or DCBundergrad@du.edu

For a complete list of programs and speakers, visit:

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

Student Life Diversity Spotlight

The offices within the Division of Student Life at DU are featured on a rotational basis in our internal newsletter to inform the Student Life community of our work in the areas of Inclusiveness. This most recent newsletter article is from AADO (Academic Advising and Discoveries Orientation).

The AADO area did an enhanced orientation for International students and worked closely with the [ISSS](#) (International Services for Students and Scholars) to ensure comprehensive advising for our global students. It was a much more welcoming and intentional process of ensuring that they were both welcomed and integrated into our academic and cultural environment. The partnerships across campus were highlighted and many mini-programs were well received.

The AADO also had a more comprehensive transfer student orientation process and expanded programming and activities for the transfer students.

On September 5th, the Veterans/Former Military New Student Welcome Reception was held in collaboration with the [CME](#) (Center for Multicultural Excellence), current students, and other departments to help our Veteran students understand the college milieu at DU and to welcome them to our different resources. Dr. Jim Moran offered the opening remarks. It was a big success!

The Daniels Fund Scholar Success Program held an Annual Welcome Back BBQ and over 50 current and new students attended. The students networked with many others from various departments and the keynote speaker was [Dr. Corey Ciocchetti](#) who spoke about the importance of integrity, honesty, loyalty, reliability, humaneness, innovation, and

community spirit - all values of Bill Daniels. A Peer mentoring program has been created this year to bridge incoming and returning DU Daniels Fund Scholars.

WeCar[™]
Car Sharing by Enterprise®



The University of Denver is partnering with WeCar, a division of Enterprise Car Rental, to provide two car-sharing vehicles on campus beginning in September. WeCar reports it is "a membership-based car sharing program for people who are looking for an alternative method of transportation that lowers the cost and reduces the hassles of traditional transportation."

Vision: The partnership with WeCar will enable DU to provide a service to its community that will help eliminate the need for individual vehicles on campus. The projected benefits include a reduction in vehicle trips by eliminating the need for students to have a personal vehicle on campus.

Externally the program will show DU putting into action its commitment for global sustainability. Internally, while reflecting the same commitment to sustainability the program will also provide a convenient, cost-effective service to students, faculty and staff who do not wish to make the cost-commitment to maintaining a personal vehicle.

See the full story on [DU Today](#).

Remember to renew your 1-year membership with the Parents Association:

If you have a 4-year membership, or upgrade your 1-year membership, you will continue to receive benefits which include the Parent & Family Calendar, 10% off gifts and apparel at the DU Bookstore, early registration for Moms & Dads Weekends, and entry in a drawing for a \$250 gift certificate for one student for each quarter of the academic year.

To read more about the Parents Association, please visit our website:

www.du.edu/studentlife/parents.

If you would like to verify your membership, please contact [Sharon Bond](#).

Parents Association membership dues support Summer Send-offs, Parent and Family Orientation, Homecoming and Family Weekend, "Moms" and "Dads" Weekends, and Parents@DU e-newsletter.



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