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 of tours, sports, classes, contests and more!

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 schedule of events and registration will be announced soon. Save the Date!

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.

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**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.

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**Hotel Discount for Friends and Family of DU Staff and Students**

Are you looking for a Colorado experience in the hotel you choose while visiting Denver? The Golden Hotel overlooking Clear Creek and the Rocky Mountain foothills is conveniently situated in the heart of historic downtown Golden, 17 miles west of the DU campus.

Friends and family of DU staff and students will enjoy a 10% discount by mentioning that they are eligible for the University of Denver rate. Golden is the home of the Coors Brewery, American Mountaineering Museum, Buffalo Bill's Museum and Grave, Colorado Railroad Museum, and enough hiking and biking trails for all. Visit The Golden Hotel website where you can find something for everyone when you visit the Rocky Mountain state.

For more hotel choices, visit the Parent & Family hotels webpage.
Looking for Storage during Breaks or Summer?

Please consider our recommendations...

Storage options are vast throughout the Denver area. Many local companies are top of the line with service and security, however sometimes our parents let us know when they have a negative experience and we think it’s important that we share some advice.

1. Ask if the facility has security cameras, if those cameras are pointed toward the unit you will be renting, and if the cameras record 24 hours a day.
2. You can obtain the best lock for your storage unit from a locksmith. Many of the locks at storage facilities are sold in bulk and could be duplicates.
3. Ask the facility how they determine whether or not they will pay a claim for losses if the lock does not appear to be tampered with. It is difficult to determine if a lock has been picked because you can’t tell just by looking.
4. Read your contract and ask for clarification if you have questions. It may be a lot of reading, but well worth your time.
5. Storage facilities may require that a renter has insurance in order to rent at their facility, and may require that renters purchase insurance directly from them. Contact your insurance company prior to obtaining a storage unit to understand all of your options for renter's insurance.

The University is not affiliated with these local storage companies, but they are both highly recommended by other DU parents:

www.universitystorage.com
www.csstorage.com

What’s a NAMMY?

The Native American Music Awards (NAMMY) were established in 1997 to honor many categories of Native music. Robert Mirabal has twice been Artist of the Year, and is the recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Award, three GRAMMY® awards and the New York Dance and Performer's "Bessie" Award for composition. On Thursday, December 12, the Newman Center for the Performing Arts presents ETHEL, String Quartet, and Robert Mirabal, Native American Flutist on the DU campus. Visit Newman Center Presents for information and to purchase tickets.
What's new in Sustainability at DU?

DU's Sustainability Council and the Center for Sustainability work to make our campus green.

Heads Up

As part of the Heads Up campaign, the Denver Police Department and a photo radar enforcement van were on campus recently. DPD issued 31 citations; all for stop sign violations, eight of which were to cyclists. Together, let's keep our heads up and make our campus safe for all traffic. Learn more about Heads Up on campus.

Tuition due date Reminder

Winter quarter bills will be sent the week of December 1st with a due date of December 27th.

Are you signed up to receive the ecobill in your inbox? No more waiting for your student to forward the bill. Sign up is easy. Your student can find the instructions at www.du.edu/bursar/ecobill/index.html.

Payments can easily be made at www.du.edu/bursar. Select ONLINE PAYMENT and pay by ACH or International Wire.

The University will be closed from December 25th through January 1st. Please allow ample time if mailing your payment.
University of Denver Bookstore

Be sure to stop by the bookstore or visit us online for your holiday shopping. Our featured item: MV Sport University of Denver Women's Full Zip Warm Up Sweatshirt for $24.95. Grab it, zip it, and go! This full zip sweatshirt is perfect for "in-between" weather. This sweatshirt features a full length front zipper and 2 front pockets. Show classic style with your school's name printed on the front. We have a varied selection of clothing and gifts for everyone on your list.

Save the Date: Winter Carnival 2014

It's still green in Denver, but we're dreaming about snow and this year's Winter Carnival! DU has celebrated its tradition of heading to the mountains for over 50 years, and we're doubly excited to celebrate DU's 150th Anniversary this year at Keystone Resort.

With discounted activity and hotel rates for all students, faculty, staff, alumni and their guests, we hope you will consider joining us this year. 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.

