



Dear Providence College Families,

As many of our students are getting ready to travel home for the holiday, I am sure that parents and families are looking forward to this time with a good amount of anticipation and excitement. It goes without saying that family gatherings are a big part of what Thanksgiving is all about. At this time of so much turmoil and uncertainty in the world, what remains constant during this season, is our desire to come together in prayer and to give thanks for our many blessings. For as we know, prayer gives us hope and brings us light.

Once again, this year, Fr. Mark Nowel, our Associate Provost for Academic Policy and Mission Support, has prepared a special prayer of thanksgiving for PC families. You will find the prayer posted on the Parent/Family Blog at: <https://parents.providence.edu/with-thanks-and-gratitude/>.

As director of the Providence College Parent & Family Program, I send my warm thoughts and prayers to all PC families. I am especially thankful for your support, your insights, and, most of all, for allowing me to journey along with you as we celebrate our students and all that they are called to be.

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 HALL BREAK SCHEDULE**

Residence Halls will close for the Thanksgiving and Winter Breaks. Halls close on Tuesday, November 21 at 7 p.m. for the Thanksgiving break and Friday, December 15 at 7 p.m. for the Winter break. If your student has a need to stay on campus past these dates, they should submit a break housing request through [eRezLife](#). The Thanksgiving Break housing request is currently available, and the Winter Break request will be available after Thanksgiving.

***THANKSGIVING BREAK SHUTTLE INFORMATION**

The 2023 Thanksgiving Break shuttle sign-up is now available. The shuttles will be available on Monday, November 20th and Tuesday, November 21st. Capacity is limited and on a first come, first serve basis. The Transportation Office will be running shuttles to:

- TF Green Airport
- Amtrak/MBTA Station in downtown Providence
- Peter Pan Bus Terminal (1 Peter Pan Way, Providence, RI 02904)

The Airport shuttle will run every 60 minutes from 8:00am – 3:00pm while the Amtrak/Peter Pan Bus shuttles will run every 30 minutes from 8:00am – 4:00pm. To sign up and reserve a spot for the shuttle, students will need to [please click this link](#) and fill out the form. When selecting departure time on the form, that is the time the shuttle will be leaving campus and NOT the time of the student's actual Flight/Train/Bus departure time.

- Students will receive an email from the Transportation Office approximately 3 – 5 days after a request has been submitted, to confirm their reservation. If a student doesn't receive a confirmation email, then the request is not approved.
- Students are allowed to bring one suitcase and backpack on the shuttle. If students bring additional suitcases, they will not be permitted to ride the shuttle and will need to find another method of transportation. minutes before your scheduled reservation.
- If students need to modify or cancel a reservation, please call the Transportation Office as soon as possible at 401.865.2234 or email Transportation@providence.edu.

***COMMENCEMENT 2024—SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024**

Remind your seniors to keep an eye on their emails for information regarding Cap and Gown Day, scheduled for April 10, 2024. Undergraduates in the class of 2024 will receive an email in

the coming weeks with information on how to order their attire for Commencement and other helpful information. A Guide to Commencement will be emailed to students and families before the semester ends. All updates to Commencement information and both the Student and Parents/Families Guides to Commencement, will be made available on our website, <https://commencement.providence.edu/>, in the coming weeks.

***THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

The 2024-2025 CSS Profile is open and FAFSA is still delayed until December. You will use information from your 2022 taxes on both of these applications. Returning students must complete these applications no later than April 15th. We will make sure to update our Facebook (pcfinaid) and Instagram (@provcollegefinaid) pages with important announcements especially related to the release of the 2024-2025 FAFSA.

***THE CENTER FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION (CGE)**

The CGE Team looks forward to supporting your student's study abroad experience. The email below was recently sent to 2024-25 study abroad applicants.

Dear Study Abroad Applicant,

*The Center for Global Education (CGE) is happy that you are working on your study abroad application for next academic year, 2024-25. Please make sure that your application is complete by **December 1** as late applications will not be accepted.*

Fall/Spring Semester Balance

Providence College is very proud of its study abroad tradition, and the institution's participation rates in study abroad have received national recognition. In recent years, demand for fall semester study abroad has far exceeded demand for the spring semester. Thus far, it appears this trend will apply to the next academic year.

