



**Dear Providence College Families,**

As many of our students are getting ready to travel home for the holiday, I am sure that parents and families are looking forward to this time with a good amount of anticipation and excitement. It goes without saying that family gatherings and traditions are a big part of what Thanksgiving is all about. We are also mindful that in this time full of uncertainty in the world what remains constant during this season is our desire to come together in prayer and to give thanks for our many blessings. For as we know, prayer gives us hope and brings us light.

Once again, this year, Fr. Mark Nowel, our Associate Provost for Academic Policy and Mission Support, has prepared a special prayer of thanksgiving for PC families. You will find the prayer posted on the Parent/Family Blog at: <https://parents.providence.edu/a-prayer-of-thanksgiving-25/>.

As director of the Providence College Parent & Family Program, I send my warm thoughts and good wishes to all PC families. I am especially thankful for your support, your insights, and, most of all, for allowing me to journey along with you as we celebrate our students and all that they are called to be.

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 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.

God Bless.

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

Residence halls close for Thanksgiving Break on Tuesday, November 25 at 7pm and will reopen on Sunday, November 30 at 12pm. If your student needs to request to stay later or come back early, they should submit a Thanksgiving Break Housing request on the [eRezLife](#) site. It is the responsibility of each resident to plan their own travel in accordance with this schedule.

Residence halls will close for the winter break on Friday, December 19 at 7pm and will reopen on Sunday, January 11, 2026, at 12pm. A break housing application will be available after Thanksgiving Break.

#### **\*HOLIDAY BREAK SHUTTLE INFORMATION**

The Transportation Office will be running shuttles during the Thanksgiving and Winter Breaks to TF Green Airport, Amtrak/MBTA Station (downtown Providence), and the Peter Pan Bus Terminal (1 Peter Pan Way, Providence). Capacity is limited, and reservations will be approved on a first come, first serve basis. You can learn more about the Holiday Break Shuttle [here](#).

The 2025 Thanksgiving Break Shuttle sign-up is available now. Shuttles will run on Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Students must complete the [Campus Break Shuttle Form](#) to reserve a seat.

The 2025 Winter Break Shuttle sign-up will open December 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am. Shuttles will run on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. **Students must reserve a seat by December 11, 2025, at 5:00 pm.**

We appreciate your help in encouraging students to sign up early and plan ahead for their Thanksgiving and Winter Break travel. Please reach out to the [Transportation Office](#) with any questions.

### **\*UPS STORAGE FOR STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS**

The UPS Store is offering a 20% discount for students studying abroad in the spring who choose to store their items with them through the spring and summer. More information and pricing is available on our [website](#).

### **\*CLASS OF 2026 SENIOR YEARBOOK PHOTOS**

**Parents of the Class of 2026 Seniors:** Yearbook photographers will be on campus to take senior year portraits for the 2026 yearbook 12/1 – 12/4 and 12/8 – 12/11. 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 their own copy - they will receive a copy of the yearbook in the fall of 2026. Please email Susan McCauley ([smccaule@providence.edu](mailto:smccaule@providence.edu)) with any yearbook questions.

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

**Study Abroad Applications:** [Applications](#) for study abroad the 2026-27 academic year (fall, spring, academic year) have been open since late September. Students need to complete their applications by **December 1**. Late applications will not be accepted.

**Class of 2029:** [CIV in London](#) – Special study abroad opportunity for spring semester sophomore year!

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 (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.

Applications for this program will be due towards the end of the spring semester 2026.

**Walk-in Hours:** The Center for Global Education staff are available for students during walk in hours on Tuesday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:30. Students needing general/routine questions answered should come to the Center for Global Education during these times. Students needing more attention/information should schedule an appointment by emailing [pcabroad@providence.edu](mailto:pcabroad@providence.edu).

**Study Abroad Imbalance:** The Administration requires the Center for Global Education to balance study abroad enrollments between the fall and spring semesters. Students will need to be flexible with their study abroad plans as the Center for Global Education cannot guarantee fall or spring semester. If the initial fall and spring enrollment projections are not balanced, the Center for Global Education will need to conduct a randomized lottery to move students from one semester to the other to balance enrollments.

**Parent Zoom Session:** The Center for Global Education held a Zoom session for parents on October 7. A link to the recording can be found on the [Parents and Families](#) page on the Study Abroad website.

