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.

Happy Holidays!

View a [special holiday message](#) from Chancellor Rebecca Chopp.

Parents Blog and Tweets

Be sure to visit our Parents Blog, [1864parents.com](http://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](http://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

Important upcoming dates

Jan 4 - Residence halls re-open at 9am
Jan 5 - Winter Quarter classes begin and meal plans begin with breakfast
Jan 11 - Last day for 100% refund for dropped classes
Jan 16 - Last day to change meal plan for winter quarter

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.

Registration will be open January 10th on the Parent & Family Relations website.
Plan now for summer quarter

It’s not too early to start thinking about your student’s summer plans. While your student is home over break it’s the perfect time to start planning for summer classes.

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.

More information about scheduled courses will be available in early 2015 and registration will open early spring.

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

Campus Scooter Policy

Campus Safety has implemented a new scooter policy:

- Scooters must be registered with the state of Colorado
- Scooters must have insurance and drivers must have a valid driver's license
- Scooters are now prohibited from driving on sidewalks and any pedestrian walkways
- Parking permits are required from Parking Services, sold in the parking office for $20/year, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm
- Scooters may only park in designated Scooter Lots (S Lots) located within Lots 103, Q, T, W, F, 121, P, 309, and behind the Schwayder Art Building
Sexual Respect and Title IX

In the University's ongoing effort to provide support and assistance to all members of our campus community who are impacted by sexual assault and relationship violence, we have created DU's Sexual Respect and Title IX webpage - du.edu/titleix. This webpage provides information on resources that are available to assist sexual assault survivors and on preventing sexual violence.

Student Outreach & Support

The office of Student Outreach & Support connects students in need of resources to appropriate campus or community services. Students, faculty, staff, and parents may refer students experiencing academic, social and crisis situations including mental health concerns. Parents are an integral part of the student's support system through the college experience and may find the resources of this office useful. To view the website, visit www.du.edu/studentsupport/.

DU ranks No. 1 for undergraduates Studying Abroad

From Argentina to Australia, Bolivia to Belgium, the University of Denver sends its students around the world each year to take part in study-abroad programs that help shape their lives and careers. According to the 2014 Open Doors report released Nov. 17 by the Institute of International Education, DU is number one in the nation among national doctoral and research institutions in the percentage of undergraduate students who participate in study-abroad programs. More...
**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/