Parent & Family Relations is a department within Student Life that is here just for you. This newsletter is delivered monthly 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 DU websites or contact information, Parent & Family Relations is your first contact at DU.

Save the Date!

Dads & Granddads Weekend
February 21st & 22nd

Dads, Granddads and families are invited to join their students for a fun weekend including tours of the DU carillon bell tower, men's hockey, pregame rally, ski bus, presentations, and a special tour of Sports Authority Field at Mile High.

As the University prepares for its Sesquicentennial, we are planning to have special one-of-a-kind items during this event that you will not want to miss.

A full schedule of events is available now. View a quick schedule at a glance here.

Registration will open in January. When registration is open, you will receive an email with "DU Dads & Granddads Weekend Registration" in the subject line.
Discounted Hotel Rate during Dads & Granddads Weekend

Parent & Family Relations is happy to announce a special rate for DU Dads & Granddads Weekend. Our rate at the Courtyard by Marriott Denver Cherry Creek is only $99 for Thursday - Saturday nights, February 20, 21, & 22. All rooms have a 32" flat-screen television, a microwave and refrigerator and complimentary wireless internet access. Guests will enjoy free parking, an indoor heated pool and hot tub and a state-of-the-art fitness center. Book your Dads & Granddads Weekend group rate here.

Winter Carnival 2014

For the first time in the 53-year history of the Winter Carnival - an annual student event - we invite alumni, parents, faculty and staff to join students for a weekend of skiing, snowboarding, tubing and other high-country fun at Keystone Resort.

Make sure to mark January 31-February 2 on your calendars for Winter Carnival. Registration is now open.

Have questions? Email us dupb.traditions@gmail.com

Winter Carnival is sponsored by the DU Programming Board (DUPB), with the support of Student Activities.

Did you have a student study abroad?

The Office of International Education is looking for feedback from parents and guardians about their student's study abroad experience. Please click on this link and complete a short 10-min survey: https://udenver.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_8BKg0W7Wwq61IXj.
Plan now for summer quarter

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

With summer classes, students can:
- **Graduate faster** - If students take classes every summer, they can graduate as much as a year early and start their career.
- **Get the credits they need** - Fill common curriculum requirements over the summer, and focus on courses in their major the rest of the year.
- **Earn DU credits from anywhere** - Whether they're coming home or traveling over the summer, students can take classes online. They'll be taught by the faculty they know and won't have to worry about transferring credits.
- **Use DU financial aid** - The DU portion of their financial aid package is available for summer. Contact the [Office of Financial Aid](#) for full details.

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

If you have questions, contact Jennifer Karas at [jennifer.karas@du.edu](mailto:jennifer.karas@du.edu), and stay tuned to [www.du.edu/summer](http://www.du.edu/summer) for more details.

New Equipment for Campus Safety

The Office of Campus Safety implemented new walkie talkies that give our officers the ability to communicate directly with local Denver Police. Prior to this, campus officers were communicating by walkie within the campus community, but getting in touch with Denver Police was usually by cell phone. This new equipment connects Campus Safety and Denver Police allowing simultaneous communication for the fastest and most efficient means of getting in touch with Denver Officers and staying informed.
Sesquicentennial Event Series

Over the coming year, the University will celebrate its sesquicentennial with a variety of events and exhibits, including an expansive "Tradition and Legacy" exhibit at the Anderson Academic Commons and special versions of campus traditions such as Winter Carnival, Founders Day, Homecoming & Family Weekend and Alumni Symposium.

For a complete-and constantly updated-list of anniversary events including athletics games, concerts, speakers and more, visit du.edu/udenver150.

Join us in celebrating 150 years of looking forward!

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.
Mobile update

DU's mobile website - m.du.edu - has been updated to include a directory, improved access to library services, event updates in real-time, and enhanced video and social media channels. Explore using your mobile device today!

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.

A note from the Director of Parent & Family Relations...

Happy Holidays to all. I hope you are enjoying the season.

We are busy wrapping up the details for Dads & Granddads Weekend 2014 and looking forward to posting the schedule within the next couple of weeks. Activities will begin about 9am on Friday February 21st and end on Saturday evening the 22nd. We are doing our best to make activities available on both days when possible, and at the best available prices.

Some important dates to keep track of as we get ready for winter quarter:
- Sunday January 5th - Residence halls will re-open at 9:00am. This is also the last date to register for classes without a late fee.
- Monday January 6th - Classes begin and meal plans begin with breakfast.
- Sunday January 12th - This is the last day to receive 100% refund for dropped classes.

I'll be in touch with the next newsletter on January 17th. Email or call my office if you need anything, 303-871-3708.

In Pioneer Spirit,
Sharon
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/informing.