

Parents@DU



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**

Important Notice - Date Correction

An incorrect date for winter residence hall closures has been published in some materials that were mailed to families over the summer. We apologize for the error.

Please be advised that university residence halls will close at 9am on November 23rd for winter break, and will re-open at 12:00pm on January 1st, 2012.

View this and other important dates on the [Housing website](#).

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Homecoming & Family Weekend **Friday and Saturday, October 21st & 22nd**

Please join us for Homecoming & Family Weekend for Pioneer spirit and fun! Don't miss the excitement - Parent Information Sessions, Homecoming Parade, Taste of DU, Pioneer Hockey vs. Minnesota State Mavericks and more!

A schedule of events and [registration information](#) is available on the Office of Alumni website. If you have questions or problems with the registration process, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 303.871.2777 or 800.871.3822.

"Dads" & Granddads Weekend 2012 **Friday and Saturday, February 24th & 25th**

Please join us for "Dads" & Granddads Weekend 2012 for an opportunity to spend time with your student while becoming more familiar with the University. Activities often include a Pioneer Men's Hockey game, lectures, and campus tours.

A schedule of events and registration information will be posted on our website www.du.edu/studentlife/parents/events as soon as details are available.

Parents Association Gift Certificate Drawing

Each quarter of the academic year, members of the [Parents Association](#) are entered into a drawing for a \$250 gift certificate for the DU Bookstore.

The winners for this quarter are:

Daniel and Maureen DeFrancia
Parents of Shanley DeFrancia

Fall Career & Internship Fair

Wednesday, October 19, 3:00 - 6:00pm
[Gates Field House, Ritchie Center](#)

With over 55 organizations represented, now is the time to network with local and national employers. Student can see who's attending by logging in to DU Careers Online through: www.du.edu/career

Parents Calling Parents

The Office of Parent Relations would like to recognize our 50 parent volunteers who took time out of their busy summer schedules to call 848 families of incoming DU students. This program is possible because of your hard work and dedication to the University, its students, and programs. Thank you.

<i>Lynn Bick</i>	<i>Heather Goldberg</i>	<i>Kim & Ray Phillips</i>
<i>Jim Bolden</i>	<i>Bob Greenberg</i>	<i>Bruce & Lyn Ranta</i>
<i>Evalina Burger-Van Der Walt</i>	<i>Randi Haith</i>	<i>Betsy Rausch</i>
<i>Carrie Burghoff</i>	<i>Chris Haley</i>	<i>Leslie Reback</i>
<i>Ginny Casano</i>	<i>Susan Hughes</i>	<i>Louise Rowntree</i>
<i>Carol Connelly</i>	<i>Ismay Isselmann-Parker</i>	<i>Rita Semling</i>
<i>Dee & Tom Cryer</i>	<i>John Kloeckner</i>	<i>Jessie Solomon</i>
<i>Anita Demopoulos</i>	<i>Shelli Kraus</i>	<i>Ann Stone</i>
<i>Eileen Dishong</i>	<i>Veena Kumar</i>	<i>Tammy Story</i>
<i>Helen Dohrmann</i>	<i>Diane Letson</i>	<i>Sharon Straus</i>
<i>Cynthia Ellis</i>	<i>Jeffrey Luker</i>	<i>Janny Strickland</i>
<i>Mary Kay Finley</i>	<i>Robin Maddox</i>	<i>Christiaan Van Der Walt</i>
<i>Kathy Gallion</i>	<i>Judy Maillis</i>	<i>Ann Williams</i>
<i>Hilde Gill Kaiser</i>	<i>Julie McGarvey</i>	<i>Diana Wilson</i>
<i>Karen Gjerstad</i>	<i>JoAnne Mueller</i>	<i>Kristin Wimberg</i>
<i>Sheila Goff</i>	<i>Julie Nelson</i>	<i>Paul Woods</i>

While we strive to reach the whole incoming class with this welcoming call, our number of volunteers limits our ability to speak personally with each new family. If you are interested in being a volunteer for the Parents Calling Parents program for the families who will join us in 2012, please let me know by following this link:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FMB99WP>.

Study Abroad Fall 2012 - Start Planning Now

Students who plan to study abroad during the Fall 2012 term should begin their research and planning this quarter!

The first step is attending a "Study Abroad 101" session at the Office of International Education, and we'll get them started on the process.

Our fall quarter schedule for these sessions can be found at
www.du.edu/intl/abroad/info_sessions.html.

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!

DU Men's Lacrosse to Hold Second Annual Fall Celebration Dinner

Honoring the 2011 ECAC Champion and Final Four Team
as well as the Pioneers of Denver Lacrosse (Classes of the 60s and 70s)

With Master of Ceremonies, Devin Farrell '00
Friday, October 21
6:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour, 7:00 p.m. Dinner and Program

[Register Online](#)

Survey: Expectations About Post-College Parenting

As colleges and universities nationally are considering the development or restructuring of services and programming for parents of their students, questions arise about how to establish, staff, and provide appropriate services. A national survey of college and university parents and families is collecting information on expectations about post-college parenting.

This survey will take about five minutes, and the results will be used to develop messages and services for parents as their students graduate from college.

Survey participants are eligible for a drawing for ten \$25 Amazon gift certificates, to be randomly selected from all respondents.

Please fill out the survey at <https://umsurvey.umn.edu/index.php?sid=69948&lang=um>.

The deadline for responding is September 30, 2011. Thank you.

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), [click here](#) to go 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,

Does your student know about the many services of the Career Center?

- Help with deciding on majors and career direction
- Help with internships
- Help with their job search
- How to attend a career and internship fair
- How to write a resume and cover letter
- Access to thousands of web resources
- How to connect with our Professional Network for informational interviews

Encourage your student to make an appointment at 303-871-2150, Driscoll south, lower level, www.du.edu/career.



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.

Lamont School of Music

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.

Housed in the outstanding Robert and Judi Newman Center for the Performing Arts, the Lamont School of Music presents approximately 350 concerts each academic year.

It features four different Concert Series, two Opera Productions, a Winter Musical in collaboration with the DU Department of Theatre, and several Lectures, Workshops and Master Classes. Most of the events presented by Lamont are free admission. Please visit the [Lamont Web Calendar](#) or call the Lamont Concert Line, 303-871-6412, for information on upcoming concerts and events.

This Fall marks Lamont's First Fall Opera! The Lamont Opera Theatre Department and the Lamont Symphony Orchestra Present Faust, by Charles Gounod. Performances are Thursday, November 3; Friday, November 4; and Saturday, November 5 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, November 6 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are available through the Newman Center Box Office, 303-871-7720 or www.newmantix.com. Call the Lamont Concert Line for more information: 303-871-6412.



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](#).

Hello DU Families,

Jim and I joined the DU Parents Council 3 ½ years ago, the spring of our daughter's first year. We have enjoyed our experience with the Council and feel more connected to the University.

Sending a student off to college is exhilarating and often demanding. It also is one of the most significant investments your family can make - the education of your child. The University of Denver Parents Council can offer you an opportunity to become knowledgeable and involved in your student's college experience. As Council Co-Chairs,

we invite you first of all to join our Parents Association and encourage interested parents to join our Council. Benefits, duties and responsibilities, as well as a Council application, are explained on the [Parents Council web page](#).

If you have questions about the DU Parents Council, please contact Laura Stevens, Director of Parent Relations, at 303-871-2744.

Applications will be considered at the end of September.

Welcome to the DU community.

Sincerely,

Jim and Carolyn Bolden
Parents of Becca and Zach



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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