



Dear Providence College Families,

Happy Spring! Although we have had a pretty chilly and windy week, we look forward to sunny and warm days to come. Our campus really becomes alive in the spring, and I can't wait to see our students once again engaged in so many outside activities.

From now until May there will be lots of wonderful programs and activities for students to participate in—seminars, retreats, fun events, and the list goes on. It is also a time when students are stressed to the max as the end of classes grows near and they are faced with deadlines for papers, final projects, and final exams. This is a perfect time for families to help students identify and make use of campus support services.

As Holy Week approaches, I thought you would appreciate hearing from Fr. Justin Brophy, O.P., Assistant Professor of Political Science, as he reflects on this sacred season of Lent. To view this "Hot Topic Video" just click on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0WNSCoI002o>

Finally, I am delighted to share with you this month's Parent/Family Blog. It focuses on the very best of Providence College—our students, who made a simple act of kindness, a life changing event for a security guard. Perhaps you caught this story on your local or national media network. If not, you can access the Blog here:

<https://parents.providence.edu/the-gift-of-generosity-providence-college-makes-national-news/>

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 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 few days of receiving them.

God bless.

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***RESIDENCE LIFE – EASTER AND END -OF -YEAR CLOSING**

Please remember residence halls close on the following dates:

Easter Break - Wednesday, March 27th and reopen on Monday, April 1st.

End of year - May 10th at 7pm for non-graduating students. Students must be fully moved out by that time or have an approved reason to remain on campus. Graduates have until May 20 at noon to move out.

More information is available on our [website](#).

***EASTER BREAK SHUTTLE SERVICE**

The Transportation Office will be running shuttles on Wednesday, March 27th to:

- TF Green Airport – running every 60 minutes from 8:00am-3:00pm
- Amtrak/MBTA Station in downtown Providence - running every 30 minutes from 8:00am-4:00pm
- Peter Pan Bus Terminal (1 Peter Pan Way, Providence, RI 02904) – running every 30 minutes from 8:00am-4:00pm

Students should check their email for a link to the sign-up form and instructions. Capacity is limited and is on a first come, first serve basis.

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. The shuttle will pick students up at the backside of Raymond Hall on Donnelly Drive, across from the Raymond Lot. Students must arrive 15 minutes before their scheduled reservation.

***RESIDENCE LIFE – HOUSING APPLICATIONS**

The housing application for the 2024-2025 academic year launches on March 21st and must be completed by April 2nd. Housing deposits are no longer required for returning students. Housing Selection can be a stressful time for some students, but please remind your student that residence life staff is available to assist them throughout the process. [For more information, students can attend a Housing Information Session or one of our drop-in office hours.](#)

The housing selection process will be conducted by class year on the following dates: Class of 2025 on April 4th, Class of 2026 on April 9th, and Class of 2027 on April 23rd. Although the process begins in March and April, our office works with plenty of new and returning students throughout the summer months. More information is available on our [website](#).

***RESIDENCE LIFE – SUMMER STORAGE**

We are again excited to partner with the UPS Store to offer summer storage options for students. The UPS Store is also offering a 20% discount on storage pricing to students who will be studying abroad. More information is available on our [website](#). A \$25 deposit is required to reserve storage, and it is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU RESERVE STORAGE EARLY AS SPACE IS LIMITED. All arrangements made with the UPS Store are independent of the College and the College does not assume any responsibility or liability for items stored with UPS. [Please visit the Summer Storage website for more information.](#)

***UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT--SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024**

Remind your students to pick up their academic attire and other important Commencement information on Cap and Gown Day, Wednesday, April 10. The event for students will be held in '64 Hall, Slavin Center from 10am to 5pm. A Guide to Commencement was emailed to parents and families last semester. All updates to Commencement information and both the Student and Parents/Families Guide to Commencement, are available on our website: <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 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.

