



Dear Parents and Families of the Class of 2027,

I hope you had a relaxing Fourth of July with family and friends. As always, it feels like these summer months are moving by much too fast. I am sure it seems as if your students just graduated from high school and yet soon, they will be starting their new journey as a first-year student at Providence College.

As director of the PC Parent and Family Program, I had the pleasure of meeting many of you in June during the First Day in Friartown Program, and I look forward to meeting more of you during the next few months. Remember, when your student becomes a Friar—you become one, as well. Families and the College share a common goal to help students become all that they are called to be. Our partnership provides support for students on many different levels and, as they move forward, allows them to take charge of their education. It goes without saying that the more you know about the PC experience, especially as it relates to campus resources and support services, the better able you will be to assist your students.

To help you to do your own “homework” I invite you to check out the Parent & Family Homepage at: <https://parents.providence.edu/>. There you will find information about campus resources, policies and procedures, frequently asked questions, a newly updated Parent & Family Handbook, a Language Bank for non-English speaking families, and much more. Sections that I think you will find especially important to review at this time are “First-Year Parent and Family Resources” and “Parents As Partners—Talk, They Listen!” Additionally, there is an “[Ask A Question](#)” link which provides a quick and easy way for me to respond to your questions within a day or two of receiving them.

This email provides important information for families as your student gets ready for the fall semester. Please take some time to share the content with your Friar, as well. If you have specific questions about any of the information provided below, I kindly ask that you contact the appropriate office involved.

God Bless.
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***PREPARING FOR FRIARTOWN WEBINARS**

In follow-up to the June First Day in Friartown program, The Center for Orientation, Transitions & Leadership is pleased to offer the “Preparing for Friartown” webinar series in July and August. These webinars are optional but are a great way to learn more about the PC student experience. All webinars are from 6:00-7:00 PM ET and [can be accessed through this Zoom link](#). They will be recorded and posted on the “Orientation” tab of our site shortly after being hosted.

2023 Preparing for Friartown Webinar Schedule:

- Monday, July 17th: Residence Life and Housing
- Tuesday, July 25th: Rec Sports and Student Activities, Involvement and Leadership
- Monday, July 31st: Navigating Your First Year Academic Experience
- Tuesday, August 8th: Student Success Center (Academic Advising and Accessibility Services)
- Wednesday, August 16th: Peer Ministry
- Monday, August 21st: Orientation Leader AMA (Ask Me Anything)

***IMMUNIZATION & HEALTH RECORDS**

PC and the Rhode Island Department of Health **require that all new, full-time students submit an Immunization and Health Record Form, including a physical exam dated within the past 18 months (dated after March 1, 2022), no later than July 15th 2023.** For more information please visit: [Student Health Center Immunization and Health Record Information](#).

***RESIDENCE HALL MOVE-IN**

Move-in day for new students (not participating in a pre-orientation programs) is scheduled for Thursday, August 24, 2023, beginning at 7am and ending mid-afternoon.

- Students will receive their housing assignments late this month. Along with their housing assignment, they will receive a move-in time. Move-in times are based on housing assignments and are chosen to help with the flow of traffic on that day.
- Tips for a successful move-in day include packing lightly, bringing only one vehicle, and labeling all belongings. More information is available on the [Residence Life website](#) and further details about what to expect will be emailed to students in August.
- Students who have a permanent address that is an extreme distance from the College (greater than 250 miles away) can request to arrive on Wednesday, August 23rd. Students must request to arrive early by submitting the Early Arrival Request Form on their [eRezLife](#) account (**available after they receive their housing assignment**).
- New this year, we are pleased to offer students and families an **early drop-off option!** Students can sign-up to drop off their belongings in their residence hall room on **Saturday, August 19** or **Sunday, August 20** between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Students and families utilizing this option will enter campus via a separate gate on move-in day (8/24) and will be guided directly to a parking area without waiting in the move-in vehicle queue lines. They can walk directly to their residence hall to meet their roommates before the start of Orientation. Further details will be provided to students with their housing assignments. Students can sign up to participate in the early drop-off process on their [eRezLife](#) account **after they receive their housing assignments**.

