



Dear Parents and Families of the Class of 2028,

I hope you had a relaxing Fourth of July with family and friends. As always, it feels like these summer months are moving by much too fast. I am sure it seems as if your students just graduated from high school and yet soon, they will be starting their new journey as a first-year student at Providence College.

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 meeting more of you during the next few months. Families and the College share a common goal to help students become all that they are called to be. Our partnership provides support for students on many levels, and as they move forward, it allows them to take charge of their education. It goes without saying that the more you know about the PC experience, especially as it relates to campus resources and support services, the better able you will be to assist your students.

To help you to do your own “homework” I invite you to check out the Parent & Family Homepage at: <https://parents.providence.edu/>. There you will find information about campus resources, policies and procedures, frequently asked questions, and much more. Sections that I think you will find especially helpful to review at this time are “First-Year Parent and Family Resources” and “Parents As Partners—Talk They Listen!” You may also want to check out “Experienced Voices” which is packed with great advice for new families from current PC families. Additionally, there is an “[Ask A Question](#)” link which provides a quick and easy way for me to respond to your questions within a day or two of receiving them.

This email provides important information for families as your student gets ready for the fall semester. Please take some time to share the content with your Friar, as well. If you have specific questions about any of the information provided below, I kindly ask that you contact the appropriate office involved.

God Bless.

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***PREPARING FOR FRIARTOWN WEBINARS**

In follow-up to the June First Day in Friartown Program, The Center for Orientation, Transitions & Leadership is pleased to offer the “Preparing for Friartown” webinar series in July and August. These webinars are optional but are a great way to learn more about the PC student experience. All webinars are from 6:00-7:00 PM ET and [can be accessed through this Zoom link](#). They will be recorded and posted on the “Orientation” tab of our site shortly after being hosted. The 2024 Preparing for Friartown Webinar Schedule is:

- July 15: Residence Life & Housing
- July 24: Student Success Center (Advising and Accessibility Services)
- July 30: ABC’s of Friartown (First Semester Academic Success)
- August 6: Joining Club Sports & Student Organizations
- August 12: Joining Peer Ministry

Monday, August 26th: Orientation Leader AMA (Ask Me Anything)

***REQUIRED HEALTH INFORMATION FOR NEW STUDENTS**

All incoming students received an email from our Patient Portal, MedicaT, 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 no later than July 15, 2024. 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 also need to complete and submit the online Health History and Tuberculosis Screening Forms.
- 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.

***IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE BURSAR’S OFFICE**

Student Account Information

Fall 2024 bills will be published the week of July 22nd and are due by August 15, 2024.

Your student may view the Fall 2024 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 1st. The waiver is completed online at www.universityhealthplans.com/Providence. If you have already completed the waiver, your student can verify that you are not being billed \$1,811.00 for the health insurance plan by viewing his/her 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.

***CONFIDENTIALITY OF STUDENT EDUCATIONAL RECORDS—FERPA RELEASE FORM**

For a full description of the FERPA Policy, please visit:

<https://registrar.providence.edu/policies/ferpa-guidelines/> . To access the FERPA Release Form click on: <https://registrar.providence.edu/students/online-forms/> and scroll down to the last form on the page. All questions regarding FERPA should be directed to the Registrar's Office at records@providence.edu .

***OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

Students have begun receiving emails about completing loan requirements. Please make sure they are checking their emails and moving forward with the loan requirements in order for their federal loans to disburse.

--**Are you planning on taking out a loan?** If you are interested in the [Parent PLUS loan](#), through the U.S. Department of Education, you can find more information [here](#). If you would like to consider a private loan, visit www.elmselect.com to view our suggested lender list. Here you can compare the different lenders, their interest rates, repayment options, etc.

**We suggest loan applications are completed after you receive the bill so you can determine how much you will need to take out for the academic year. Once you receive the bill, you can see how much your aid will reduce the bill and apply for a loan in the remaining amount (this is your "net price").*

--**Has your student been offered Federal Work Study as part of their aid award?** If yes, they will receive more information regarding student employment in late August, so they should be checking their emails for that! All other students who are interested in work study, but are not eligible for work study, will receive information at the beginning of the academic year.

***ROOMMATE & HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS**

New students will receive their housing assignments 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 programs) is scheduled for Thursday, August 29, 2024, 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 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 28th. 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 **Saturday, August 24** or **Sunday, August 25** 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 (8/29) 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. More information is available on our [website](#).

