

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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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

Congratulations to our Bookstore \$250 Gift Certificate Winner

***Lea Anne & Randy Ottinger
Parents of Michael***

The Ottingers won this gift certificate because they are members of the DU Parents Association. Each quarter of the academic year, the Office of Parent Relations draws a name from our current membership for a \$250 gift certificate to the DU Bookstore.

Visit the [DU Parents Association website](#) to see how you can get in the bookstore drawing and receive our other benefits of membership.

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.

Career Center

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

[Upcoming Career Events for Seniors](#)



Summer at DU

DU is substantially increasing course offerings beginning in 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 begins April 11. Visit www.du.edu/summer for

information.

Non-Profit and Government Career and Internship Fair

Parents, encourage your DU student to attend the Non-Profit and Government Career and Internship Fair on Wednesday April 20 in Driscoll Ballroom from 2-5 pm. Opportunities for jobs, internships, and volunteer experiences for all ages. Areas of government, human services, corrections, law enforcement, education, business, computer science and engineering will be represented. Go to www.du.edu/career for the list of employers to be posted soon.

Ammi Hyde Interviews

The Office of Undergraduate Admission conducted over 3000 Ammi Hyde interviews between November 2010 and January 2011. This invaluable experience would not be possible for prospective Pioneers if it were not for the numerous faculty, staff, alumni and parent volunteers who support the program each year. Special thanks to parents Loren Jarvis, Sharon Straus, Lynn Bick, Debbie Estes, Judy Maillis, Judy Tuinzing, and Marilyn Brady for greeting students and families in Hartford, Larkspur, Minneapolis, Denver, Portland, and Boston. The Office of Admission is truly grateful for your insight and time, and we hope to have you back next year! Parents who wish to share their DU experiences with prospective families at the Ammi Hyde Interviews should contact Andy Losier at alosier@du.edu, or 303.871.7651.

Financial Aid

Now is the time to apply for financial aid for the 2011-2012 academic year! The priority deadline for DU to receive your financial aid application(s) is April 1, 2011.

The FAFSA is required for all students applying for financial aid. The web address is: www.fafsa.ed.gov

The CSS PROFILE is also required for consideration of University of Denver need based grants. The web address is: <http://profileonline.collegeboard.com>

If your student is looking to maintain or receive an academic or merit-based scholarship, neither application is necessary. Assuming all applications and subsequent documentation have been submitted in full, students will receive notice of their award packages via email at the end of May. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid at 303-871-4020 or finaid@du.edu if you have questions.

Fall 2011 Study Abroad Applications Are In

This year again proved how excited students are to study abroad, as we received over 700 applications for study during the fall 2011 quarter! With students beginning to hear about their acceptances to their study abroad programs, please encourage them to actively start the process now of preparing for their time abroad.

Every student is required to attend a study abroad pre-departure orientation session. This session will cover everything from dealing with culture shock, to the next steps the student needs to take to get ready. Regional sessions will also be held during the second half of the spring quarter. Students are highly encouraged to go to their session, as they can talk to recent returnees, gain valuable information and meet the other students on their program.

Our website (www.du.edu/intl/abroad) provides key information, helpful links and a narrated pre-departure orientation slideshow for parents, but remember to hold your student responsible for all the preparations that studying abroad requires.

DU Bookstore Introduces Textbook Rental Program

Students' days of having to purchase expensive textbooks or waste time scouring the Internet to find the best deals are officially over. The DU Bookstore recently implemented a textbook rental program that allows students to rent textbooks for an academic quarter at up to 50 percent off the cost of purchasing new books. Hundreds of textbook titles are now available for rental at the DU Bookstore.

"Textbook affordability is a key concern for many college students," says Marty Neary, the bookstore's textbook manager. "They are searching for quality textbooks at affordable rates. Many students have turned to the Internet searching for lower-priced textbooks. We are offering students an option for lower textbook prices within the local campus bookstore."

Each eligible textbook has a purchase price and a rental price. When students check out, they can choose to purchase or rent the books. With a rental, students return the books to the bookstore by a posted due date, which coincides with the end of finals. Students must return books on time and in resalable condition or fees may apply. The program will continue in future quarters, which will keep rental costs low. For more information, visit www.dubookstore.com.

Spring Happenings at the Health & Counseling Center

After a successful trial of Helpnet with parents during "Moms" & Grandmoms Weekend,

the HCC will launch Helpnet for your son or daughter this Spring. Helpnet is a training program geared toward students who are natural helpers in the community. The goals of Helpnet are to create a network of support and awareness for those people who serve the natural helper role, to increase awareness of resources on campus for students, and to best help natural helpers help other people with various emotional health issues. If you think your son or daughter may be interested, please let them know about this program. Go to our website to learn more: www.du.edu/duhealth/counseling/helpnet.html.

Additionally, if you think your son or daughter may benefit from any of our services including individual, couples, and group counseling or if they need an assessment for learning disabilities, ADHD, or other mental health/behavioral concerns please encourage them to contact us.

To check out a list of all our programs and self-help materials, visit our website at www.du.edu/duhealth/counseling.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me, Elizabeth Wawrek, at Elizabeth.Wawrek@hcc.du.edu. We look forward to making this year a successful one for both you and your DU student!

Daniels College of Business

BusinessWeek just ranked the Daniels College of Business **undergraduate program #64 in the nation**. Daniels jumped ten spots from #74 in 2010. Daniels is also the highest-ranked undergraduate business program in Colorado.

Daniels College of Business is excited to head into the spring 2011 quarter! We are continuing to prepare our students for success in the secondary admission process this coming fall 2011 quarter. We are continuing to offer many secondary admission workshops to help prepare students for the application process. This past winter we held a number of very successful Backpacks to Briefcases co-curricular programs. One program to highlight on is our Fashion Your Future Program where we demonstrated how a professional wardrobe can be beneficial to a student's interview process. We will also be continuing with our popular City Treks program in various cities around the US. 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 are involved on campus to help make memorable contributions and connections? You can 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.

Parents - Talk to Your Son or Daughter About Internships

What is an internship?

It is a planned, out-of-classroom work experience related to one's studies (learn by doing) and is usually short term (one or more quarters or summer-long). Gaining relevant *experience* is most important but you might also be *paid* or obtain *academic credit* for your internship.

Why intern?

An internship is an outstanding way to explore career options, confirm that the career direction you are considering is a good choice by trying it out, link classroom studies to the real world, earn credit or pay while you are learning, and gain experience to build your resume and make connections so your eventual job search is that much easier.

How do I find an internship?

While it is *not* difficult to find an internship, it *does* take some effort and advance planning.

-Think about your long-term career interests and why you chose your major.

-When do you want to intern? Full-time summer? Part-time during the academic year?

-What do you have to offer an employer? If you want to get paid a certain hourly wage, you need to be able to persuade an employer that you are worth it. Many times, your first internship may be unpaid as you get some basic experience. Once you have experience, it is easier to persuade an employer that you merit pay. However, high quality experience always is more important than pay.

-Do you know anyone (family members, faculty, friends) who could help you obtain an internship?

Many experts state that 60-70% of people find their jobs/internships through networking!

-Use the resources of the Career Center (internship database, resources on the [Career Center website](#), meeting with a career counselor, and attending a workshop on finding an internship).

Could I get credit for an internship?

In many cases, yes. Usually credit is possible for juniors or seniors, so plan ahead. Whether to award credit is a decision that is up to individual faculty members so speak to one soon.



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