



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

I hope you had a relaxing Fourth of July with family and friends. As always, it feels like the summer months are moving by much too fast. It may be hard to believe that soon your student will be starting a new journey as a member of the Providence College community. As director of the PC Parent and Family Program, I had the pleasure of meeting many of you in June during the First Day in Friartown Program, and I look forward to connecting with many more of you during the next few months.

To help make the transition to PC just a little bit smoother for both you and your Friar, I invite you to check out the Parent & Family Homepage at: <https://parents.providence.edu/>. There you will find information to help you to adjust to changes in your student's life, ways to provide support, and an opportunity to learn about the many resources we have in place for students as they immerse themselves in their new environment.

Remember that adjustment to college is an on-going process and it takes time. Both research and our own experience tell us that support for students can come in many different forms. With that in mind, I am pleased to share with you an interview with Dr. Rosemary Mugan, executive director of PC's Personal Counseling Center, who introduces us to Finnegan, our pet therapy dog. He loves to be petted, meet new people, and just sit with students. To learn about the benefits of pet therapy and how students can plan to meet with Finnegan, you can view the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxRi3YDMP6E>.

This communication provides important information for families as your students get ready for the fall semester. Please share the content with your Friars and remind them to check their PC email on a regular basis. If you have specific questions about any of the information provided below, I kindly ask that you contact the appropriate 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.

Let's work together to make the next four years a truly transformative experience for our students!

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 is to be submitted 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.

The Student Health Center DOES NOT manage the College's student health insurance plan. (See Bursar's Office below.)

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

#### **Student Account Information**

**Fall 2025 bills will be published the week of 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 site where they can also set you up to be an authorized user to receive emails when bills are published and also give you the ability to make payments online.

**Student Health Insurance:** The deadline for waiving the student health insurance plan is August 1<sup>st</sup>. The waiver is completed online at [www.universityhealthplans.com/Providence](http://www.universityhealthplans.com/Providence). If you have already completed the waiver, students can verify that you are not being billed \$2,066.00 for the health insurance plan by viewing their student account online on CyberFriar. If you have questions concerning the health insurance plan or the waiver/enrollment process, please contact University Health Plans at 1-833-251-1150.

### **\*ROOMMATE & HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS**

New students will receive their housing assignments (building and room number) and roommates via their Providence College email address during the last week of July/first week in August. This is an exciting time, and we encourage students to begin communicating with roommates over the summer and to keep an open mind about the experience. Please note that we are unable to provide assignments over the phone or by any means other than email and we cannot provide this information prior to distribution of the emails.

### **\*RESIDENCE HALL MOVE-IN**

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 will receive a recommended move-in window along with their housing assignments later this summer. Move-in times are based on housing assignments and are chosen to help with the flow of traffic on that day.
- Tips for a successful move-in day include packing lightly, bringing only one vehicle, and labeling all belongings. More information, including “What To Bring” is available on the [Residence Life website](#) and further details about what to expect will be emailed to students in August.
- 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 27th. Students must request to arrive early by submitting the Early Arrival Request Form on their [eRezLife](#) account (available after they receive their housing assignment). There is no programming or meals provided on Wednesday evening.
- 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. 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 will be provided to students with their housing assignments. Students can sign up to participate in the early drop-off process on their [eRezLife](#) account after they receive their housing assignments.
- Students who wish to have items shipped to the college 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 items must be

delivered to the UPS Store prior to August 15<sup>th</sup> to have items in the room prior to move-in day on August 28th. More information is available on our [website](#).

### **\*FALL ORIENTATION**

Fall Orientation will begin on Thursday afternoon, following move-in and the annual Mass of Welcome Mass for New Students and their Families.

- Students will depart directly from Slavin Lawn for Fall Orientation events with their classmates, immediately following Mass in Peterson (Mass typically ends between 4-5 pm.) Please note that parents and families will want to remove any of their personal items from students' rooms prior to Mass, as there will not be time to retrieve them afterward. There will be a send-off on the Slavin Lawn for families to give their well wishes before the first orientation session begins at 5pm. Families should plan to leave campus once the session begins.
- Fall Orientation will continue through September 1st, 2025. All new students, including commuter and transfer students, are required to participate fully in Fall Orientation.
- The full orientation schedule will be available on the [Orientation website](#) in August.

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

**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](#).

**Parent Loan Options:** 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](#).

**TORCH Portal:** This platform is 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.

**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.

**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.

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

### **\*FROM THE MAIL ROOM**

In the next week, your student should receive an email from PC regarding their Friar Stop # and how to access our intelligent locker system. The email will contain information on downloading the app to access our intelligent locker system as well as information about the mailing address for letters and packages. Please note:

- \* We have a weight limit of 40 lbs.
- \* Do not send cash or important documents through the mail without adding tracking to the envelope. Unfortunately, things do occasionally get lost within the US postal system.
- \* Do not begin sending items before your student will be on campus to pick them up.
- \* Remind your student once on campus, not to wait for the last minute to order important items. The mailroom handles a very large volume of packages during the first 6 weeks of the semester, and it sometimes takes a few days for items to be processed and ready for pickup!

