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Parent & Family Relations

Parent & Family Relations is a department within Student Life that is just for you. This newsletter and many other special notices are sent periodically throughout the academic year. When you need help navigating the University community, want information about parent weekends, or need to find contact information, Parent & Family Relations is here to help you.

Parents Blog and Tweets

Be sure to visit our Parents Blog, 1864parents.com, where you will find articles for parents of college students, tips and advice from current DU parents, and information about Parent & Family Relations at DU. Follow us on Twitter [@DuParents](https://twitter.com/DuParents).

Send your Student a Treat for Birthdays, Finals, or Just for Fun

[Nothing Bundt Cakes](#) has the best little bundt cakes around. There are small bundtlets by the dozen or larger bundt cakes in various flavors. I've tried most of the flavors and they have all been very good. Use the "Order Online" button on their website at the top right, enter the DU zip code 80210 and select the Denver-Cherry Creek location.

Remember to have your student's residence address, including their room number. To find your student's residence hall address, click on the name of their hall on the left side of this page: <http://www.du.edu/housing/buildings/index.html>

Moms & Grandmoms Weekend 2015

Friday, February 20th to Sunday, February 22nd

Save the Date for the Parents Association's most popular campus event for Moms and Grandmoms. Join your student for some fun campus activities, Pioneer hockey, and Denver excursions.

Moms & Grandmoms Weekend will include Tea at the Brown Palace, Ski Bus to Vail Resort, a bus tour of Denver, Chocolate Tasting at the carillon bell tower, special Moms & Grandmoms Weekend commemorative items, and more. View the schedule in two different ways; [schedule at a glance](#) and the [schedule with event descriptions](#).

[Register for Moms & Grandmoms Weekend here](#)

Looking for a hotel for Moms & Grandmoms Weekend

TownePlace Suites still has rooms available for the weekend of Feb 20th - 22nd at rates between \$89 for a studio and \$119 for two bedroom suites. They are located at 3699 South Monaco Parkway in Denver, about 5 miles from the DU campus. Reservations can be made by calling 303-759-9393 or on the [TownePlace Suites website](#).

Plan now for summer quarter

It's not too early to start thinking about summer classes at the University of Denver. Registration for summer session opens March 2, and students can view course options starting February 1, at du.edu/summer/courses.

With summer classes, students can:

- **Graduate faster**-If students take classes every summer, they can graduate early and start their career.
- **Get the credits they need**-Fill common curriculum requirements over the summer, or focus on intensive courses in their major.
- **Earn DU credits from anywhere**-Whether your student is working or traveling over the summer, they can take DU classes online, and won't have to worry about transferring credits.
- **Use DU financial aid**-The DU portion of students' financial aid package is available for summer. Contact the [Office of Financial Aid](#) for full details. Financial aid packets will be available in April 2015.

If you have questions, contact Jennifer Karas at Jennifer.Karas@du.edu, and stay tuned to du.edu/summer for more details.

Update on fall quarter armed robberies

The robberies that occurred this past fall are still being investigated and there have been no additional incidents to this date. Campus Safety has increased the number of personnel assigned to patrol duties through a new arrangement of shift schedules. To increase the presence of safety personnel even further, Campus Safety has contracted with G4S Security to provide additional patrols on and near campus. The Denver Police Department continues to have an increased presence in the area as well. [More](#)

Students may apply to be a Resident Assistant

Housing and Residential Education would like DU parents and families to encourage their students to apply to be a Resident Assistant (RA) for the 2015-2016 academic year. The online application opens on Monday, January 5th and will close on Thursday, February 5th. All DU students are encouraged to apply.

The process includes an application, a 2.5 hour workshop, and an individual interview. There are over 60 positions available. A strong candidate for the position would enjoy interacting with other students and building community among peers. The skill and leadership development for RAs is endless and free room and board certainly is a perk! Students can fill out the RA application at <http://www.du.edu/housing/staff/join/student/raposition/apply.html>.

Help Support the Restorative Justice Initiative at DU

The University of Denver aims to prepare students for the challenges of productive citizenship. In addressing student misconduct, DU is piloting Restorative Justice Conferences (RJC's) as an additional case resolution process in order to meet the needs of the students and better embody student development goals of the University.

The goal of RJC's is to create and maintain a campus environment in which compliance with policy is a result of moral understanding, as well as a strong sense of community and inclusion. This new, restorative form of justice shifts the focus from the act of violating policy and the need to be held accountable to the school, and centers the discussion around the impact of one's actions and the need to be held accountable to one's fellow community members.

Recidivism rates, (i.e., students who have multiple cases with Student Conduct), are at an all-time high of 33%, which indicates that students are not learning to change their behavior through the current case resolution processes. In response, Student Conduct has implemented RJC's as a new way to resolve conduct cases, with notable results. In fact, the recidivism rate among the 33 students who have successfully completed an RJC to resolve their conduct case is 6%.

Restorative justice has been successfully implemented in other universities around the country, including many in Colorado. At DU, this program is funded until the end of February 2015. As Pioneers, we must incorporate this community building initiative as an integral part of the University's mission and keep the program in place. Student Conduct needs support from students and parents in order for this program to persist.

For more information about how you can help, please contact the program's coordinator, Maggie Lea at Margaret.Lea@du.edu.

For more information about the program, please visit <http://www.du.edu/studentlife/studentconduct/restorativejustice>.

Healthy, local and organic food now delivered to campus

[Sign up for a food box from the GrowHaus](#) to send your student a delivery of a mix of organic fruit, vegetables, eggs, bread (or gluten free tortillas). See the website for typical contents. Orders can't be customized but there is a barter box available for exchanges. These boxes typically are cheaper than at the supermarket and they support food justice efforts in north Denver. Order by Thursday for Monday deliveries, available for pickup from 10:30-4:30 at the Center for Sustainability, JMAC 142. Email sustainability@du.edu with any questions.

Bike Mechanics Classes

Members of the DU community have the opportunity to [learn bike mechanic skills](#) through classes offered by the Bike Depot in the Nagel basement bike shop. Mechanics 101 (\$10, 1/15, 2/12), Mechanics 201 (\$20, 1/22, 2/19), and the six week Master Mechanics Class (\$200, 1/21-2/25) are all offered this quarter. Sign your DU student up for classes to feel safer about their riding and save yourself the cost of tuneups.

EPIC ski passes

Love to ski or snowboard? Still need to buy your ski pass for the season? Get the best college deal available through the DU Alpine Club! DUAC will be selling EPIC Ski Passes on Driscoll Green the first few weeks of the year. Passes can also be purchased at the club's weekly meetings or directly from an Alpine Club officer. Follow our tumblr - dualpineclub.tumblr.com - and see the website www.dualpineclub.com for more information!

Accessibility

If you are visiting DU and are in need of a wheelchair, here are some [local companies that rent wheelchairs](#). These companies are not affiliated with DU. Rentals would be an independent arrangement between you and the company of your choice.

DU News and Resources

To learn more about the DU community and campus news, please visit the [University of Denver Magazine](#), [University of Denver Newsletter](#), or the student newspaper, [DU Clarion](#).

DU Parent Guide

Parent & Family Relations partners with University Parent Media to bring you the [University of Denver Parent Guide](#), providing community information and resources for parents of DU students.

What's new in Sustainability at DU?

See how DU's Sustainability Council and the Center for Sustainability are working to make our campus [green](#).

To view past issues of this newsletter and to find many other resources for parents and families of DU students, please visit our website www.du.edu/studentlife/parents/



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