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.

Parents Blog and Tweets

Be sure to visit our Parents Blog, 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.

The First Visit Home

Will your student's first visit home live up to your expectations? Are you prepared for the many ways that your student has changed since move-in day? Read this article provided by University Parent to prepare for that first winter break. http://www.universityparent.com/topics/dates-events/the-first-visit-home/
Important upcoming dates

Nov 20 - Last day of finals
Nov 21 - Residence halls close at 9am for Winter Break Enjoy!
Jan 4 - Residence halls re-open at 9am
Jan 5 - Winter Quarter classes begin and meal plans begin with breakfast

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 Weekends of the past have included Tea at the Brown Palace, Ski Bus to a mountain resort, and Chocolate Tasting. Who knows what we will have in store for you. We will have more information on our events page in December.

The dates of Moms & Grandmoms Weekend have been changed from our previously announced dates which included only Friday and Saturday. Sunday has been added to the schedule due to requests from prior Moms & Grandmoms Weekend attendees. Events on Sunday will end in the early afternoon to allow for travel. Hope to see you there!
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.
DU Student Health and Counseling Center

The Student Health and Counseling Center gives out FREE FLU SHOTS to all our students on campus.

Our next flu shot clinic will be held November 19th on the Driscoll Bridge from 10am-3pm. If they miss these, they can stop by the Health and Counseling Center to get their free vaccine.

We feel it's important for our students to get the flu vaccine. They share dorm rooms and beverages. They sit in classes all day with people who may be sick. The flu isn't a 2-3 day illness. If you ask anyone who has had Influenza in the past, they will tell you it probably knocked them down for 1-3 weeks. Students can't afford to miss 1-3 weeks of classes.

If you feel it's important for your student to get their vaccine, please remind them to come to one of our clinics and get it for free before they come home for the holidays.

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/.

University of Denver ranked among top-tier universities in U.S.

The University of Denver has maintained its strong ranking as one of the top 100 national universities included on the U.S. News and World Report list of "Best Colleges 2015." The University is ranked 88th on the list of National Universities, up from 91st last year. 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/