

Dear Providence College Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had some extra time to spend with your students during the break. Spring semester classes are well underway and most of us are back into our daily routines. It's been a pretty frigid January thus far, so I am keeping my fingers crossed for milder winter weather to come.

For students looking to widen their social network and broaden their campus involvement, the beginning of a semester is the perfect time to try something new. This email provides lots of information about activities and events planned to enhance student engagement. Also, to learn more about intramural sports at PC, check out our Parent and Family Blog: https://parents.providence.edu/pc-intramural-sports-fun-competition-camaraderie/.

Finally, for those of you with younger students, I thought you might be especially interested in this Hot Top Video provided to us by the PC Office of Public Affairs, Community and Government Relations. Our campus expert, Dr. Brian Lamoureux, Ast. Professor of Practice in Management, discusses the Meta lawsuit and the issue of social media addiction among children and teens.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3hnDeL8IfDw.

If you have questions regarding any of the programs or resources 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 and stay warm.

Jackie

Jacqueline Kiernan MacKay
Director, PC Parent & Family Program
Adjunct Faculty, Graduate Program in Higher Education
AHEPPP Board of Directors Emerita
parents@providence.edu
401-865-1550

Spanish/Español: Haga clic aquí para ver información en español.

Portuguese/Português: Clique aqui para obter mais informações em Português.

Chinese (Traditional)/中文(繁體中文: 請點擊此處獲取更多中文(繁體中文)信息。

*COVID-19 Booster Shot Clinic

There will be a COVID-19 Booster Shot Clinic for all students, faculty, and staff, on Monday, February 5th, from 12:00pm-4:00pm in Slavin '64 Hall. Online registration is required. Students are asked to bring their insurance card (or a picture of the card) to the clinic. **Registration information will be sent to students in the Morning Mail.**

*CLASS OF 2024—UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Remind your students to order their cap and gown as the deadline is March 1, 2024. Emails with information regarding Cap and Gown Day, scheduled for April 10, 2024, and ordering information, have been sent to all members of the class of 2024. Undergraduates in the class of 2024 will continue to receive emails over the next few weeks with information on how to order their attire for Commencement, as well as other helpful information.

A "Guide to Commencement" was emailed to students and families last semester.

All updates to Commencement information and both the Student and Parents/Families Guides to Commencement, are available on our website at: https://commencement.providence.edu/

*SENIOR YEARBOOK PHOTOS

Parents of the Class of 2024 Seniors: Yearbook photographers will be on campus in the Slavin Center on February 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th, and 7th to take senior year portraits for the 2024 Yearbook. Please encourage your student to be on the lookout for a February 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) with any yearbook questions.

*SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES (SAS)

Senior Graduation Check

As your SAS senior (class of May 2024) heads into their final semester of full-time, undergraduate study at PC, it is recommended that they utilize the <u>Cyberfriar Advising Gateway</u> to confirm their overall credits (minimum of 120) and degree requirements. Your student has 24/7 access to both their <u>Degree Audit</u> and <u>Unofficial Transcript</u> in the <u>Gateway</u>. Please remind your SAS senior to conduct this graduation check and that <u>SAS Advising</u> is available to respond

to their inquiries and concerns with respect to graduation status. Students can email sasadvising@providence.edu for assistance.

*CENTER FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION / STUDY ABROAD

Special Announcement for the Class of 2027

CIV in London Spring 2025 - Applications due on March 31

Providence College is proud to offer this special study abroad opportunity to second semester sophomore students for them to complete their DWC requirement in the historically rich and global city of London. Prof. Christopher Arroyo (Philosophy) and Prof. Eric Bennett (English) are the faculty directors for the spring 2025 iteration of the program.

Students will take DWC 202 and at least one additional course with the faculty directors, which will fulfill PC Core Curriculum requirements – Ethics and Fine Arts.

In addition to the above courses, students will round out their course schedule with courses at the IES Abroad London Study Center along with the possibility of enrolling in a course at a local university. The program will also include numerous site visits in London along with excursions further afield in the UK and Europe.

The Center for Global Education and the faculty directors will host info sessions in the upcoming weeks and engage in other forms of outreach. Students should contact the Center for Global Education for more information: pcabroad@providence.edu

* BENJAMIN FAMILY SOCIAL MEDIA FELLOWSHIP: APPLY NOW

Students interested in social media should apply to join the <u>Benjamin Family Social Media fellowship</u> during the 2024-2025 academic year. Fellows directly manage the social media channels for the Providence School of Business, conceiving and creating the content and measuring the performance of posts.

The fellowship is a year-long commitment, open to students of all majors and class years. Students will not be considered for the fellowship if they plan to study abroad for the upcoming academic year.

Benefits: In addition to the amazing experience, fellows enroll in a special 3-credit marketing elective in the Fall 2024 semester, receive a \$600 stipend, and travel to NYC to network with alums working in the digital media and tech industries.

Apply now in Handshake. Deadline: Monday, February 12, at noon

Information session: Thursday, February 1 | 6 p.m. | Ryan 102

Questions? Contact Liz Kay at lkay@providence.edu.

*RESIDENCE LIFE - SPRING BREAK &EASTER BREAK HOUSING

As you are making travel plans for this upcoming semester, please remember residence halls close on Friday, March 8 at 6 p.m. for Spring Break and Wednesday, March 27 at 7 pm

<u>for Easter Break</u>. On February 1, 2024, a break housing application will be available on eRezLife for students requesting to stay over the break.

