



Dear Providence College Families,

February may be the shortest month of the year, but it is certainly one of the busiest at Providence College. During this time, many members of our campus community participated in our month-long Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation activities which included a Prayer Luncheon, the presentation of the MLK Vision Awards, a Day of Service, and a Student Gala. A few weeks ago, the Chirico Career Center sponsored the Spring Career Expo which provided an opportunity for more than 500 students to meet with representatives of 25 graduate schools and 97 employers. Of course, with the mid-semester mark right around the corner, many students have tests, papers, and projects due. With so much happening, even those of us who dislike winter weather were grateful for a “snow day” just to slow down and catch our breath a bit.

I am pleased to share with you the most recent Hot Topic Video produced by the PC Office of Public Affairs. It provides an opportunity for you to hear from Dr. Christian Wilwohl, Dean of Global Education, as he discusses our Study Abroad Program and how it is up and running, full steam ahead, since the days of the pandemic. Check it out here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLl8pbqis_s&t=4s.

Finally, I think you will find our Parent/Family Blog to be especially informative this month. It contains an extensive interview with Sandra Oliveria, the executive director of financial aid. Sandy highlights the many changes to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. She also provides helpful tips for families in preparing the form. To access the blog please visit: <https://parents.providence.edu/the-new-fafsa-form-hear-from-an-expert/>.

This email provides information regarding important dates, deadlines, and campus resources. I hope you will share it with your students. 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.

During this holy season of Lent, I wish you many blessings. Take good care.

Sincerely,

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***RESIDENCE LIFE – HALL CLOSINGS & HOUSING SELECTION**

- Spring Break - Residence Halls will close on Friday, March 8th, and reopen on Sunday, March 17th for Spring Break.
- Easter Break – Residence Halls will close on Wednesday, March 27th and reopen on Monday, April 1st.
- If your student needs to stay during break, please remind them to complete a break housing application on their eRezLife account.
- End of Semester - Residence Halls will close for all students that are not graduating on Friday, May 10th. For students who will be graduating, Residence Halls will close on Monday, May 20th at noon. Please plan accordingly. More information on summer storage options will be available in March.
- The 2024-2025 housing selection process will begin in March after Spring Break. More information is available on our [website](#).

***CLASS OF 2024 PC1G SENIOR CELEBRATION – Friday, March 1st**

The Center for Orientation, Transitions & Leadership and The PC1G Initiative cordially invites PC first-generation college students and their families to attend our annual First Gen Senior Celebration on Friday, March 1st from 5:30-7:00pm in the Center at Moore Hall, Room 125. (Refreshments will be served.) This event will recognize first generation* students from the graduating class of 2024.

- Students may register themselves and guests via a registration form that was emailed to them. The deadline to RSVP is February 26th. If a parent or guardian of a current senior

would like to register on their own, please email Emily Gonzalez at egonzal1@providence.edu.

**Who is a first-generation college student?* The formal definition is someone whose parents did not complete a four-year college education. At PC, we think of it more as any student who may identify as not having prior knowledge of navigating higher education institutions and could utilize additional resources along their college journey. For example, if a parent attended a four-year college in an educational system outside of the US.

***SENIOR YEARBOOK PHOTOS**

Parents of the Class of 2024 Seniors: Yearbook photographers will be on campus in the Slavin Center on March 26-29 and April 22-26 to take senior year portraits for the 2024 yearbook. Please encourage your student to be on the lookout for an 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.

***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.

***CHIRICO CAREER CENTER**

Did your student attend the Spring Career EXPO on February 7th? If they did, encourage them to send recruiters or graduate school reps they met a thank you note and connect with them on LinkedIn. If they didn't, suggest they make an appointment with a career coach on [Handshake](#) for assistance with their resume, career plans or job/internship search. And, if your student is looking for more, we've got more! Details for all upcoming events are on [Handshake](#):

- Careers in Law & Government on Monday, February 26th
- Federal Resume Building and Navigating USA Jobs on Monday, March 4th
- The Thrive Summit (an event crafted to empower BIPOC juniors and seniors to thrive in life after PC) on Saturday, March 23rd

*** STUDENT EVENTS—THE SAIL OFFICE**

- The annual Black & White Ball will be held on Friday, February 23rd from 8pm-11pm. This is an all-classes dance for PC undergraduates to enjoy! The tickets went on sale February 5th on PC Central for \$25. The night will be filled with dancing, food, and making memories with their classmates. Peterson Recreation Fieldhouse will be transformed into a winter wonderland. Have your students follow BOP on Instagram [@pcbop](#) for updates on the event. It will be a night to remember!
- Club applications and elections for next year are coming up! Encourage your students to attend any coffeehouses or info sessions they see on the events calendar! Urban Action, BOP, BMSA, and Student Congress will be holding theirs over the next month!
- Coming soon....Spring Concert announcement! The Spring Concert is held every spring exclusively for PC undergraduates. Information about the performer, date, time, and ticket sales should be coming out very soon!
- In March, SAIL will be holding March Madness events, Game Watches, a St. Patrick's Day celebration, and our annual Spring Kick Off! Please have your students follow [@pcfriarlife](#) Instagram to stay up to date with upcoming events and ways to get involved!

***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 letters of recommendation. Seniors with outstanding indebtedness could jeopardize their ability to take part in commencement activities.

Registration for Fall 2024 will begin in April. Financial holds will be placed on accounts with outstanding balances and students will be notified by email. 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/pcepap>.

If you are not setup as an authorized user, this is NOT the same as having Proxy access. Have your student set you up to view the bills, tax forms, and make electronic check payments.

The Student needs to:

- Log into CyberFriar
- Click on Student Services

- Click on Bursars' Office – NEW
- Go to “Do you want help paying?” in the middle of the page
- Select “Send a payer invitation”
- Enter the authorized user's first and last names and e-mail address

Authorized Users (Parent/Guardian):

- Once your account is established by your student you will receive an email with a link to the website:
- Log in at: <https://commerce.cashnet.com/pcepay>

Please note: At your first log in you will be required to change your password.