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Dear Parents and Families of the Class of 2027,

Well, it's August 1st and your Friars will soon be coming to campus. Housing and roommate assignments have been released by the Office of Residence Life and our community is in full gear as it gets ready for classes to begin. As move-in day approaches, there is more information we want to provide to families. This communication contains important messages regarding student health, housing, move-in day activities, orientation, textbook ordering, and much more. Please share it with your students.

There are a couple of issues I do want to bring to your attention. First, once your student's medical information has been submitted, there is no need for any further action on your part. One more thing to cross off your list! If more information is needed, Student Health will contact you directly. Also, many of you have asked if the College sponsors a Family Weekend. At PC, "Homecoming" is family weekend and alumni weekend all wrapped up into one celebration which brings together students, families, alums, faculty, staff, and administrators. This year's event will be held on Sept. 29-Oct. 1. Specific information regarding both student medical records and Homecoming events is included in this communication.

If you have questions regarding any of the programs contained in this message, please contact the specific office involved. Additionally, this "<u>Ask A Question</u>" link provides a quick and easy way for me to respond to your questions, within a day or two of receiving them.

God Bless. Jackie

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*MEDICAL RECORD INFORMATION

- Providence College and the RI Department of Health require that all new, full time undergraduate students (residential and commuter) provide medical information to the Providence College Student Health Center. The deadline to submit this information on the Health Center Patient Portal was July 15th.
- IF YOU HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED your medical information: The Health Center staff will be reviewing records in the order received throughout the summer. If your student has already submitted their immunizations, physical, a copy of your insurance card, and answered the TB questionnaire, consider your requirements met at this time. Note that their status on the Patient Portal will not read "Verified" until their record has been reviewed and verified by the Health Center staff. Once reviewed, you will only be notified via email if something is missing. There is no need to email or call the Health Center to check on the status of your records. The Health Center will reach out to you if there are questions or issues with your submissions. This applies as well to students participating in the Urban Action pre-arrival program. As long as the Urban Action student has submitted their information, they can consider their requirements met at this time.

STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT SUBMITTED their medical record information received a "Missing Medical Record" notification via email last week. Please encourage your students to check their email to ensure they are compliant with Providence College and RI Department of Health mandates.

• More information is available on the Health Center Immunization website.

*HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS

Your student should have received their housing assignment on July 31st. If they have not yet received their assignment, please have the student email (<u>reslife@providence.edu</u>) or call the Residence Life Office (401-865-2392). We encourage students to contact their roommate(s) to introduce themselves and discuss any shared items that they may be interested in bringing to campus. Please refer to the <u>What to Bring</u> list located on our webpage for suggested items to bring to campus.

*FALL RESIDENCE HALL MOVE-IN

- With their housing assignments, students received a suggested time window for movein day on Thursday, August 24th. Times are also posted on the Residence Life <u>website</u>. We ask that families make every effort to follow their assigned move-in window to minimize vehicle congestion on campus and reduce wait times at the buildings and move in queuing line.
- Students also now have the option to sign up for one of our <u>Early Drop Off Days</u> on Saturday, August 19 or Sunday, August 20 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Early Drop Off Days give students the option to move their belongings into their residence halls early to help expedite their move-in process on August 24th. Students and families utilizing this option will enter campus via a separate gate on move-in day and will be guided directly to a parking area. They can then walk directly to their residence hall and enjoy the welcome lunch and Mass without waiting in the move-in vehicle queue lines. The Early Drop Off form is available on the left-hand side of your student's <u>eRezLife</u> account.
- Another option that can help expedite the move-in process is the <u>UPS Ship Ahead</u> <u>Program</u>. Providence College partners with UPS Store in Rhode Island where students can send their items directly to the UPS Store and they will deliver them directly to your room prior to your arrival on campus. All packages must be received by the UPS Store no later than Saturday, August 19 in order for them to be delivered to your room before you arrive. <u>More information is available on our website</u> or you can email the UPS Store directly with any questions at <u>college@theupsstoreri.com</u>.

Prior to move-in, please ensure that your student has completed the Student Life Education and Prevention online programs. These are required in order for students to move into their residence halls. <u>More information is available here</u>.

*FALL ORIENTATION

- Fall Orientation check-in will take place from 8:30am 1:30pm on Thursday August 24th in 64 Hall.
- Lunch for families will be available from 11am-2pm in Raymond Dining Hall.
- The Mass of Welcome begins at 3pm. Families are welcome to join their students at the Welcome Mass. Students will begin their student-only Orientation programming immediately following Mass.
- <u>A general, tentative, Orientation schedule is available here</u>. Students will receive a personalized schedule for their full orientation program, which continues through 8/27, in mid-August.

*FROM THE BOOKSTORE

Students will be receiving the "Pickup/Delivery Selection Begins" email from the bookstore after July 29. This email will automatically link students to their course list, showing them their

course materials. In three (3) easy steps, students will be able to submit their course material order into the Bookstore. Textbook orders are fulfilled by the Bookstore. When the order is "ready for pickup" or has shipped out from the Bookstore, the student will receive a confirmation email with this updated status.

