



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

Well, there has been lots of activity going on at Providence College since we last connected. At Homecoming Weekend 2023 we welcomed students, alums, families, and friends as they engaged in a whole range of programs and activities. Also, during that weekend PC formally broke ground for the Ben Mondor Center for Nursing and Health Sciences, a state-of-the-art facility that will house the College's new School of Nursing and Health Sciences

For me Homecoming is always a special time as it provides an opportunity to connect informally with so many PC families. On Saturday morning, I was privileged to facilitate the session, "Ensuring a Community of Care for Students." Both Dr. Rosemary Fernandes Mugan, executive director of the personal counseling center, and Fr. Joseph J. Guido, O.P., senior staff psychologist and assistant professor of psychology, and prior of the Dominican community, shared moving and powerful stories of how PC has been proactive as a community in meeting the needs of students when challenges arise. Key campus partners were also introduced at this event. To view a video of this session just click on <https://parents.providence.edu/> and scroll down to "Media and Publications." To view all Homecoming videos and photos please visit: <https://homecoming.providence.edu/homecoming-2023-photos-videos/>.

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Career EXPO took place last week. This year over 1,100 students participated in the event. For students who missed the Expo and are still interested in exploring career interests this semester, you might want to share with them some of the information below provided by our Chirico Career Center.

Yes, October is a busy month, and it can also be a stressful one for students. Mid-semester time is here, and students are focused on taking mid-semester exams and meeting deadlines for papers and projects. Families, you can play an important role in helping your Friar identify and connect with important campus support services—academic support, personal counseling, campus ministry, and many more. Of course, it is also a great time to send your student a Care Package—full of love and goodies!

Finally, our Parent/Family Blog this month introduces the concept of "Artificial Intelligence" (AI) and its challenges and potential for higher education. I am grateful to Dr. Kristine Early, Associate Provost for Faculty Development, professor of accountancy, and chair of PC's

Artificial Intelligence Committee for sharing her knowledge particularly as it relates to how PC is responding to emerging AI technologies.

To view the Blog please visit: <https://parents.providence.edu/artificial-intelligence-ai-challenges-and-potential-for-higher-education/> .

This email provides information regarding important dates, deadlines, and campus programs. I hope that you will share it with your student. If you have questions regarding any of the programs or events contained in this email, 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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### **\*RESIDENCE HALLS CLOSINGS**

[Residence halls close for Thanksgiving Break](#) on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 7pm and will reopen on Sunday, November 26, 2023, at 12pm. If your student needs to request to stay later or come back early, they should submit a Thanksgiving Break Housing request on the [eRezLife](#) site. It is the responsibility of each resident to plan their own travel in accordance with this schedule.

### **\*STUDENT FLU SHOT CLINICS**

Health Services will be hosting student flu shot clinics in '64 Hall on the following dates:

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

Students must [register online](#) and bring their insurance card (or a copy/photo of their insurance card) with them. All students are welcome!

#### **\*NEW SHOPPING SHUTTLE FROM PUBLIC SAFETY**

Providence College has added a Shopping Shuttle for members of the PC community to use. It will operate on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays — when classes are in session — from 12 noon to 6 p.m. This shuttle will transport riders from the Concannon Circle to Providence Place Mall, Whole Foods, and Walmart. [More information is available here.](#)

#### **Students should also keep in mind these other safety resources from Public Safety:**

- Download the [PC Guardian App](#) to contact Public Safety, submit anonymous tips, and use as an emergency escort.
- Use the Friar Nite Shuttle which runs from 7pm to 3am Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. The shuttle makes continuous loops throughout the PC campus and through some streets in the area near Eaton Street Gate. [More information is available here.](#)
- Don't be afraid to call Public Safety – the office is open 24/7/365. For normal inquiries call 401-865-2391, or for emergencies call 401-865-2222.

#### **\*SENIOR YEARBOOK PHOTOS**

Parents of the Class of 2024 Seniors: Yearbook photographers will be on campus November 1 – November 3, 2023, and November 6 – November 9, 2023, to take senior year portraits for the 2024 yearbook. Please encourage your student to be on the lookout for a November email announcement that will contain information about making a portrait appointment. There will be a **\$20.00** sitting fee which will be **refunded** or **applied** to order. More information will follow in coming months about how to purchase copies of any portrait photos as well as ordering additional copies of the yearbook. Please email Susan McCauley ([smccaule@providence.edu](mailto:smccaule@providence.edu)) with any yearbook questions.

#### **\*THE STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER (SSC)—A HUB OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT**

Mid- semester time provides an opportunity for many students to review and make adjustments as to how they manage their time, how they approach their courses and learning, and how they study and prepare for exams. The good news is that there is lots of help available to support them as they move forward.

In addition to academic advising services, the SSC offers many forms of academic support. Programs include tutoring in writing and the content areas, academic skills workshops, one-on-one academic coaching, and specialized support for student-athletes, multicultural students, students with documented disabilities, and students for whom English is a second language. Whether your Friar is a first-year student adjusting to college-level expectations or a senior working to produce a top-notch capstone project, the Center's caring and capable peer tutors

and full-time staff are available to assist your students throughout their academic journey. For specific information about the SSC and how your student can access their services please visit:

<https://student-success-center.providence.edu/>

### **\*CHIRICO CAREER CENTER**

Last week, we held our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Career EXPO, bringing faculty, graduate school representatives and employers to campus to speak to students about career paths and opportunities. Over 1,100 students took advantage of this event, making it a huge success! If your student was unable to attend, encourage them to make an appointment on [Handshake](#) or stop by during our Daily Drop-In Hours (Monday – Friday, 1PM – 4PM) to meet with a Career Coach. Students can also stay informed of all upcoming events by reading our Weekly E-Newsletter sent Sunday mornings to their inbox.

### **\*ORIENTATION LEADER APPLICATIONS FOR 2024**

The application to be a 2024 Orientation Leader (OL) will open on November 1<sup>st</sup>!

Orientation Leaders serve incoming new students and families during the First Day in Friartown and Fall Orientation. OLs provide an energetic and welcoming first experience for freshman and transfer students by leading small groups, providing insight into the academic experience and registration process, and developing impactful connections.

The application, and position descriptions, [can be found on the orientation website.](#)

### **\*FALL EVENTS - STUDENT ACTIVITIES, INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP (SAIL)**

Student events have kicked into high gear for October. Your students can choose from over 100 events being offered by clubs and organizations along with the Office of Student Activities, Involvement and Leadership. The Morning Mail is sent every weekday and the perfect place for students to learn about events happening on campus.

Please encourage your student to attend Halloween in Friartown happening on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:30pm – 5:30pm. The event features food, a t-shirt give-a-way, pumpkin decorating, fall crafts, novelties and more.

### **\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BURSAR**

#### **Payment Policy:**

Outstanding indebtedness to the College will result in a financial hold being placed on a student's account. This prevents a student from registering, making a housing deposit, receiving a degree, grade reports, transcript, or letter of recommendation. Students with outstanding balances have been notified by email that their account may be placed on a Financial hold. It is important that you and/or your student contact the Bursar's Office as soon as possible so that we can assist you in resolving this financial issue to ensure the student's continuing matriculation at Providence College. If you have been set up as an authorized user by your student you may review the student account information at

<https://commerce.cashnet.com/pcepay>