



**Dear Parents and Families of the Class of 2029,**

Well, it's August and soon your Friars will be coming to campus. Housing and roommate assignments have been released by the Office of Residence Life and our community is in full gear as it gets ready for classes to begin. As move-in day approaches, there is more information we need to provide to families. This communication contains important messages regarding student health, housing, move-in day activities, orientation, and much more. Please share it with your students.

For those of you who are unable to attend the Mass of Welcome for New Students and Families on Move-In Day, Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, at 3 p.m., please note that the event will be livestreamed. The link is: <https://youtube.com/live/831U1uit-o?feature=share>.

We will also be livestreaming the Academic Convocation. This event, which marks the official opening of the academic year, will welcome new members of our community – students in the Class of 2029, transfer students, and new faculty members. The keynote speaker is Anna Bonta Moreland, Ph.D., the Anne Quinn Welsh Endowed Chair and director of the University Honors Program at Villanova University. If you would like to view the convocation, which will take place on Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m., please click on: <https://www.youtube.com/live/lvTDfLBesrY>.

Additionally, we invite students and families to join the class of 2029 "Ask Me Anything" livestreaming panel on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m., which is hosted by student orientation coordinators. More information can be found below in the "Fall Orientation" section of this communication.

If you have questions regarding any of the information 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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#### **\*REQUIRED HEALTH INFORMATION FOR NEW STUDENTS**

All incoming students received an email from our Patient Portal, Mediat, regarding health information required by both the Rhode Island Department of Health and Providence College. This information is also available on the [Student Health Center website](#). **All health information was due by July 15, 2025. Failure to do so will impact a student's ability to move onto campus in August.** Once students open the portal, they need to follow directions carefully to ensure they are correctly submitting their information.

- All students are required to upload a signed copy of their immunization record. In addition, they are asked to manually enter the dates of the required immunizations.
- Students need to complete and submit the online Health History and Tuberculosis Screening Forms.
- Students are also required to upload a copy of the front and back of their medical insurance card.
- Students planning to participate in Club Sports will not be permitted to try out for a team until their health information is submitted. Exceptions will not be made for students who realize they are missing information the day of tryouts.
- Students will not receive confirmation of receipt of their health information; however, they should check their email periodically over the summer as a message will be sent via the portal if there is missing health information.

#### **\*OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE – HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS & MOVE IN**

All incoming students who submitted a housing application should have received an email with their housing information on Thursday, July 31. If students did not receive this email, they can email the Office of Residence Life at [reslife@providence.edu](mailto:reslife@providence.edu), but can also view their housing assignment and roommate information on their [eRezLife](#) accounts by logging in with their Friar email credentials, selecting “Fall 2025 On Campus” under “Housing Applications” on the left hand side. There they will find their roommate(s) information and housing assignment. Please note the room assignment listed on eRezLife will read as follows: **Main Campus > Residence Hall Name/Floor # > Room # > Slot #**. **Please note, you can ignore the slot number as it is irrelevant.**

**Move-in day for new students** (not participating in a pre-orientation program) is scheduled for **Thursday, August 28, 2025**, beginning at 7am and ending mid-afternoon.

- Students received a recommended move-in window with their housing assignment. The schedule is also available on our [website](#). Move-in times are based on housing assignments and are chosen to help with the flow of traffic on that day.
- Students who have a permanent address that is an extreme distance from the College (greater than 250 miles away) can request to arrive on Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Students can request to

arrive early by submitting the Early Arrival Request Form on their [eRezLife](#) account. There is no programming or meals provided on Wednesday evening for students not participating in an approved pre-orientation program.

