

***Schedule of Events and Information for
Parents Weekend 2016
(February 12-14)***

Information Page

Registration for Parents Weekend is open at:
go.du.edu/parentsweekend

The preferred **hotel for Parents Weekend** is the [Courtyard Marriott Cherry Creek](#), 1475 S. Colorado Blvd, Denver CO 80222. We have a discounted rate of \$119/night available to us for a limited number of rooms. That rate is available for any night between Feb 10-15. Please book your stay online by following the link on the hotel name above. If you have any questions about the hotel, or about booking your stay, please call the hotel at 303-757-8797 and let them know you are asking about the room block for DU Parents Weekend. Booking must be completed by January 21st to receive this special rate.

If you are unable to make it to our scheduled DU historic tours, on-your-own campus tours have been added to our DU maps website. Digital guidance shows you our beautiful campus with 19 online videos. Just visit [DU maps](#) and click on the “Tours” tab.

If you are unable to make it to our Canvas and Mocktails event on campus, we have an **alternative for you to explore**.

The event on Sunday titled “Canvas and Mocktails” is hosted by a local company *Canvas & Cocktails*. They have open painting sessions and other scheduled events for you to choose from in case you are unable to attend our DU event. There are two locations, Cherry Creek 303-333-3288 and Southglenn 303-794-6696.

Parking is free in Visitor and General parking lots on the DU campus from 9am on Friday (Feb 12) through 6pm on Sunday (Feb 14), with the exception of parking during the hockey games on Friday and Saturday nights. Parking attendants will be stationed at all parking lots prior to the games to charge for parking. The Visitor and General lots are labeled as the 100 or 300 series lots on the [DU parking map](#).

Another special treat to consider is a trip to the Chocolate Therapist in downtown Littleton. It’s about 15 minutes south of campus at 2560 W. Main Street. Check it out at <https://www.thechocolatetherapist.com/> The shop is open until 6:30pm on Friday and Saturday, and until 6:00pm on Sunday. All of the chocolate is gluten-free and the dark chocolate is vegan.

Friday, February 12th

Hockey games are on Friday and Saturday nights!

Denver Pioneers vs. North Dakota Fighting Hawks

Friday game time 8:06pm

Saturday game time 7:06pm

***ticket purchase through Parents Weekend registration required**

The Pioneer Parents Association will be selling tickets for the hockey games through Parents Weekend registration. Tickets will be sold at \$34 each. This is the same advertised price on the Pioneer Athletics website. The difference is that you will be sitting with other DU parents if you make your purchase through us, and your printed tickets will be available for pick-up at our Hockey Ticket Pick-up Table on Friday and Saturday, 10am-5pm. Some students will already have a ticket for the game, but student ticket holders will be seated in the student section. If you want your student to sit with you during the game, please include a ticket for them when you make your purchase.

Tours of the Carillon and Williams Tower

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Ritchie Center Gottesfeld Room

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Hockey ticket Pick-up Table, Donations for Troops, and Parents Weekend Pictures

Friday, February 12 and Saturday, February 13

10:00am - 5:00pm

Driscoll SkyBridge

Drop by the Parents Association table on the Driscoll SkyBridge to pick up your hockey tickets purchased on our registration website, drop off donations for our troops overseas, and get a picture with your student in front of our Parents Association photo backdrop. We will also have commemorative DU bow ties and scented beeswax candles for sale, and giveaways.

Tour of Sports Authority Field at Mile High

Friday, February 12

10:30am or 12:30pm

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Our special Denver tour this year is a private “behind the scenes” glimpse into areas rarely seen by the public at one of the most state-of-the-art stadiums in North America, Sports Authority Field at Mile High! Tours are approximately 75-90 minutes and there will be about ½ mile of roaming the stadium’s unique operations and inner workings. The tour is enjoyable for sports fans and non-fans alike. We will begin the tour from the [Colorado Sports Hall of Fame & Museum](#) located at Gate #1 on the stadium’s west side.

Career Services Panel

Friday, February 12

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Lindsay Auditorium, Sturm Hall

DU Career Services invites your family to attend a panel of employers, alumni, DU administrators, and other community members who will discuss their experiences, opportunities available for parent involvement, and answer questions from the audience. Light refreshments will be served following the panel.

