2018 Parent & Family Weekend Schedule of Events

Friday, February 16

9a.m. - 5p.m.  Check-In & Ticket Pick Up
Location: Driscoll Student Center
Check-in will be in “The Underground” of the Driscoll Student Center starting at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 16, 2018. We will have a table where you can pick up your hockey tickets, water bottles, and other event materials.

1p.m. – 2p.m.  Real Rabbits Book Discussion
$5 shipping per book
Location: Anderson Academic Commons, Room 290
Real Rabbits is addicting. Its fifteen chapters encourage people of all ages and circumstances to understand that authentic success comes from the attainment of: (1) a sincere sense of contentment, (2) strong personal relationships, and (3) a solid character. This is much different from worldly success such as excessive wealth, fame and popularity - things which, in and of themselves, rarely make you happy. This book is designed to help you look critically at your life, think through your decisions, set priorities and goals, develop a solid character, avoid serious mistakes and discover your true passion in life. Real Rabbits draws on the major ethical frameworks of Aristotle, Mill and Kant as well as the Golden Rule as tools to avoid Benjamin Franklin's warning that people tend to get old too soon and wise too late. This book presents a roadmap to accomplish this mission and advocates that each reader start the journey to authentic success now!

2p.m.-3p.m.  Speaker Series: Socially Assistive Robots: Improving Quality of Life through Robot Interaction
Location: Anderson Academic Commons, Room 290
This talk will discuss the research conducted in Dr. Mahoor's Computer Vision and Robotics Lab in the Ritchie School of Engineering and Computer Science. Here we develop machine learning tools for affective computing and social robots that interact with humans to provide companionship and improve social behavior principles. The Ryan Companionbot is one of these social robots and provides companionship to elderly people as well as dementia therapy for dementia sufferers. Ryan is capable of expressing and interpreting emotions, carrying on diverse conversations, and playing cognitive games, in addition to many other features to assist in elder care.
3p.m.-4p.m.  
**Speaker Series: Neuroplasticity: Developing Executive Skills for Personal Success**  
*Location: Anderson Academic Commons, Room 290*

Executive functioning skills are the functional life skills that transform our hopes and dreams into accomplishable goals. Because executive skills are housed in a part of the brain that fully matures after early adulthood, it is often difficult for young adults to clearly outline and navigate the path that leads towards their life goals. Join us in this workshop and learn how to use the brain’s neuroplasticity to intentionally develop the executive skills that cultivate the grit, resilience, and adaptation needed to accomplish our ultimate goals and realize our full potential.

5p.m.  
**Dinner on your own**

More information to come on recommended local restaurants

**Saturday, February 17**

10a.m. – 12p.m.  
**Welcome Reception & Bell Tower Tours**  
*Location: The Ritchie Center, Gottesfeld Room*

Families and their students are invited to take a quick tour of the bell tower (up the 95-step spiral staircase) or listen from the balcony. The Williams Tower houses a 65-bell carillon, located at the Ritchie Center. It is played from a keyboard with a wooden manual and pedal keys in a playing cabin located just below the bells. You will learn about our beautiful Marion Gottesfeld room with its murals of the tapestry of communication, and see our grand carillon which is played during major University events and community concerts. **Tours will take place every 20 minutes on a first-come, first-served basis.**

10:30a.m. – 11:30a.m.  
**Sports Authority Field at Mile High Stadium Tour 1**  
*$15 per person*

*Location: Sports Authority Field, 1701 Mile High Stadium Circle, STE 500*

Our special University of 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. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the beginning of your tour.**
11a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  **Banjo Billy Bus Tour 1**  
*$25 per person*  
*Pick Up Location: 1901 E Asbury Ave.*  
As the Queen City of the Plains, Denver has long been a destination for those traveling west. But it’s been a rocky road from mining town to metropolis. Join us on our 90 minute Denver tour to learn about Denver’s corrupt past, promising future, and the ghosts and criminals who still form our identity today. Come take a ride in a bus that has disco balls, saddles and a rubber chicken on the front to lead the way. You won’t forget this bus ride!

11:30a.m. – 12:30p.m.  **Sports Authority Field at Mile High Stadium Tour 2**  
*$15 per person*  
*Location: Sports Authority Field, 1701 Mile High Stadium Circle, STE 500*  
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12p.m. – 4p.m.  **Late Check-In & Ticket Pick Up**  
*Location: Driscoll Student Center Bridge*  
Stop by our check-in table to can pick up your hockey tickets, water bottles, and other event materials!

1:30p.m. – 2:30p.m.  **Sports Authority Field at Mile High Stadium Tour 3**  
*$15 per person*  
*Location: Sports Authority Field, 1701 Mile High Stadium Circle, STE 500*  
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1:45p.m. – 4:15p.m.  **Banjo Billy Bus Tour 2**  
$25 per person  
*Pick Up Location: 1901 E Asbury Ave.*  
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4:15p.m. – 6:45p.m.  **Banjo Billy Bus Tour 3**  
$25 per person  
*Pick Up Location: 1901 E Asbury Ave.*  
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7pm  **University of Denver v. Colorado College Hockey Game**  
$30 per person  
*Location: Magness Arena*  
Get your hockey tickets for Pioneers vs. Colorado College on February 17, starting at 7:00 pm. If your student is using their previously purchased student ticket, they will be sitting in the Student Section of the arena. Purchase an extra ticket for your student if you would like them to sit with you during the game. All tickets for Parent & Family Weekend will be seated in the lower-bowl of Magness Arena.