- We are pleased to offer students and families an **early drop-off option**! Students can sign-up to drop off their belongings in their residence hall room on **Sunday, August 24** between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Please note, residence halls will close promptly at 1 p.m. on these days. Students and families utilizing this option will enter campus via a separate gate on move-in day (8/28) and will be guided directly to a parking area without waiting in the move-in vehicle queue lines. They can walk directly to their residence hall to meet their roommates before the start of Orientation. Further details were provided to students with their housing assignments. Students can sign up to participate in the early drop-off process on [eRezLife](#).
- All students and families participating in move-in day on August 28<sup>th</sup> should enter campus through the Eaton Street Gate of campus (64 Eaton Street for GPS) where they will be directed by Public Safety to a move-in queuing line based on residence hall assignment. [Please reference this campus map for more specific information](#). Students will receive detailed communication regarding move-in in mid-August.
- Students participating in a pre-orientation program will move onto campus on Saturday 8/23. Students have received an email with specific move-in instructions directly from their pre-orientation program coordinator. Questions about pre-orientation programs can be sent directly to the program coordinator or to [activities@providence.edu](mailto:activities@providence.edu).

### **UPS Ship Ahead Program**

Students who wish to have items shipped to their residence hall room have the option to utilize the UPS Ship Ahead Program which allows you to have items shipped to the local UPS store and then delivered directly to your room before you move in. All packages must be received by the UPS Store by August 15, 2025, to arrive in time for Fall Move In Days. More information is available on our [website](#).

### **\*FALL ORIENTATION**

- Fall Orientation officially begins on August 28<sup>th</sup> and continues through September 1<sup>st</sup>. It is mandatory for all new students, including transfer and commuter students.
- Families are invited to join their student for Move-In and subsequent programming through 5:15 pm.
- Lunch for families will be available from 11am-2pm in Raymond Dining Hall.
- We invite commuter students and families to join us for a welcome reception from 2pm-3pm in McPhail's on Move-In Day.
- The Mass of Welcome for New Students and Families begins at 3pm. Families are encouraged to join their students for this PC tradition.
- Following Mass, we invite all students and families to join us for our Friartown Sendoff. There will be free food, a family photo booth, a post card station and more memorable activities to share with your Friar before saying goodbye.
- Student-only programming will begin at 5:15 pm. Families are asked to depart campus at this time.
- A tentative Orientation schedule is [available here](#).

- All Class of 2029 students and families are invited to join the Class of 2029 “Ask Me Anything” [Live Streaming Panel on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm](#). Hosted by a panel of orientation coordinators – our experienced students will answer questions from incoming students and their families live!
- Students received an email on Tuesday providing them with important Fall Orientation information. They will receive a second email the week of 8/18 with their group information and any additional details they need to know.

#### **\*OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING**

Students are **not allowed to bring a personal vehicle to campus** unless they have received **prior approval** from the [Transportation Office](#). Due to limited parking availability, any unauthorized vehicles may be subject to being cited or towed. Requests for temporary parking must be made in advance through the appropriate approval process.

Our campus shuttle services offer convenient, reliable transportation to key locations around campus and surrounding areas. Shuttle services available when classes are in session include:

- Students with mobility issues may request the **Medical Shuttle** for transport on campus by calling (401) 865-1166 (x1166 from a campus telephone).
- The **Friar Nite Shuttle** is available when classes are in session, Thursday through Saturday, 7:00 pm – 3:00 am, making a continuous loop through the Providence College campus and nearby streets. Students can view the map [here](#).
- The **Shopping Shuttle** operates Friday through Sunday, noon to 6:00 pm, starting at the Concannon Circle, to Shaw’s Supermarket, Providence Place Mall, Thayer Street and Trader Joe’s at the top of each hour.

Students must show a valid PC Card to board the shuttles and may track the Friar Nite and Shopping Shuttles by [downloading Passio GO!](#) We strongly encourage students to take advantage of these services, as there is limited parking on campus.

#### **\*PROXY ACCESS—THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR**

Please note that due to a software upgrade any students who granted proxy access prior to 7/1/25 will need to log into CyberFriar to re-authorize proxy permissions to their academic and/or financial aid information. A communication informing students of this will be sent shortly.

First-time users must be given [proxy access](#) by their students and will receive an automated email with login information. Returning users should bookmark this [link](#) for the proxy access login page. Questions may be directed to the Office of the Registrar at (401) 865-1033.