***SENIOR YEARBOOK PARENT ADS**

Parents and families of Class of 2024 Seniors: If you would like to purchase a recognition ad in the yearbook, the **parent ad** site is up and live through 5/1/2024. Place a photo (or photos) along with your written tribute and choose a design layout option to best represent your graduate. Here's the weblink to PC's custom site (Click on "Yearbook Ads") <https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1043117/Providence-College/>
Please email Susan McCauley (smccaule@providence.edu) with any yearbook questions.

***OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

We are aware of the issues regarding this year's FAFSA. The U.S. Department of Education announced it won't be sending college and university FAFSA applications until the middle of March. Currently, we have not changed the deadline for submission. Please note that the

deadline for submission is still April 15th. Please continue to monitor our social media channels ([Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)) for updates.

***HOMECOMING 2024**

Celebrate PC's signature fall weekend at Homecoming 2024. Open to all members of the Friar community, this year's festivities take place **Friday, October 18 – Sunday, October 20**. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

***THE STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER**

Fall Advising and Registration: The fall advising period has begun! Students have received multiple emails from the Office of the Registrar, the Student Success Center, and their major department/program regarding the registration dates and a detailed explanation of the advising and registration process. In addition to information on the registration dates and processes, students have access to the [Academic Advising Resource](#) page, which summarizes much of this information. Please encourage your students to review those emails, explore the Academic Advising resource page, and connect with their advisor to discuss their Fall course options before registration. Beyond Fall advising and registration, if your student is experiencing difficulties in one of their courses and wants to explore the [course withdrawal option](#), the deadline for a course withdrawal is April 26th.

Summer Course Options: While summer courses are not required, some students look to take a course during the summer. If your student is considering taking a summer course, here is more information on [PC's summer offerings](#) and the ability to [take courses at an outside college or university](#). Students can speak with their academic advisor or an advisor in the Student Success Center (2nd floor of the library) if they have questions about summer courses.

***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**

As students return from spring break, and the semester begins to wind down, remember the Chirico Career Center has career coaches available for in-person and virtual appointments. Students can discuss what to do during the summer to fill any resume gaps, how to make the most out of their summer internship, using their time off to network, or their job search. Simply encourage your student to log on to [Handshake](#) to make an appointment with a career coach!

***DIRIGO HONOR SOCIETY**

The Center for Orientation, Transitions and Leadership is seeking applications for the Dirigo Honor Society, Class of 2025 cohort. Dirigo is an honor society for students who have excelled as leaders throughout their college tenure. Leaders join Dirigo during the fall semester of their senior year and participate in a series of leadership coaching and professional development programming over the course of their senior year. We are seeking applications from students who will be graduating in 2025.

The term Dirigo is Latin for "I lead" or "I guide." This honor will only be bestowed upon students with the strongest leadership background. A silver medal embodying the college logo, the Veritas flame, is awarded to each inductee during the spring semester of their senior year. Inductees are also recognized each May in the Commencement program. Students can find more information and the application [on our website](#).

***STUDENT EVENTS – THE SAIL OFFICE**

- It's election season for Clubs and Organizations. The SAIL Office is holding workshops for current club and organization executives about elections, transition leadership, and creating a budget.
- Spring Concert is Friday, March 22nd 8pm-10pm featuring Two Friends and DJ Enferno in Peterson Recreation Fieldhouse. Tickets are on sale on PC Central (CampusGroups).
- Our Spring Kick Off is on Saturday March 23, from 12-3pm on Slavin Lawn. We will have live music, DIY Bamboo, spring craft, PC frisbees, lawn games, and a food truck!
- A lot of spring events to look forward to in April: AfroAm Fashion Show, Relay for Life, Earth Day Celebration, Stuartstock, and much more! Encourage your students to download the CampusGroup App to stay up to date with event dates and times!

***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, or receiving a degree, grade reports, transcript, or letter of recommendation. Seniors with outstanding indebtedness will be unable to receive a cap & gown and participate in Commencement activities.

Registration for Fall 2024 will begin soon. Financial holds have been placed on accounts with outstanding balances and students have been 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/pcepay>.