***CENTER FOR ORIENTATION, TRANSITIONS & LEADERSHIP**

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 the Peterson Center for Fall Orientation events with their classmates, immediately following Mass (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.
- Fall Orientation will continue through September 2nd, 2024. 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.

***CHIRICO CAREER CENTER**

The Chirico Career Center would like to welcome the Class of 2028 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:

- **Resume Workshop:** We are offering a Resume Writing Workshop for students who want to apply to campus jobs on July 31st at 3:00pm on Zoom – your student can [click here](#) to register. 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 find a listing of all available summer course options [here](#).
- **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 2nd beginning at 2:30pm. This is a great event for first-year students to explore majors/minors of interest. More details coming soon!

***SCHOOL OF BUSINESS (PCSB) INCOMING STUDENT INFORMATION**

As you and your student prepare for the start of the semester, there are many things to consider, like, what laptop to purchase, major requirements, what resources are available, how to get involved and more. The School of Business invites you to explore [this website](#) as a one stop shop for important information for incoming business students.

Involvement Fair: The PCSB will be hosting its annual involvement fair on September 18. The involvement fair highlights the many ways students can get involved outside the classroom. Students will meet the School of Business’ clubs and organizations and get exposed to other avenues to get them engaged within the School of Business. All new business students are encouraged to attend.

Excel Certification: It is recommended that new business students complete the Microsoft Excel certification this summer ahead of arriving on campus for the fall semester. Students can complete the certification through the Chirico Career Center’s Microsoft Excel Workshops. Excel certification is a required component of FIN 113 that students will take in their first year.

All workshops and testing are held virtually. Students who participate in the workshops will sit for the certification exam during the last meeting of the workshop. Students can register for the workshops [here](#).

***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.)

***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. If a student would like to make an appointment, they can do so by walking into our center or by calling 401-865-2343 during business hours. We also offer an after-hours telephone counseling line, which students can access 24/7 by calling our main line and pressing option 2. Students do not need to be in services with us to access this support.

- The Personal Counseling Center's services are free and available to all full time enrolled undergraduate students of Providence College.
- The Personal Counseling Center is 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 to set up an intake appointment. After the initial appointment, students are matched with one of our counselors for the remainder of their follow up sessions.
- If students are arriving at PC with a provider they plan to continue to see at home, we are still available for consultation and support, and can coordinate care with providers at home, if need be, with your student's permission.
- 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/>.

***CLUB SPORTS MEDICAL CLEARANCE**

Students who are planning to participate in a club sports program MUST upload their mandatory medical information to the [Student Health Center Patient Portal](#). Please follow the instructions on the [Health Center Immunization website](#) to ensure your student has uploaded the College and State of RI required information. **Students without the appropriate medical information on file will not be allowed to participate in a club sports program. We strongly encourage students to check their medical clearance status well in advance of the beginning of the season. Exceptions will not be made for students who realize they are missing immunization information the day of tryouts.**

***STUDENT ACTIVITIES, INVOLVEMENT, AND LEADERSHIP**

The Office of Student Activities, Involvement & Leadership (SAIL) has planned a full calendar of Orientation social events for your student to look forward to:

- **Thursday, August 29th- Late Night on AQ Quad-** Come unwind on the quad with snacks, food trucks, and lawn games! Great way to meet other students outside of your residence hall and orientation group!
- **Friday, August 30th – Casino Night-** 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, photobooth, and music too!

- **Saturday, August 31st – Carnival** – Summertime is the best time for a carnival! Come enjoy carnival games, caricatures, inflatables, food, live music, and of course...prizes!
- **Sunday, September 1st – Friar Fest** – Let's get Friar'd Up with Del's Lemonade, Succulent Plants, Tye Dye Friar Fest T-Shirts, Photo Keychains, Food Trucks, and more!
- **Monday, September 2nd – New Student Trip to Newport with BOP** – more information to come in late July!
- **Wednesday, September 4th – Involvement Fair** – Come learn about the 120+ clubs and organizations that PC has to offer on Slavin Lawn after Academic Convocation! Find out how to join, when they meet, and what they do!

***HOMECOMING 2024**

Parents and families are invited to celebrate PC's signature fall weekend at [Homecoming 2024](#), which will take place on Friday, Oct. 18 – Sunday, Oct. 20. Open to all members of the Friar community, this year's Homecoming features events including a community Mass and brunch, Friar Fest, the Friar 5K, programs for current students and families, Late Night Madness, alumni social gatherings, and more.

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