



Dear Providence College Families,

Happy Spring! Although it is still quite chilly and windy here, soon our campus will be in full bloom. Spring is really the most beautiful time of year here at PC and as the milder weather sets in, I can't wait to see our students engaged in all kinds of outdoor activities.

I hope your friars had a relaxing and fun Spring Break. Now that they are back on campus, they have lots of decisions to make, including housing and course selection for next year, summer jobs and internships, and of course for seniors, exploring opportunities for life after PC. Families, you can support your students by helping them brainstorm options, prioritize needs, and reminding them to seek out campus resources as they think through their decisions.

Our Blog this month highlights the Providence College School of Arts & Sciences. My recent conversation with Dean Margaret Watson provided a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the importance of an interdisciplinary approach to education, ways for faculty and students to collaborate outside of the classroom, and how students can enhance their current programs of study as they carve out their own unique career paths. The possibilities are endless, and this is great information to pass on to your students. Check it out here: <https://parents.providence.edu/school-of-arts-sciences-central-to-the-mission-of-providence-college/>.

Finally, for families of students with food allergies and intolerances we have some important news to share. After a comprehensive assessment, PC dining service, which is run by Sodexo, has earned a "certified seal of approval for allergy safety." To read more about this certification and how we work to provide a safe dining experience for all students, please visit: <https://news.providence.edu/providence-college-food-allergy-certification/>.

This email contains information about dates, deadlines, and important programs and events. 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 day or two of receiving them.

God Bless.

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***COMMENCEMENT 2025**

Registration for Guest Tickets: Undergraduates in the class of 2025 have been receiving emails regarding important information regarding Commencement activities and details for graduates. The next set of messages will include steps to register all of their guests for tickets. Graduates will need to submit the full name, email, and cellphone contact for guests attending Commencement.

Cap and Gown Day: Remind your students to attend Cap and Gown Day, on April 9, 2025. Graduates will receive their caps, gowns, tassels, tickets, and will have the opportunity to record a video for the jumbotron at the AMP.

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

To learn about our Commencement speaker and other honorees, please

visit: <https://media.providence.edu/americas-nicest-judge-frank-caprio-sr-58-08hon-to-deliver-commencement-speech-at-providence-college/>

***FAMILIES OF STUDENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2025--First Day/Last Day Photos of Seniors**

Here's an excuse to stroll down memory lane. Please encourage seniors to submit photos from a first day of school (i.e., preschool/kindergarten or Move-In Day/first day at Providence College) and a photo of themselves on their last day at PC.

We will compile these before-and-after photos into a video that we share before Commencement Exercises begin as well as on social media. Here's an example for the Class of 2024: <https://youtu.be/RtxJyPUVbAE>

Please send one email with both the first day and last day photos to social@providence.edu by Wednesday, May 7. Questions? Please contact Liz Kay, director of social media, at lkay@providence.edu.

***LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR 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 4/21, 4/22, 4/23, 4/24 and 4/25. 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) with any yearbook questions.

***YEARBOOK ADS**

Parents of seniors who are interested in purchasing an ad in the yearbook can use this link: <https://www.jostens.com/apps/jcom/router.mvc?affiliateId=1043117>. All orders must be placed by April 12, 2025.

***HOMECOMING 2025**

Parents and families are invited to celebrate PC's signature fall weekend at [Homecoming 2025](#), coming Friday, October 3 – Sunday, October 5. Open to all members of the Friar community, this year's Homecoming features events like the Friar 5K, Late Night Madness, and more. This family-friendly weekend is a chance for parents to see their students and enjoy campus life together. Stay tuned for more information and updates. Registration will open in September. Book your hotel now to spend the weekend with your student.

***OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

Need-based financial aid applications are due by April 15. For the 2025-26 academic year, [FAFSA](#) and [CSS Profile](#) applications require 2023 tax information. Have your student create a [Student Forms](#) account in their [TORCH Portal](#) to upload required documents securely. Students will receive text and email notifications for missing items and when their file is complete.

***HOUSING SELECTION FOR 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR**

Housing Selection for full roommate groups has concluded for the Classes of 2026 and 2027. The Office of Residence Life is continuing to work with students in those classes who are not part of groups on individualized placement.

Class of 2028 housing selection for the apartments, suites (McCarthy), and semi-suites (Shanley) concluded on March 26th. Please rest assured that if your student was not placed in one of these options, there is enough housing for all students, and we will work with students on traditional hall housing placements. Housing selection for the traditional halls will take place on Monday, April 14th. In the meantime, we encourage you to visit our website with [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#). Please know if your student is not able to form a full roommate group by April 14th, we will continue to work with students on housing placement throughout the remainder of the spring semester and summer. There is no need for panic – we work with all students until they have a housing placement.

