



**Dear Parents and Families of Providence College Students,**

As director of the PC Parent and Family Program, I wish to extend a warm welcome to the parents and families of our new students, and of course, I am excited to welcome back families of our returning students. I look forward to connecting with many of you during the year as we journey together to enable our students to become all that they are called to be.

Well, our 2023-2024 academic year has begun—and what a momentous year it is for the College! The Class of 2027 is the largest class in the history of Providence College. It's 1,200 members includes the first students who will study nursing and health sciences. Construction for the new Ben Mondor Center for Nursing and Health Sciences is about to begin.

There is always so much going on at the start of a new year. We began our fall semester with an academic convocation, at which we officially welcomed new students and newly appointed faculty to our Providence College community. Last week, students, faculty and staff celebrated the grand opening and blessing of the Student Success Center and the Center for Engaged Learning in Phillips Memorial Library. The services of these academic centers are designed to enrich the educational experiences of our students both in and outside of the classroom.

Homecoming Weekend is almost here, and I can't wait. I am looking forward to reuniting with alums, and most of all, connecting with new and returning families. For families of the class of 2026 and 2027, I hope you will join us on Saturday morning in Peterson Center for an opportunity to mingle with other families and students, engage with key campus partners, and hear briefly from two of my colleagues. Joining me for "Coffee and Conversation: Ensuring a Community of Care for Students" will be Dr. Rosemary Fernandes Mugan '98, executive director of the personal counseling center, and Fr. Joseph J. Guido, O.P., senior staff psychologist, assistant professor of psychology, and prior of the Dominican community at Providence College. We are looking forward to sharing our stories with you. Coffee and pastries will be available beginning at 9:30, with the speaking program scheduled to start at 10:00 am. Homecoming registration and program information is provided below.

Finally, in thinking about a "Community of Care" I invite you to check out our Parent/Family Blog. This month I am pleased to introduce to you Tiffany Gaffney, Assistant VP for Student Affairs and Associate Dean of Students. Tiffany shares with us bits and pieces of her own

journey, her critical role as a member of the Office of the Dean of Students, and some valuable advice for both students and families. Please visit: <https://parents.providence.edu/tiffany-gaffney-providing-an-extra-measure-of-care/> .

This email provides information regarding important dates, deadlines, and campus programs. If you have questions regarding any of the programs or events contained in this message, please contact the specific office involved. Additionally, this “ [Ask A Question](#)” link provides a quick and easy way for me to respond to your questions, within a day or two of receiving them.

God Bless.

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**\*HOMECOMING 2023! SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 1**

[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, is just about a week away! Don't miss out on the Friar fun. If you have not already registered make sure to sign-up. Homecoming festivities 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.**

[Buy Late Night Madness Tickets](#)

Programming updates, campus information and helpful information can all be found on the [website](#).

### **\*RESIDENCE LIFE**

We hope that your student is settling into their residence hall. As the semester progresses, conflict among roommates and others in the community is not unusual. Please remind your student that there is a lot of support available. We recommend that students speak with their RA first and RAs can then refer to their hall or complex director or another member of the residence life staff. To allow students time to adjust to living in a new community and with roommates, the Office of Residence Life has a room change freeze period until mid-October. After this point, the Office of Residence Life will help facilitate students' requests for room changes as space permits.

Although the semester has just begun, we know that many families are beginning to make travel plans for the holidays and end of semesters. Providence College residence halls close during Thanksgiving, Winter, Spring, and Easter breaks. It is the responsibility of each resident to plan their own travel in accordance with this schedule. **Residence hall closing dates can be viewed on our Fall 2023 housing calendar.**

### **\*STUDENT FLU CLINIC**

Health Services will be hosting four student flu clinics in '64 Hall. Students need to bring their insurance card with them. Registration will be required. Students should read the Morning Mail for detailed information as the dates get closer.

- Tuesday, 9/26/2023, 11:00am-2:00pm
- Wednesday, 10/4/2023, 4:30-7:30pm
- Wednesday, 10/25/2023, 4:30-7:30pm
- Thursday, 11/2/2023, 1:00-4:00pm

### **\*MEDICAL RECORD REQUIREMENTS**

**Reminder:** All students in the Class of 2027 are required to submit their health forms to their patient portal. For those who have not already done so, please complete it no later than 9/29/2023. More information is available here: <https://health-center.providence.edu/immunization-requirements/>

### **\*FALL CAREER EXPO**

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, the Chirico Career Center will host its 10<sup>th</sup> **Fall Career EXPO**, which will feature an event for ALL students! The Major/Minor Fair, Internship/Job Fair, Graduate School & Programs Fair and the Feinstein Institute Community Partners Fair. Encourage your students to head to Peterson beginning at 2:30 to explore career possibilities. If they need help preparing for the EXPO, suggest they attend our Prep Week events. Visit our [website](#) to learn more about the EXPO and our Prep Week events.

