



**Dear Providence College Families,**

It is hard to believe that fall semester classes will end next week and that finals will begin. Soon, most students will be headed for home and ready to “decompress” and spend some time to reconnect with family and friends during the break. No doubt, many of you are looking forward to providing your Friars with some extra TLC during this time. Remember that since September, students have been following their college life day-to-day routines, so you may want to consider discussing with them some of your own expectations now that they are back and living at home for a while.

On a personal note, I have enjoyed connecting with so many of you this semester by email, phone, or at events such as Move-In Day and Homecoming. I am so grateful to all our PC families, as you are extended members of our community, and your students truly are your gift to us.

Thinking about gifts, I have a special one for all of you. On Saturday, Dec.7 at 7 p.m., our annual Advent Celebration of Lessons and Carols will take place in St. Dominic Chapel.

Music will be provided by PC Chorus, Liturgical Choir, and members of the St. Dominic and St. Cecilia Ensembles. This service, which is a beautiful way to prepare for Christmas, will be livestreamed. Just click on this link to join us: <https://news.providence.edu/2024-lessons-andcarols/>.

This communication provides a few additional updates and reminders that I wanted to bring to your attention. If you have questions regarding any of the information 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.

I wish you and your family many blessings during this special time of year. Stay safe, be healthy, and enjoy your time together.

God Bless.

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### **\*RESIDENCE HALLS CLOSINGS**

Residence halls will close for the Winter Break on Friday, December 20, 2024, at 7pm and will reopen on Sunday, January 12, 2025, at 12pm. If your student needs to request to stay later or come back early, they should submit a Winter Break Housing request on the [eRezLife](#) site. It is the responsibility of each resident to plan their own travel in accordance with this schedule.

### **\*WINTER BREAK SHUTTLE INFORMATION**

Sign-ups are now available for the 2024 Winter Break shuttle. Capacity is limited, and reservations will be approved on a first come, first serve basis. The shuttles will be available on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> to TF Green Airport; the Amtrak/MBTA Station in downtown Providence; and the Peter Pan Bus Terminal (1 Peter Pan Way, Providence, RI 02904). The Airport shuttle will run every 60 minutes from 8:00am-3:00pm. The Amtrak/Peter Pan Bus shuttles will run every 30 minutes from 8:00am-4:00pm.

To sign up and reserve a spot, students must complete [this form](#). Students will receive an email from the Transportation Office to confirm or deny their request. For more information click [here](#).

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

Both the 2025-2026 CSS Profile and FAFSA are open! You will use information from your 2023 taxes on both of these applications. Returning students must complete these applications no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>, but we encourage students to submit both applications before this deadline.

Please also encourage your student to create their [Student Forms](#) account through the [TORCH Portal](#).

Here are instructions on how they can create their student forms account:

1. Go <https://providence.studentforms.com/>
2. Click 'Create Account' link
3. Confirm your student information
4. Click 'Create Account' button

Once they create an account, students will receive text and email updates when we request any documentation and can submit directly through this portal! Be sure to follow our Facebook (pcfinaid) and Instagram (@provcollegefinaid) pages for any important announcements and reminders!

### **\*SENIOR YEARBOOK PHOTOS**

**Parents of the Class of 2025 Seniors:** Yearbook photographers will be on campus to take senior year portraits for the 2025 yearbook on 12/6, 12/9, 12/10, and 12/13. Students can schedule an appointment for themselves at: <https://seniors.legacystudios.com/providence-college-ri/>

There will be a **\$20.00** sitting fee which will be **refunded** or **applied** to order. More information will follow in the coming months about how to purchase copies of portrait photos as well as ordering **additional** copies of the yearbook. Seniors do not need to order; they will receive a copy of the yearbook in the fall of 2025.

Please email Susan McCauley ([smccaule@providence.edu](mailto:smccaule@providence.edu)) with any yearbook questions.

### **\*COMMENCEMENT –CLASS OF 2025**

**Sunday, May 18, 2025**

A Guide to Commencement was emailed to students and families last week before the holiday break.

Emails with information regarding Cap and Gown Day, scheduled for April 9, 2025, and ordering information have been sent to all members of the class of 2025. Undergraduates in the class of 2025 will continue to receive emails with information on how to order their attire for Commencement and other helpful information. Remind your students to order their cap and gown, the deadline is March 5, 2025.

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

### **\*CHIRICO CAREER CENTER**

As your students come home for Christmas break, it's a great time for them to prepare for the next steps in their career journey. Encourage them to update their resume with any new experiences from the past semester, [Vmock](#) is a great tool they can use for instant feedback. Connecting with alumni for career information and advice is also a great activity. Students can search for alumni on [LinkedIn](#). Thinking about an internship or entry-level job? [FriarHub](#) is a great place to explore opportunities. They can also use this time to reflect on their career goals

and seek advice from family and friends. These small steps can make a big difference in their future career success.

Additionally, the team at the Chirico Career Center are available for career coaching appointments during break - after January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students can schedule in-person or virtual appointments through [FriarHub](#).