Parent and Family Open House

Friday, February 12

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Archaeology Museum Gallery, Sturm Hall

Parents, family members, and their students are encouraged to drop by the Archaeology Museum Gallery in Sturm Hall on Friday between the hours of 1pm and 3pm to view a photovoice exhibit featuring photos taken by women here in Colorado while they were experiencing hunger. The exhibit "Hunger Through My Lens," was created by Hunger Free Colorado, an organization advocating for the end of hunger in Colorado. DU students and faculty members will be there to share their work in various archaeology projects, human rights organizations, and pieces in our own collection stored here at DU.

Historic Tours of the DU campus by Steve Fisher, University Historian

Friday, February 12

2:00pm and 3:00pm

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Pioneer Parents Association Table at Magness Arena

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7:00pm - 8:00pm

Magness Arena

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First Generation Families Celebration

Saturday, February 13

10:00am - 12:00pm

Marcus Commons inside the Daniels College of Business

***invitation by email**

Celebrate your first generation DU student. Honor the first member of your family to attend college with a celebration lunch and a short program delivered by Linda Quintanar, (Director, Volunteers in Partnership) and Adrienne Martinez (Assistant Director, Inclusive Excellence, Access and Success). Attendees will be invited by email. If you have a first generation student, and did not receive an email invitation, please contact Linda Quintanar at 303-871-2943.

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Keynote Speaker, Professor Corey Ciocchetti

Saturday, February 13

1:00pm - 3:30pm

Gates Concert Hall, Newman Center

Corey Ciocchetti is a DU professor in the department of Business Ethics and Legal Studies at the Daniels College of Business. He is an accomplished national speaker with an engaging style and thoughtful practical advice (along with some lighthearted humor) for students and their family members. Join us in Gates Concert Hall at the Newman Center on Saturday afternoon for professor Ciocchetti’s presentation followed by Q&A. The first 300 people in the door will receive professor Ciocchetti’s book *Real Rabbits, Chasing an Authentic Life*.

Event Timeline:

1pm-2pm Lecture

2pm-2:30pm Q&A

2:45pm - 3:30pm book signing

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Sunday, February 14th

Packing Donated Items for Troops

Sunday, February 14

9:00am - 10:30am

Driscoll Gallery

We will be collecting donated items for troops overseas at the Pioneer Parents Association table on the Driscoll SkyBridge on Friday and Saturday between the hours of 10am and 5pm. Bring your donations to the tables or to this packing event - or come by just to help us pack everything up. We will be delivering our packed boxes to a non-profit organization in Colorado that sends regular packages to troops on the ground overseas. Highly desirable items requested by the troops include:

White cotton or wool socks, calf length

Ramen Noodles

Packages of almonds, sunflower seeds, trail mix, dried fruit

Letters of support and thanks

Baby wipes

Zip lock bags

Gum, Lifesavers, mints

Single serving packs of instant coffee, hot cocoa, and powdered Gatorade mix

Protein bars

Beef jerky

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Hillel Parents Weekend Brunch

Sunday, February 14

10:00am - 12:00pm

The Merage & Allon Hillel Center (2390 South Race Street)

The Center for Jewish Campus Life welcomes all Jewish Pioneers and their families for coffee, bagels, lox, a shmear and fellowship.

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Valentine's Tea and Chocolate Tasting

Sunday, February 14

11:00am - 1:00pm

Driscoll Ballroom

***registration required**

Enjoy a variety of tea prepared by our catering staff, light tea sandwiches and fair trade chocolate treats in our own Driscoll Ballroom. Casual attire.

Canvas and Mocktails

Sunday, February 14

2:00pm - 4:30pm

Driscoll Ballroom

***registration required**

Join us for an afternoon of entertaining art instruction to create a painting that is uniquely yours. Our instructor will guide you step by step. It's easy, fun, and totally stress free. You will be amazed at the artwork you have created!

Weekend Wrap-up

Sunday, February 14

5:00pm - 5:45pm

Driscoll Gallery

Join DU staff and Pioneer Parents Council volunteers in the Driscoll Gallery to share your ideas for activities and workshops you would like us to create for future events and to wrap up Parents Weekend 2016. Let's work together to make Parents Weekend fulfilling and enjoyable for those who follow you in the years to come.