For questions please contact: [Emedeir4@providence.edu](mailto:Emedeir4@providence.edu) or call 401-865-2696.

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

The Chirico Career Center would like to welcome the Class of 2029 to PC! Our motto is “Don’t Wait...Slavin 108”, so of course we have a few reminders for your students now, so they don’t wait until the fall:

- **Creating Your First College Resume Workshop:** We are offering a Virtual Resume Workshop for students who want to apply to campus jobs. The workshop is on July 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:30pm on Zoom – your student can [click here](#) to register on FriarHub. This is a great way to get resumes up to date and learn helpful tips for applying to work study jobs!
- **Excel Certification:** If your student is looking to get Excel certified this summer, they can sign up for the August Excel Class which begins on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Students can sign up on [FriarHub](#).
- **CliftonStrengths:** Students will need to take the CliftonStrengths Assessment before coming to campus in August – this online assessment will give insight into their top 5 strengths. Students will receive an email with instructions for CliftonStrengths later this month.
- **Save the Date! The Major/Minor Fair:** The Fall Career EXPO featuring the *Major/Minor Fair* is Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:30pm. This is a great event for first-year students to explore majors/minors of interest. More details coming soon!

### **\*PARENTS AS PARTNERS – SUPPORTING DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS**

Summer provides parents with an ideal time to talk with their students about the transition from high school to college. Research shows that having authentic, personal conversations with your student just prior to starting college can have a positive effect on your son or daughter’s experience. For more information about having sensitive or difficult conversations with your student, please consider using the resources on our [Parents as Partners](#) website page to assist with your conversations (includes our “Talking with College Students About Alcohol” Parent Handbook).

### **\*SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

The School of Arts and Sciences welcomes you to PC, where you will have so many opportunities to explore transformative educational experiences! Among these is the [CIV in London](#) program. During their sophomore year, students 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, Contemporary Drama in London, 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. The website for the Spring 2027 program will be updated soon.

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)).

**Introduction to Providence College (SAS 178) -- A one-credit course** with powerful benefits! SAS 178 promotes early student success and adjustment to college life. Students get to know the campus, the curricular offerings, crucial study habits, the professors, and extracurriculars. For one hour per week students survey the opportunities and encounter the people who will shape their future at PC and beyond. Undeclared students explore majors in a low-pressure way. Declared students learn more about academic options and connect with important resources beyond their home department.

Encourage your First-Semester Friar to register for SAS 178 – **only 8 seats left**. Students can email [sasadvising@providence.edu](mailto:sasadvising@providence.edu) for registration assistance.

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

The Center for Global Education (CGE) will host PC's annual Study Abroad Fair on Monday, September 22. More details will be shared in the coming weeks. Students in the Class of 2029 are strongly encouraged to attend this event as it's never too early to plan for study abroad. PC offers a wide array of study abroad opportunities. Our signature programs include semester-long experiences: PC in Rome, CIV in London, and Education in Florence or Belfast. In addition, students may study abroad for a semester or summer term on programs offered by approved third-party organizations. PC also offers faculty-led programs in which PC faculty teach a course in the context of another culture with site visits, activities, and academic excursions related to the program's credit-bearing course.

Overall, PC has a strong study abroad tradition, and the experience is open to students from all academic disciplines. For more information, please visit our [website](#) or email: [pcabroad@providence.edu](mailto:pcabroad@providence.edu)

### **\*STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP – Orientation Social Programming!**

The Office of Student Engagement and Leadership (SEAL) has planned a full calendar of Orientation social events for your student to look forward to:

- **Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup> – Casino Night:** A Friar favorite when it comes to Orientation! Professional casino table games like blackjack, craps, the big wheel, poker, and more! No worries, you don't need real money or experience! We will provide you with "funny" money and the staff will teach you how to play the games! Then you get to win prizes ranging from trending tech to gift cards. There will be food, Bingo, a photo booth, and music too!
- **Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> – Carnival:** Summertime is the best time for a carnival! Come enjoy carnival games, caricatures, inflatables, food, live music, and of course...prizes!
- **Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> – Friarfest:** Let's get Friar'd up on Slavin Lawn! Enjoy some Kona Ice, Lawn Games, Live Music, and more!
- **Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> – New Student Trip to Newport with the Board of Programmers (BOP):** More information to come in late July!
- **Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> – Involvement Fair:** Come learn about the 120+ clubs and organizations that PC has to offer on Slavin Lawn! Find out how to join, when they meet, and what they do!

#### **\*HOMECOMING 2025**

Parents and families are invited to celebrate PC's signature fall event at [Homecoming Weekend](#), Friday, Oct. 3 – Sunday, Oct. 5. Open to all members of the Friar community with highlights like the Friar 5K, Late Night Madness, and Mass and brunch. It's family-friendly fun all weekend long with something for everyone to enjoy.

Stay tuned for more information and updates. Registration will start in mid-August. Book [your hotel now](#) to spend the weekend with your student.