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.

**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.

Don't miss ordering your camelbak water bottles and DU shield bowties! The bottle looks red in this picture, but it's charcoal grey with white letters. Register for activities and order bottles and bowties [here](#).

Get the details about our events by viewing the full [schedule of events](#) or a quick [schedule at a glance](#).
If you have already registered but would like to add or change anything, I am happy to do that over the phone. 303-871-3708

Some of the activities have reached capacity but we will put your name on a wait list. Send an email to sharon.bond@du.edu and let me know what event you would like to attend if space becomes available.

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 $119 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.

Ski Bus

Remember... tickets for transportation to Vail Resort are purchased separate from Dads Weekend registration since University Ski Bus is an independent company. There are few tickets left for this trip, but they may increase the number of available seats. Please check their website often: www.Bookeo.com/UniversitySkiBus.

Chancellor Coombe to step down in June

University of Denver Chancellor Robert Coombe will retire from the University on or about June 30, 2014. Coombe has served the University for 33 years since joining as a member of the faculty. He was provost from 2001 and became the University's 17th chancellor in 2005. More
**Zach Bolden selected by Chicago in 2014 MLS SuperDraft**

University of Denver senior Zach Bolden was selected by the Chicago Fire with the 61st overall pick in the 2014 MLS SuperDraft on Tuesday. Read the [article](#) on the Denver Pioneers website and view some highlights from the 2012-2013 season. Watch a [video](#) of Zach scoring the opening goal 10 minutes into the 2014 MLS Combine event last week.

Congratulations to Zach and his parents Jim and Carolyn!

**DU lacrosse players drafted to major leagues**

University of Denver seniors Jeremy Noble, Jamie Faus, and Terry Ellis all were selected by the Denver Outlaws. Read more in [DU Magazine](#).

**Plan now for summer quarter**

It's not too early to start thinking about summer classes.

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 February and registration will open March 3.

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.
Encourage your student to apply for 2014-2015 Resident Assistant

Housing and Residential Education would like DU parents and families to encourage their students to apply for Resident Assistant (RA) for the 2014-2015 academic year. The online application opens on Monday, February 3rd and will close on Sunday, March 2nd. All DU students are encouraged to apply. The process includes an application, a 2.5 hour workshop, and an individual interview. There are over 60 positions available. A strong candidate for the position would enjoy interacting with other students and building community amongst peers. The skill and leadership development for RAs is endless and free room and board is certainly a perk! Students can fill out the RA application beginning Monday, February 3rd.

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.

View a video and photos of the Tradition and Legacy exhibit at Anderson Academic Commons. A list of events and exhibits at the Anderson Academic Commons is here. For more information about the library and the Anderson Academic Commons, go to library.du.edu.

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!
Career Services Events in February

Is your student involved with a Student Organization? Encourage them to visit our Reverse Career Fair on Tuesday, February 18th from 6pm-8pm where employers will rotate through Student Organization tables in the Driscoll Gallery.

All students are invited to the Winter Career & Internship Fair on Wednesday, February 19th from 3pm-6pm in Gates Field House. Students will have the opportunity to meet 60+ employers and to get their professional LinkedIn photo taken for $5.

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...

Dads & Granddads Weekend 2014 is coming up fast. Whether you are registered for events or not, please join us for morning coffee on Friday the 21st in the Driscoll Student Center Fireside Room beginning at 8am. We will have water bottles for sale and you can pick up hockey/lacrosse tickets, bowties and water bottles you have pre-ordered. More information will be emailed to you about the activities for which you are registered.

Today marks the end of week 3 of the winter quarter. Students are talking about quizzes and thinking about papers that are due and mid-terms coming up soon. Registration week for spring quarter is February 17th through February 21st. Encourage your student to register as soon as they have their spring quarter classes planned.

Students will have only one week between winter and spring quarters - very different from the winter break. Many students will be using that time to complete final papers and to read in preparation for their spring classes or work some extra hours. It can be a very busy transitional time, and the year will be over before you know it.

I'll be in touch with the next newsletter on February 28th. 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.