#### **\*OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

##### **Email Reminder**

Make sure your students are regularly checking their email. All specific and action-oriented communications, including important updates and deadlines, are sent directly to students. While we may send general communications to parents throughout the year, personalized information will only go to the student's PC issued email address. We encourage students to

frequently check their emails so their financial aid package can be processed smoothly and on time.

**TORCH Portal:** The TORCH portal is comprised of [Student Forms](#), [Scholarship Universe](#) and [CyberFriar](#). These platforms are the students' go-to for managing their financial aid! Here, they can monitor their checklist, securely submit documents, and review all of their financial aid tasks. Since it's protected by the College's single sign-on, only they can access this information.

**Stay Connected to Your Student's Financial Aid:** While parents can't directly access TORCH, students can grant [proxy access](#) to their CyberFriar account. This site allows proxy users to monitor for outstanding tasks (though document uploads are not permitted). It also provides a summary of your student's Cost of Attendance (including both direct and indirect expenses) and a breakdown of their current financial aid resources

**Direct Loans- Accept or Decline:** Students have started receiving emails about their Direct Loans. To accept the loan, the student should log in to [Federal Student Aid](#) and complete both a Master Promissory Note (MPN) and Entrance Counseling. If they wish to decline the loan, simply fill out a [loan change form](#).

**Additional Loan Options:** Parents, if you're considering a loan to help pay the bill, options include the [Federal Parent PLUS loan](#) or lenders from our [Suggested Lender](#) list in Elm Select. Instead of waiting for each semester's bill and applying for two loans, we recommend securing a loan for the full academic year.

**On-Campus Employment:** Students interested in on-campus jobs will receive more information via email in late August about our hiring platform called [FriarHub](#). It's a good idea to review the [onboarding paperwork](#) now, as it requires original documents your student may need to bring to campus if they get a job.

Please call 401-865-2286 or email [finaid@providence.edu](mailto:finaid@providence.edu) with any questions or concerns.

#### **\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE BURSAR'S OFFICE**

FALL 2025 BILLS WERE PUBLISHED ON July 14th and are **DUE BY AUGUST 15, 2025**

Your student may view the Fall 2025 billing statement in the Bursar section of Cyber Friar This is the place where they can also set you up to be an authorized user to receive emails when bills are published and giving you the ability to make payment online.

**Cashnet Access for Parents/Guardians:** E-mails are sent to students at their Friar e-mail accounts when an e-bill is published. Parents and guardians can also receive the e-bill notifications and make online payments via CashNet with an authorized user account created by the student. Students can reset a parent PIN on this site as well.

For more information please visit: <https://bursar.providence.edu/undergraduate-students/faq/>.

### **\*CENTER FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION**

The Center is happy to welcome the Class of 2029 to campus, and we encourage students to consider a study abroad experience as part of their PC education.

**CIV in London** – Special study abroad opportunity for spring semester sophomore year! Sophomores have the opportunity to complete the DWC program by studying in London with two excellent PC professors. In Spring 2027, participating students will take a DWC colloquium, “Medical London,” Biomedical Ethics (Professor Carlson – Ethics Core), Contemporary Drama in London (Professor Boeninger – Fine Arts Core & Diversity Proficiency), and two other courses of their choice. This program is open to all PC students in their second year and should be of particular interest to students in Nursing, Biology, and the Health Sciences.

For general questions, please email: [pcabroad@providence.edu](mailto:pcabroad@providence.edu). Incoming students from the School of Nursing and Health Sciences should contact Amie Mbye ([ambye@providence.edu](mailto:ambye@providence.edu)). Info sessions will be scheduled in the fall semester, and applications will be due March 31, 2026.

Students are encouraged to attend the annual **Study Abroad Fair** will take place on Monday, 9/22 from 6 to 8 PM in Slavin '64 Hall. Representatives from PC's approved study abroad programs will be present to speak with students about their program options.