***MOVE-IN DAY PARKING – PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE**

Families, as we welcome the Class of 2027 to campus, please be mindful of the following as our traffic patterns have changed due to construction.

- Please be aware of move-in dates and times.
- Do not come in earlier than your assigned arrival date and time.
- Please be patient and flexible as we work around construction on campus.

We will continue to update you as we get closer to move-in.

***FALL ORIENTATION**

Fall Orientation begins immediately following new student move-in the afternoon of Thursday, August 24th and runs through Sunday, August 27th. More information will be available on the [Orientation website](#) later this summer. We look forward to seeing you in the fall!

***TALKING WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS ABOUT ALCOHOL**

Summer provides parents with an ideal time to talk with their students about the transition from high school to college. Research shows that having an authentic, personal conversation with your student just prior to starting college can have a positive effect on your son or daughter's experience. If you haven't yet talked to your student about alcohol, please consider using the ["Talking with College Students About Alcohol" Parent Handbook](#) (*Un manual para padres para hablar con estudiantes universitarios sobre el alcohol*) to assist with your conversation.

***CHIRICO CAREER CENTER**

The Chirico Career Center would like to welcome the Class of 2027 to PC! Our motto is Don't Wait...Slavin 108, so of course we have a few reminders for your students now, so they don't wait until the fall:

- **CliftonStrengths:** Students need to take the [CliftonStrengths](#) Assessment before coming to campus in August – this online assessment will give insight into their top 5 strengths. Students will receive an email with instructions for CliftonStrengths later this month.
- **Resume Workshop:** We are offering a Resume Writing Workshop for students who want to apply to campus jobs on July 25th 3:30-4:30 on Zoom – [Sign Up for a reminder!](#)
- **Focus2:** If your student would like to take the Focus2 assessment that helps with major selection, simply email careers@providence.edu and we will get them started.
- **Excel Certification:** If your student is looking to get Excel certified this summer, they can find a listing of all available summer course options [here](#).
- **Major/Minor Fair:** The [Fall Career EXPO](#) featuring the *Major/Minor Fair* is Wednesday, October 4th. This is a great event for first-year students to explore majors/minors of interest. Learn More on [Handshake](#).

***THE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES—A Message From Dean Margaret Watkins**

On behalf of the School of Arts and Sciences, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Friar Family. Like your student, I am new here this year, and I am delighted to begin working with such a talented and diverse group of faculty and staff. SAS houses the fine arts, humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. All of us are dedicated to our disciplines but also to the cultivation of the mind and heart that is the deep work of genuine education. My own discipline is Philosophy: I work on early modern theories of ethics, politics, and aesthetics—which is a way of saying that I have never been good at limiting myself to one perspective! The liberty to explore across and between areas of study is at the heart of a liberal arts education, and we look forward to helping your student on that path of exploration, guided by a love of truth. It's going to be a wonderful journey together. [Learn more about Dr. Margaret Watkins here.](#)

- **SAS 178: Introduction to Providence College - It's not too late to enroll for the fall.**
Want your student to get the most out of college, from day one? Then encourage them to take "Introduction to Providence College," a one-credit course with enormous benefits! In this first-year experience course, first year students meet an hour a week with a professor and a small group of classmates to discuss the ins and outs of campus life and how to thrive at academics at the next level. Those wishing to explore minors or second majors will receive substantial guidance. Weekly assignments encourage participants to explore extracurricular activities, growth opportunities, and academic resources at Providence College. The course also helps students to discover the cultural resources of the greater Providence area. For more information, please contact Professor Eric Bennett: ebennet4@providence.edu or SAS Advising: sasadvising@providence.edu.