**Contacting the Center for Global Education:** Please call 401-865-2114 or email [pcabroad@providence.edu](mailto:pcabroad@providence.edu). If necessary, leave a detailed voice mail, and someone will return your call.

**\*CHIRICO CAREER CENTER – Take Advantage of Our Resources!**

As the fall semester begins to wind down, the Chirico Career Center would like to let you know about ways we can support your student during November and December. Our career coaches are available to help students explore their career options, reviewing their top 5 strengths, networking, polishing their resume and cover letter, searching for internships, jobs, or post-grad service opportunities and much more. Encourage your student to take advantage of these resources by scheduling an appointment on [FriarHub](#). Our career coaches are available to meet in person or virtually now and during break!

**\*RESIDENT ASSISTANT APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN**

Resident Assistant (RA) Applications for the 2026-2027 academic year opened on November 3 and are due December 12, 2025. RAs serve as resources and mentors to their peers in the residence halls. They also gain valuable skills such as crisis management, conflict resolution, time management, and leadership. RAs receive a meal plan credit for the ultimate flex meal plan as well as receive payment equal to their room charges (minus taxes). Paychecks are distributed biweekly throughout the academic year. If you think your student would be a good RA, please encourage them to apply. More information and a list of info sessions is available on our [website](#).

**\*ORIENTATION LEADER APPLICATIONS FOR 2026**

The application to be a 2026 Orientation Leader (OL) is open now! Orientation Leaders serve incoming new students and families during the First Day in Friartown and Fall Orientation programs. OLs provide an energetic and welcoming first experience for freshman and transfer students by leading small groups, providing insight into the academic experience and registration process, and facilitating the development of impactful connections and friendships. The application and position descriptions [can be found on the orientation website](#).

**\*PARKING ON-CAMPUS**

As we approach Thanksgiving Break, we would like to remind you that students should not bring a vehicle back to campus after the break without prior approval. Parking space on campus is extremely limited during the final weeks of the semester, and we are unable to accommodate additional vehicles without advance authorization. Each resident student may request one temporary parking permit per semester for up to five nights [here](#). Any blocked-off dates have already reached capacity. Temporary permits are granted only when space is available and

must be requested in advance. Temporary parking permit approvals are processed during the regular business day only.

We appreciate your cooperation in reminding your student(s) to plan accordingly and to reach out to the [Transportation Office](#) with any questions before returning to campus.

#### **\*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, receiving a degree, transcript, or letter of recommendation.

Financial holds have been placed on accounts with outstanding balances and students have been notified by email. It is important that you and/or your student contact Bursar's Office as soon as possible so that we can assist you in resolving this financial issue to ensure the students' continuing matriculation at Providence College. 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>.

#### **\*CLASS OF 2027 CLASS RINGS**

The Class of 2027 had their class ring premiere on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> and ring sales started on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>! The Balfour ring company will be back on campus December 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> to show off the samples and answer any questions about buying a ring. The class ring tradition has been around for 60 years! Students will receive their ring in Fall 2026 and celebrate throughout the weekend, which is why we call it Senior Ring Weekend. Dates are being discussed now, so more to come! Please follow pcsrw2027 on Instagram for latest updates!

#### **\*STUDENT ACTIVITIES – November and December Highlights**

Motherland Dance Group's Fashion Show will take place on Saturday, November 22nd in Peterson, doors open at 6:30pm. The fashion show will showcase student-selected designers' fashion. All the models and production crew are Providence College students. Motherland Dance Group starts working on the Fashion Show in September, so this event will display all the hard work they have put in for the last two months.

The holiday season is here! Friartown is ready to celebrate! Our Annual Christmas Tree lighting will be held on Wednesday, December 3 from 4pm-6pm on Slavin Lawn. The event will include horse carriage rides, hot chocolate bar, DIY ornaments, special musical performances, and a blessing of the Christmas Tree. December 6th from 9:00pm-11:00pm students will dress in their PJs and head to Christmas Morning Bingo in '64 Hall in the hopes of winning a chance to open some amazing presents! On December 9th from 11:30am-1:30pm in Lower Slavin, the Cultural Holiday Marketplace will display different holidays around the world for PC community to learn and experience. These are only three events happening on campus, but there is so much more!

Please follow @pcfriarlife on Instagram to see all that is being offered to wrap up the Fall Semester on an exciting note!