*RESIDENCE LIFE – HOUSING SELECTION

Many students will begin thinking soon about housing for the following academic year. Please be assured your student still has plenty of time to decide on housing for the next academic year and our office is always available to work with students. For more information, please visit our <u>Housing Selection website</u>.

*CHIRICO CAREER CENTER

The Chirico Career Center has an exciting semester prepared with opportunities to explore majors, career paths, job/internship opportunities, graduate school programs and much more. Below is a list of a few of our upcoming events to encourage your students to attend – more events and programs can be found in Handshake and our weekly newsletter sent on Sundays. In addition to our events, Daily Drop in Hours are back and as always, students can make an appointment to meet with a Coach at any time that is convenient for them on Handshake.

- **Spring Career EXPO** | Wednesday, February 7 | 2:30PM 5:30PM | Peterson Center | Students can connect with employers and graduate school reps to learn about future opportunities.
- Alumni Job Shadow Program | Application Process begins January 28 | First-year and Sophomores are encouraged to apply for a chance to shadow an alum as soon as exams end.

*SCHOOL OF BUSINESS (PCSB)

All students are invited to participate in this year's Friar Sales Showcase on Wednesday, February 21 from 2:30-5:30 p.m. This event is an opportunity for students to network with professionals in the business-to-business sales industry. With recruiters from 12 outstanding sales organizations and an insightful panel discussion, this is an excellent opportunity to explore sales career paths, engage with representatives, and gather valuable industry knowledge. Registration required.

*SPRING SEMESTER EVENTS - STUDENT ACTIVITIES, INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP (SAIL)

The spring semester is always filled with fun events with the hope of warm weather coming soon. This semester is also a time when clubs and organizations are over-seeing elections and applications for their leadership for next year. Most groups with application processes hold a Coffee House/Info Session to learn more about the group and the application process. These groups include Friar Clubs, Board of Programmers (BOP), Student Congress, BMSA, Urban Action, etc. Remind your students to keep an eye out for these dates on PC Central and the table tents in the dining hall.

 This Saturday, Jan 27th- Men's Basketball - Friars vs. Georgetown - Big Game equals Big Game Watch Party! Students are invited to join us for the Biggest Game Watch Party in Mullaney Gym on Saturday, Jan 27th at 12:00pm. Get AMP'd up on campus with a 32 Foot Screen to watch the game, Free T-Shirts, Free Food...Chickfila, Wings, Providence

- Burger Bar, and Tomato City Pizza. DJ Nadiv! Competitions & Raffles during commercial breaks.
- Black & White Ball Ticket Sales will be opening soon! Black & White Ball is an allclass dance that was started in 2017 during PC's centennial year. Board of Programmers (BOP) has continued the tradition since! BOP picks a theme and works with a designer to transform the Peterson Recreation Fieldhouse into a night of dancing and making memories. Have your students follow BOP on Instagram @pcbop for updates on the event.
- Our office will be recognizing students that attend events utilizing our PC Central leaderboard. Encourage your students to make sure to check in at all the events they attend so they can potentially win a gift card or a cool prize!

*STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER (SSC)

This is just a friendly reminder that the <u>Student Success Center</u>, located on the 2nd floor of the Phillips Memorial Library, offers a variety of services to support your students. These include, but are not limited to:

- Tutorial assistance in writing and the content areas;
- One-on-one academic coaching for students who may need help with time management and study skills;
- Provision of reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities;
- General academic advising support, including help with scheduling adjustments, late ads, pass/fail requests, and selecting (or changing) a major;
- Specialized programs and support for multicultural students, ESL students, and studentathletes.

Many students are reluctant to take the first step and ask for help when they need it, so please encourage them to seek out services early and start the new semester on the right foot.

*THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

The 2024-2025 FAFSA is finally open and available for submission. Be sure to complete the FAFSA and CSS Profile by the April 15th deadline. Remember, you will use information from your 2022 taxes on both these applications. Continue to monitor our Facebook (pcfinaid) and Instagram (@provcollegefinaid) for reminders and announcements!

*PC CASH

PC Cash locations currently include *OFF campus*: CVS Pharmacy, Newport Creamery, Golden Crust Pizza, Big Tony's, Providence Burger Bar and *ON campus*: Dunkin Donuts and Barnes and Noble.

PC Cash cannot be used to purchase alcohol at any of our on or off campus locations. PC Cash is <u>NOT</u> associated with a meal plan; however, it can be used at Raymond Dining Hall, Eaton Street Café and Ruane Cafe. All funds are provided by the cardholder. Students, employees, and

family members can make one-time or recurring deposits using the <u>Online Card Office</u>. **Please contact the Card Office at (401) 865-2273 with any questions**.

*BURSAR'S OFFICE

1098T'S WILL BE PUBLISHED AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2024.

Providence College does not mail a printed copy of the 1098T. Students and Parents that are set up as authorized users received an email that the 1098T is available for viewing.

Please note that students must provide additional access for Authorized Users to view 1098T's. Student can access their 1098T and set up an authorized user by logging into Cyberfriar at: http://cyberfriar.providence.edu. If you are a Parent or Guardian set up as an authorized user you can access the 1098T by logging into: https://commerce.cashnet.com/pcepay

If clicking the link does not work, please copy and paste the information into your browser. If you have problems with your password, please copy and paste it from the email that was sent to you with your user- name and password.