***SCHOOL OF BUSINESS INFO FOR NEW STUDENTS**

- **Excel Certification** - It is encouraged that new business students complete the Microsoft Excel certification this summer ahead of arriving on campus for the fall semester. Excel certification is a required component of FIN 113 that students will take in their first year. Students can complete the certification through one of two avenues: 1) Microsoft Excel Workshops presented by the Chirico Career Center OR 2) Self-Paced Modules
 - The Microsoft Excel Workshops meet twice per week, over the course of three weeks. **All workshops and testing are held virtually.**
 - Students can register for the workshops or the self-paced option through [Handshake](#) using their PC credentials. Students who elect to participate in the workshops will sit for the certification exam during the last meeting of the workshop.
- **PCSB Involvement Fair** - The PCSB will be hosting its annual Involvement Fair on September 13. The involvement fair highlights the many ways students can get involved outside the classroom. Students will meet the PCSB's clubs and organizations and get exposed to other avenues to get them engaged within the PCSB. All new business students are encouraged to attend.

***THE SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES**

The wins for the School of Nursing and Health Sciences keep mounting. We exceeded enrollment targets for our inaugural class of students, successfully [hired a chair](#) for the nursing department, and – thanks to a generous \$10 million gift – will name the academic hub for the school the [Ben Mondor Center for Nursing and Health Sciences](#).

As a reminder, the College will break ground on the Mondor Center for Nursing and Health Sciences this fall. When completed in early 2025, it will house state-of-the-art teaching and learning environments for clinical nursing simulation, innovation labs, and countless other spaces to support engaged learning inside and outside of the classroom. It will also be a community resource, offering a chapel, café dining, student study space, and additional amenities that bring excitement and vitality to east campus.

***IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE BURSAR'S OFFICE**

- **STUDENT ACCOUNT INFORMATION - FALL 2023 BILLS were published this week and are DUE BY AUGUST 15, 2023.** Your student may view the Fall 2023 billing statement in the Bursar section of Cyber Friar. This is the site where they can also set you up to be an authorized user to receive emails when bills are published, and also give you the ability to make payments online.
- **STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE - The deadline for waiving the student health insurance plan is August 1st.** The waiver is completed online at www.universityhealthplans.com/Providence. If you have already completed the waiver, your student can verify that you are not being billed \$1,811.00 for the health insurance

plan by viewing his/her student account online on CyberFriar. If you have questions concerning the health insurance plan or the waiver/enrollment process, please contact University Health Plans at 1-833-251-1150.

- **USING A PAYMENT PLAN** - To help you get tuition payments under control, Providence College offers convenient payment plans. You can use a payment plan to pay all or part of the tuition and avoid the high-interest rates that normally come with a traditional loan - as payment plans charge only one low fee at enrollment!
 - Set up a plan to cover the entire bill or just the balance left after financial aid
 - Initiated by your student, with the option to invite a parent or relative to complete the plan
 - Simple enrollment process to ensure your account is set up properly with the school
 - Tuition Payment Plans only charge one low fee at enrollment
 - Payments are conveniently made electronically - so you just set it and forget it!
 - Easy access to manage your account online

Not currently an Authorized Payer? Ask your student to add you to their account. The student needs to:

- Log into CyberFriar.
- Click on Student Services
- Click on Bursars' Office – NEW
- Go to “Do you want help paying?”
- Select “Send a payer invitation.”
- Enter the authorized user's first and last names and e-mail address.
- Authorized Payer (Parent/Guardian):

***HOMECOMING 2023**

This fall, parents and families are invited to Friartown for [Homecoming 2023](#), a weekend filled with signature celebrations, class specific events, family friendly activities, and campus events open to all members of the PC community. This year's Homecoming festivities will take place Friday, Sept. 29 – Sunday, Oct. 1, and will include traditional favorites like a community Mass and brunch, Friar Fest, programs for current students and families like the Friar 5k, Late Night Madness and social events for alumni of all class years. Stay tuned for more information and updates, registration will open mid- August. Book [your hotel now](#) to spend the weekend with your student.