Anderson Academic Commons

Parents are invited to learn more about and enjoy the Anderson Academic Commons, the University of Denver's new gathering place including the Main Library and academic support services. Next time you are on campus, please come take a tour, attend exhibits and events open to the public, or eat in the café.
Health & Counseling Center

It's that time of year again - flu season. Every year the Health and Counseling Center at DU makes sure to offer free shots to our students. This quarter we have had 5 flu clinics on campus giving out 2,000 vaccines! We feel it's very important for our students to get the flu vaccine. They share dorm rooms and beverages. They sit in classes all day with others 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 cannot afford to miss 1-3 weeks of classes.

When we educate our students on the flu vaccine we let them know that while they might be able to fight off the flu it is possible for them to spread infection to others with less immunity. Examples would be the elderly and infants, who have a harder time fighting the flu and it's effects. If you feel it's important for your student to get their vaccine, please encourage them to stop by the Health and Counseling Center to get a FREE flu shot before they come home for the holidays.

Daniels College of Business

Greetings from the Daniels College of Business. We are excited that Fall quarter has been a great one. A few highlights from the fall quarter thus far include a very successful fall recruiting cycle and inaugural Career Connections Week. In December, Daniels graduate and undergraduate students will participate in our annual City Treks event, this year visiting companies and alumni in Chicago and Seattle.

Coming up in Winter quarter, we will host a study abroad breakfast for the juniors returning from abroad and then sophomores who will be going abroad next fall. Also in January will be the Corporate Partners Career Expo, and DU Career Fair in February. Encourage your students to explore internship opportunities and meet with a Career Counselor - it's not too early to secure something for summer and there are plenty of positions available.

On behalf of Daniels, we wish you a wonderful holiday season. If you would like any further information on our programs, or how to get involved or host students for internships with your company, please contact us at 303.871.6910 or Daniels.undergrad@du.edu

For a complete list of programs and speakers, visit: http://daniels.du.edu/degreesmajors/undergraduate/studentlife/backpacksbriefcase.html
The year 2014 marks a milestone as the University of Denver celebrates its sesquicentennial. Join us as we kick off a series of events for DU faculty, staff, students, parents, alumni and community members commemorating 150 years of excellence.

Select Upcoming Events...

The University of Denver at 150: History and Traditions Exhibit
January - December, 2014 - Anderson Academic Commons

A Decade of Gifts and Discoveries
January 9 - March 9, 2014 - Victoria H. Myhren Gallery

Winter Carnival
January 31 - February 2, 2014
Registration opens November 15, 2013
Discounted lift tickets and accommodations available for students, faculty, staff, parents and alumni

DU Dads & Granddads Weekend
February 21 & 22, 2014
Join us for Pioneer Sports, Lectures, DU Carillon Tours, Mystery Dinner Theatre, and a special tour of Sports Authority Field at Mile High

1864 Week Celebration
February 28 - March 5, 2014
A celebration of the University's sesquicentennial birthday - 150 years of looking forward

Summer Concert Series
June - August 2014

Homecoming & Family Weekend and All-Class Reunion
October 30 - November 2, 2014
Featuring athletic events, lifelong learning opportunities, parent sessions, Taste of DU, All-Class reunion, campus tours and other special events

Visit our Sesquicentennial Event Series for registration information.
A note from the Director of Parent & Family Relations...

Today is the last day of classes for fall quarter. How time flies.

Next week is finals week. Students are busy planning their presentations and studying in every nook and cranny here at DU. The music is a bit lower and the Anderson Academic Commons is full at all hours of the night. Many students are roaming campus at all hours, and there are distractions that may keep them from noticing their surroundings.

The safety of your students and all our community members is my number one priority. Please send a quick reminder text to ask your student to keep their head up while crossing streets and to be aware of their environment, traverse campus with a friend if they are out late, or ask for a walking escort from Campus Safety at 303-871-2334.

Though most of our students will not be on campus, DU staff is here for you. Call my office at 303-871-3708 or send an email to me at Sharon.Bond@du.edu.

I wish you all a safe and warm winter break, and I will be in touch with the next newsletter on December 20.

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.