While the college wants to support any student who wishes to study abroad, we may need to take steps after reviewing applications to better balance the number of students studying abroad in the fall and spring semesters. There are several reasons for this. The most important of which relate to housing constraints, course scheduling, and class enrollments – all essential components of PC's operations.

To balance enrollments between the fall and spring semester for the 2023-24 academic year, CGE conducted a lottery for the fall semester and reassigned some fall semester applicants to the spring semester in order to balance enrollments. If necessary, CGE will engage in the same process for next year. Throughout this semester, CGE staff have been advising prospective study abroad students to be flexible with their study abroad plans for next year, and that we cannot guarantee either fall or spring semester.

More information will be shared with study abroad applicants after CGE reviews applications, and this will likely be in mid to late January.

*Best regards,
The Center for Global Education*

***THE STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER**

Winter Course Options- If your student wishes to explore a winter course, they can do so either [through Providence College](#) or an [outside institution](#). While most students do not need to take winter courses, some students look to take a winter course after they review their degree audit and consult with the academic advisor. If students have more questions about their winter course options, they should contact the Academic Advising portion of the Student Success Center (advising@providence.edu) for more information.

***RESIDENCE LIFE-- RESIDENT ASSISTANT APPLICATIONS**

Resident Assistant (RA) Applications are now open for the 2024-2025 academic year as well as a few positions for the Spring 2024 semester. RAs serve as a resource and mentor to their peers in the residence halls. They also gain valuable skills such as crisis management, conflict resolution, time management and leadership. It is a highly valued leadership role in addition to being the highest paid student job on campus. If you think your student would be a good RA, please encourage them to apply. Applications are due December 18, 2023. Please visit our [website](#) for more information.

***ORIENTATION LEADER APPLICATIONS FOR 2024**

The application to be a 2024 Orientation Leader (OL) is now open! Orientation Leaders serve incoming new students and families during the First Day in Friartown and Fall Orientation. OL's 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. More information [can be found on the orientation website](#). Students [can apply here](#) until November 30th at 11:59 PM.

***CHIRICO CAREER CENTER**

As the holiday season approaches, the Chirico Career Center would like to let you know about ways we can support your student during November and December. Our career coaches are committed to assisting your student in exploring their career options, reviewing their top 5 strengths, networking, polishing their resume and cover letter, searching for internships, jobs, or post-grad service opportunities and much more. Encourage your student to take advantage of these resources by scheduling an appointment on [Handshake](#). Our career coaches are available to meet in person or virtually now and during break!

***STUDENT ACTIVITIES, INVOLVMENT AND LEADERSHIP (SAIL)**

Fall semester in Friartown is coming to a close! We hope you will encourage your students to check their "Morning Mail" to learn about some fun holiday activities that are planned. Also, please remind them about the end of semester Study Breaks! Each night during final exams, BOP provides a short study break for students to take a breath and meet in McPhail's for a quick bite to eat. All students are welcome.

***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, transcript, or letter of recommendation.

Financial holds have been placed on accounts with outstanding balances and students have been notified by email. 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>.

***PROVIDENCE COLLEGE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS HOODIE SALE**

Are you stuck on what you should get your student for the holidays this year? The Providence College School of Business has you covered! The Benjamin Family Social Media Fellows and Beta Gamma Sigma, the business honor society, have partnered on a limited time PCSB hoodie fundraiser. The black Champion sweatshirt features an outline of the Ryan Center for Business Studies on the back, with the business school logo on the front. This is a perfect gift for any business school student or alumni — don't miss out! The sale ends Tuesday, November 28, at 8:30 a.m. Proceeds of this fundraiser benefit the [PCSB Success Fund](#), which supports expenses to advance student education outside of the classroom. [Click here to place an order!](#) Questions? Please contact Liz Kay at lkay@providence.edu or Molly Magrane at mmagrane@providence.edu. The Benjamin Family Social Media Fellows manage social channels for the Providence College School of Business. Follow the business school on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/pcbizschool/>