Please have your student TAKE ACTION on this email before Friday, August 18 to guarantee that they will have their required material by the end of the first week of class.

If students cannot access their "Pickup/Delivery Selection Begins" email, please have them use this link: "Friar First Day" link here: <u>FRIAR FIRST DAY Student Ordering Link</u>. Parents cannot submit orders on behalf of their students. Students must do this themselves.

PLEASE REMIND YOUR STUDENTS...After students submit their orders through the Bookstore links, *they may receive additional emails* asking them to "SUBMIT YOUR ORDER". If they receive these additional emails, it is because new material was ADDED to their course AFTER they submitted their original order.

Students can get this additional material by going back onto our website and submitting a new order. The system knows what material is NEW and will not "re-order" any material that is flagged as "submitted."

For more information about the FRIAR FIRST DAY Textbook Rental Program, please click on this link: <u>FRIAR FIRST DAY Information</u>.

*ID CARDS

We would like to ensure that all students have their ID Cards preprinted and ready when they arrive on campus. Your ID Card, called the PC Card, is necessary to pick up books at the Bookstore, enter residence halls, utilize meal plans and laundry facilities, use Friar Bucks and PC Cash and more. Please take a few minutes to learn more about the PC Card, and all it has to offer by visiting the <u>Card Office website</u>.

In order for us to print your students PC Card, we'll need a recent photo of them. Please ask your student if they submitted an approved photo. They can login into their account by clicking <u>here</u> and following the guidelines on the left-hand side of the screen. After their photo is reviewed, they will receive email notification regarding the photo status.

Photos need to be submitted by August 4th to ensure their card is printed and ready when they arrive on campus. If they have any questions regarding their photo or logging into their account, students should contact the Card Office at <u>pccard@providence.edu</u> or (401) 865-2273.

***THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

Student Loan Requirements: Any student interested in using their Direct student loan(s) must use their FSA ID and complete Entrance Counseling and a Master Promissory Note. If a student is no longer interested in their Direct student loan, please complete a <u>Make Changes to My</u> Loan (Undergrad) form. All missing documents (not just loan requirements) are visible in the Financial Aid section of CyberFriar at all times. **On Campus Employment:** The Office of Financial Aid uses the Handshake platform! It is the only place a student needs to go to look for jobs. More information will be emailed to your student in the coming weeks. If your student secures a job, they will need original documents (**copies are not accepted**) to complete their federal and state employment paperwork. Acceptable documents can be a U.S. passport <u>or</u> one document that provides their identity (state/federal issued picture ID, etc.) <u>and</u> one document that establishes their ability to work in the U.S. (social security card, birth certificate, etc.).

*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 <u>www.universityhealthplans.com/Providence</u>. 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!
 - \circ 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
 - o Simple enrollment process to ensure your account is set up properly with the school
 - o 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 name and e-mail address.
- Authorized Payer (Parent/Guardian):

*HOMECOMING 2023

This fall, parents and families are invited to Friartown for <u>Homecoming 2023</u>, 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 Friar Fest, programs for current students and families like the Friar 5k, and social events for alumni of all class years.

Late Night Madness also returns as one of the highlights of Homecoming 2023! Get AMP'd up for a night at the Amica Mutual Pavilion with our men's and women's basketball teams and a performance by Grammy-nominated OneRepublic on **Saturday, September 30**. <u>Buy Late Night</u> <u>Madness Tickets</u>

Stay tuned for more information and updates, registration will open mid- August. Book <u>your</u> <u>hotel now</u> to spend the weekend with your student.

***THE STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER**

As your student transitions to academic life at PC, the Student Success Center (SSC) has a variety of programs available to support them including tutoring and academic coaching. The Writing Center can assist students at any stage of the writing process and the Christie Family Tutoring Center offers individual and group tutoring in most subject areas including the Development of Western Civilization (DWC). Academic Coaching provides individualized, strategy-based support through one-on-one meetings, skill-building workshops, and campus outreach. Virtual and in-person appointments are available and can be scheduled by visiting the <u>SSC website</u>.

***THE CENTER FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION**

Study Abroad Fair: Monday, September 25th, the CGE will be hosting its annual study abroad fair from 6:00-8:00 P.M. in '64 Hall! A perfect opportunity to learn more about studying abroad, become familiar with PC's offerings, and even meet with program representatives, the study abroad fair is the place to be. Whether students have already decided on a program or are hearing about it for the first time, it truly has something for everyone. We can't wait to see our students there!

Get Ready for Passport Day! We are especially excited to offer a Passport Day as part of our programming. This is a fast and convenient way to renew an old passport or get a brand-new passport for study abroad or even personal travel. All that is needed is to deliver a completed application along with the required materials to the passport processing staff onsite. All students, faculty, and staff across campus are invited to participate. No appointment is needed. Date, time, and location are currently TBD. Be sure to check our <u>Center for Global Education</u> <u>Events</u> page for updated information. We recommend that anyone interested should start preparations now and be sure to bring the required physical documents and/or printed copies needed for their application to PC on the date of the event. For more information about application requirements, please use the <u>What You Need to Renew a Passport</u> and <u>What You Need to Apply for a Passport</u> resources.

*PC SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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.