### **\*GETTING INVOLVED**

On Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Office of Student Activities, Involvement & Leadership (SAIL) held an Involvement Fair with over 120+ clubs in attendance. Over 1600 students came through to learn about joining clubs and left with totes full of free giveaways. We will have another Involvement Fair in the Spring, but if your student wants to find out about clubs/organizations

and events, encourage them to head to [PC Central](#). [PC Central](#) is powered by the company called CampusGroups, which keeps the campus up to date with all the student events & activities outside of the classroom. This platform will allow your students to get in contact with clubs and organizations and learn about upcoming events right from their cellphone or laptop! All events that have tickets or RSVP will be located on [PC Central](#) to make things more convenient for all.

Students looking to get involved should check out the **ever-popular Bingo & Trivia Nights!** Every Thursday from 9pm-11pm in McPhail's, SAIL hosts themed Bingo & Trivia Nights for students to win prizes and meet people. Bingo is three times a month & Trivia is on the last Thursday of each month.

Follow Us on Instagram @pcfriarlife for additional event announcements!

#### **\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

There are [big changes](#) coming to the FAFSA for the 2024-2025 academic year. In order to support these sweeping changes, the FAFSA won't be available until an undetermined date in the month of December. The CSS Profile, however, will be available October 1. You will use information from your 2022 taxes on both of these applications. Returning students must complete these applications no later than **April 15<sup>th</sup>**. We will make sure to update our Facebook (pcfinaid) and Instagram (@provcollegetinaid) pages with important announcements especially related to the release of the 2024-24 FAFSA.

#### **\*THE CENTER FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION**

**Global Education Week 2023:** The Center for Global Education is proud to announce the return of Global Education Week! During the week of Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, we will be offering various events and activities dedicated to promoting study abroad opportunities and international experiences. Global Education Week offers something for all PC students, faculty, and staff. For more information about Global Education Week programming and the current schedule, please visit our website at <https://global-education.providence.edu/global-education-week/>.

**Study Abroad Fair:** Kick off study abroad application season with the CGE's annual Study Abroad Fair on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm in Slavin '64 Hall! This event is a perfect opportunity to learn more about studying abroad, to become familiar with PC's approved program offerings, and to meet with program affiliates. Whether you have already decided on a program or are hearing about it for the first time, the Study Abroad Fair truly has something for everyone. For more information about the Study Abroad Fair, please visit our website at <https://global-education.providence.edu/global-education-week/>.

**Get Ready for Passport Day!** As part of Global Education Week, the CGE is excited to offer Passport Day to the PC community on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, from 12-3pm in Slavin Fishbowl. 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 PC students, faculty, and staff across campus are invited to participate. No appointment is needed. Be sure to visit our [Global Education Week](#) page for additional details. For more specific information about application requirements, please use the [What You Need to Renew a Passport](#) and [What You Need to Apply for a Passport](#) resources.

### **\*THE PROVIDENCE COLLEGE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

**PCBiz Basics:** As your college students continue their academic journey, it's essential to equip them with the tools for a successful future. That's why the PCSB offers [PCBiz basics](#), a series of workshops that will give your student a competitive edge in their career exploration and development. These series bring in industry experts to inform students what it takes to gain entry in the field. This semester we're offering digital marketing, human resources, and business analytics, computer science and artificial intelligence. Registration is required in Handshake.

**Silicon Valley Bank:** In today's rapidly changing world, understanding current events is more crucial than ever. The PCSB is hosting a Silicon Valley Bank: Six Months Later panel discussion on September 26 at 6:00 p.m. in Ryan 102 that will delve into the aftermath of a significant crisis and provide insight into how to navigate the post-collapse landscape. Encourage your student to join us to gain a deeper understanding of the unfolding narrative and hear from industry experts on the topic.

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

STUDENT ACCOUNT INFORMATION

FALL 2023 BILLS WERE DUE BY AUGUST 15, 2023

Please have your Friar check the Bursar section of Cyber Friar to see if they have a balance on their student account. Students with a past due balance will be placed on a financial hold. A financial hold prohibits a student from receiving a transcript and registering for future semesters.