

Hello DU Families!

Upcoming important dates

Nov 22 - Meal plans end after dinner

Nov 23 - Centennial Halls, JMAC, and Nelson close at 9am

Nov 24 & 25 - University closed

Tuesday, January 3 - Winter Quarter begins

Twitter is the best source for up-to-date information about what is happening on the DU campus. Join us at <https://twitter.com/uofdenver>.

DU Parents Facebook Group

We have launched our new DU Parents Facebook Group, a private online community where parents can ask questions and share advice. To join, go to

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/UniversityofDenverParents/>

One person diagnosed with Pertussis at DU

At least one person who attends the University of Denver has recently been diagnosed with pertussis, also known as whooping cough. Pertussis is a contagious illness. Your students have been notified about the diagnosis and to inform a health care provider if they experience symptoms. Symptoms usually develop 7-10 days after exposure but *may* develop up to 21 days after exposure, so there is a slight possibility some students may experience symptoms while home for winter break. If you notice your student has symptoms of pertussis, please contact your health care provider.

Home for the Holidays

Students are busy studying for finals and preparing to take a much deserved break. Read the article [Welcoming Your College Student Home for Break](#) for ideas to help that first visit home to go smoothly.

That Second Year Slump

Students in their second year of college often tell us they feel indecisive, a little lost, or some pressure about declaring or changing their major, perhaps even a little depression. The transition between first and second year has unique challenges and your student may not be feeling like they did during their first year. If you think your student may be experiencing the second year slump, read our [Second Year Survival Guide for Parents and Families](#) to see how you can help your student recognize and adjust to the changes they are experiencing.

DU Newsroom Launched

The University of Denver recently launched a [Newsroom website](#) where you can keep up with what's going on around campus, what our faculty experts are saying in the media, and what our DU community members are achieving at home and around the world. The Newsroom is designed to be a one-stop view of the latest University of Denver news you need to know about and also a source of news for the media.

Parents Weekend is February 24 & 25

A schedule of events will be posted on the Parents website in December. <http://www.du.edu/studentlife/parents/events>.

Parents Weekend is in the planning stages but we are working on scheduling a painting class with Canvas & Mocktails, tours of Sports Authority Field at Mile High, chocolate tasting, campus historic tours, bell tower tours, and Pioneer Hockey. Weather permitting, we will have an outdoor hike. Hope to see you on campus for Parents Weekend!

Accelerate Student Graduation with Winter Interterm Nov 23 - Dec 24

From learning Geography in South Africa to Philosophy and Film on campus, Winter Interterm can be a once in a lifetime learning opportunity. Register now! [Listing of Winter Interterm Courses](#)

Gary Brower, University Chaplain

As he is affectionately known throughout the DU community, Chaplain Gary provides a newsletter, groups for students, religious accommodations, and is a resource for parents of students as well. Here is [a note from Chaplain Gary](#) with details about how to get connected and learn about his office.

Celebrate your student with a treat!

Denver Dining by Sodexo has made sending your student a heartfelt gift for birthdays, finals, special occasions, or "just because" as easy as touching a few keys on your computer, tablet, or phone. Give them a 12-inch cookie, a 9-inch round cake, or a fruit tray for only \$23.99. Visit <https://dudining.sodexomyway.com/shop/c/21> or call 303-871-7451. Select an item, personalize it, and pay with a credit card. Students are notified by email or text message where to pick up the item. Orders are prepared Monday through Friday.

