

University of Denver  
**Parents Association Council**

By-Laws  
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Article I      Name

The name of the organization shall be the University of Denver Parents Association Council.

Article II      Mission

We consider parents and families to be essential partners in student success and University development. We are committed to building strong relationships with parents and families, educating families on how to support their students, being intentional about valuing and including the diverse views of parents and families, and providing resources that support student educational success and persistence to graduation.

Article III      Purpose

The purpose of the Parents Association Council is to engage families with the University community; encourage parent awareness of campus life and involvement during events, help other parents navigate the University community, generate ideas for parent and family programming and participate as volunteers during events or programs.

Article IV      Honor Code

All members of the University of Denver are expected to uphold the values of *Integrity, Respect, and Responsibility*. As members of the Parents Association Council, you are a University community member and an advocate for students as well as DU families.

Members of the Parents Association Council agree to uphold the Honor Code and encourage others to follow their example. The full Honor Code can be found on this website:

<http://www.du.edu/studentlife/studentconduct/honorcode.html>

Article V Council Membership

- A) The council shall be composed of parents of current students and parents of alumni.
- B) Council members shall represent diverse geographic locations.
- C) Council members shall represent all undergraduate classes.
- D) Upon demonstrated interest and support, a parent of a graduate may continue serving on the council as an Honorary Member.
- E) The Director of Parent and Family Engagement and the Executive Director of Campus Life and Inclusive Excellence serve as ex-officio members of the Council.

Article VI Meetings

The Parents Association Council shall hold meetings twice during the academic year:

- Fall - during Homecoming Weekend
- Spring - after Spring Break

Article VII Inactive Status

Members will be placed on Inactive Status after one calendar year of non-participation in meetings and no communication with the Director of Parent and Family Engagement.

Article VIII Responsibilities of Members

- A) Attendance at one meeting annually is highly encouraged
- B) Attend and/or volunteer at parent and University events i.e., Homecoming, Orientation, Sendoff Events in your area, and Parents Weekend
- C) Serve as an ambassador for the University of Denver

Article IX By-Laws Review and Amendments

- A) Members are provided with a copy of the By-Laws during the spring meeting.
- B) The By-Laws shall be reviewed bi-annually by the Director of Parent and Family Engagement.
- C) Members have 30 days following receipt of proposed By-Laws updates to suggest changes or object to proposed changes to the By-Laws.