### **\*PERSONAL COUNSELING CENTER**

The first semester of college can be an overwhelming time, and the staff in the Personal Counseling Center are happy to see students to offer support, normalize their experiences, problem solve and make referrals to other campus services when desired. The Personal Counseling Center's services are free and available to all full-time enrolled undergraduate students. We are located in Lower Bedford Hall and open Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Counseling services are private and confidential and can be accessed by calling our center (401-865-2343) to set up an intake appointment. After an initial intake appointment, students are matched with one of our counselors for the remainder of their follow-up sessions. We also offer group counseling options; a relaxation room, and drop-in hours with Finnegan, a Bernese Mountain Dog and credentialed pet assisted therapy team member with our Executive Director Dr. Rosemary Mugan. We can consult with parents and family members about any concerns they may have for their students or provide information about our services, however students need to call themselves to make an appointment. Please visit our website to access information about our services and other resources at <https://personal-counseling.providence.edu/>

### **\*ACADEMIC SUPPORT – THE STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER**

As students transition to academic life at PC, the Student Success Center (SSC) has a variety of programs available to support them. The Writing Center can assist students at any stage of the writing process, and the Christie Family Tutoring Center offers individual and group tutoring in most subject areas, including the Development of Western Civilization (DWC). Academic

coaches provide individualized, strategy-based support through one-on-one meetings, skill-building workshops, and campus outreach. Virtual and in-person appointments are available and can be scheduled by visiting the [SSC website](#).

In addition to these services, the SSC offers specialized support for student-athletes, students with documented disabilities, and others who may need help adjusting academically. Inquiries about all services provided by the SSC can be sent to [ssc@providence.edu](mailto:ssc@providence.edu).

### **\*OFFICE OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP**

#### **Sneak Peek of Fun Events during Fall Orientation & Welcome Weekend**

- Friday, August 29th will be our Friar Favorite tradition of **Casino Night**! Professional gaming equipment with funny money! Learn the games, meet people, enjoy food from local Providence restaurants, experience your first Bingo of the year, and win some great prizes!!
- **Carnival** will be on Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> on Slavin Lawn – Carnival games & food, caricatures, axe throwing, jousting, inflatable soccer darts, and much more! Prizes for the weekend include Apple Watches, Cameras, Roku Smart TV, Vinyl Record Player, Apple AirPods, Squishmallows, lawn games, and more! Students will receive a full list of events on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Follow us @pcfriarlife for more sneak peeks!
- **Trip to Newport – Hosted by BOP:** Monday, September 1st from 10am-5pm. A fun day trip to Newport to kick off the beginning of the school year. A great opportunity for new students to meet each other and for students to get off campus for a day. Students will pay \$5.00 for a ticket & \$10 for a T-Shirt (optional) [Students can buy their ticket here!](#) To guarantee your t-shirt size, students should buy their ticket by **Friday, August 8th at noon**! Join BOP on the Annual Trip to Newport on. Bus Transportation will be provided!
- **The Fall Involvement Fair** will be Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm – 6:00pm on Slavin Lawn! Everyone is welcome to meet the over 120+ clubs and organizations that PC has to offer! Find out how to join, when they meet, and what they do!
- **Welcome Back Weekend & Class of 2029 Hall Olympics:** September 5<sup>th</sup> – September 7<sup>th</sup>. There's a lot planned for Welcome Back Weekend...Slavin Under the Stars, PC Block Party, Slavin Night Live, and so much more! The Class of 2029 who live in the residence halls will have the opportunity to compete in Providence College's annual Hall Olympics! Kickball, Dodgeball, Capture The Flag, and many other opportunities to gain points for your residence hall team throughout the weekend. Please follow @pcfriarlife on Instagram for all the details on where and when.

### **\*HOMECOMING 2025**

Parents and families are invited to celebrate PC's signature fall weekend at [Homecoming Weekend](#), coming Friday, Oct. 3 – Sunday, Oct. 5. Open to all members of the Friar community with highlights like the Friar 5K, Late Night Madness, a community Mass, and family-friendly fun all weekend long. There's something for everyone to enjoy. Stay tuned for more information and updates. Registration will start in late-August.