***EASTER BREAK AND END OF SEMESTER RESIDENCE HALL CLOSINGS**

The residence halls will close for the Easter Break from Wednesday, April 16th at 7 p.m. to Monday, April 21st at 12 p.m. If your student needs an accommodation to stay later or arrive earlier, please have them fill out a request on their eRezLife accounts.

For non-graduating students, the residence hall will close for the end of the semester on Friday, May 9th at 7pm. Students should be completely out of their residence halls within 24 hours after their last final exam or this time (whichever comes first). Graduating students need to be completely moved out of their residence halls or College-owned houses by Monday, May 19th at 12 p.m.

***EASTER BREAK SHUTTLE SERVICE**

The 2025 Easter Break shuttle sign-ups are currently available. Capacity is limited, and reservations will be approved on a first come, first serve basis. The Transportation Office will be running shuttles to:

- TF Green Airport
- Amtrak/MBTA Station in downtown Providence
- Peter Pan Bus Terminal (1 Peter Pan Way, Providence, RI 02904)

The Airport shuttle will run every 60 minutes from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. The Amtrack/Peter Pan Bus shuttles will run every 30 minutes from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. The shuttles will be available on Tuesday, April 15th and Wednesday, April 16th from behind Raymond Hall. To sign up and reserve a spot, students must complete [this form](#). **Reminder: When selecting the departure time, that is the time the shuttle will leave campus and NOT the student's actual flight/train/bus departure time.**

Students will receive an email from the Transportation Office to confirm or deny their reservation. Students are allowed to bring one suitcase and backpack on the shuttle. If students bring additional suitcases, they will not be permitted to ride the shuttle and need to find another method of transportation. Students must arrive 15 minutes before the scheduled reservation. If students need to modify or cancel a reservation, please notify the Transportation Office at transportation@providence.edu or (401) 865-2234.

***SUMMER STORAGE INFORMATION**

The UPS Store is again offering summer storage options to Providence College Students. UPS staff will be on campus during Finals Week to help put your items in storage for the summer or ship your items home. They can also deliver your items right to your room in time for the fall semester if you choose. More information is available here: <https://residence-life.providence.edu/parents-families/summer-storage/>

***STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER**

Fall Advising and Registration: The fall advising period has begun! Students have received multiple emails from the Office of the Registrar, the Student Success Center, and their respective major departments regarding registration dates and a detailed explanation of the advising and registration process. In addition to information on the registration dates and processes, students have access to the [Academic Advising Resource](#) page and the Office of the Registrar's [Registration page](#), which both contain helpful information. Please encourage your students to review these resources and continue working with their advisor to discuss their Fall course options before registration.

Beyond Fall advising and registration, if your student is experiencing difficulties in one of their courses and wants to explore the [course withdrawal option](#), the deadline for a course withdrawal is April 25th.

Summer Course Options: While summer courses are not required, some students look to take a course during the summer. If your student is considering taking a summer course, here is more information on [PC's summer offerings](#), as well as the option to [take courses at an outside college or university](#). Students can speak with their academic advisor or an advisor in the Student Success Center (located on the 2nd floor of the library) if they have questions about summer courses.

***SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES—UPCOMING EVENTS**

There are several cultural events coming up soon. These include our spring [concerts](#) sponsored by the Department of Music and our Department of Theatre, Dance, & Film's "musical within a comedy"—[The Drowsy Chaperone](#)—beginning April 4. We invite you and your students to join us.

***SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

Check out the School of Business website at <https://business.providence.edu/>. This is a great place for information on Providence Business Undergraduate policies and resources!

***CHIRICO CAREER CENTER – Spring Next Steps**

Did your student attend the Spring Career EXPO on March 19th? If they did, encourage them to send recruiters or grad school reps they met a thank you note and connect with them on LinkedIn. If they didn't, suggest they make an appointment with a career coach on [FriarHub](#) for assistance with their resume, career plans or job/internship search. Students can also visit our [website](#) for a list of career resources they can take use during the remainder of the semester.

***SPRING PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS from Student Engagement and Leadership**

Our Spring Kick Off is Saturday March 29, 1:00-4:00pm on Slavin Lawn. We will have live music, spring crafts, PC frisbees, lawn games, and free Chick Fila! The Spring Concert is Friday, April 4th 7:00-11:00pm featuring Fitz and the Tantrums in Peterson Recreation Fieldhouse. Tickets are on sale on PC Central.

A lot of spring events to look forward to:

- AfroAm Fashion Show April 5th
- Relay for Life April 6th
- Earth Day Celebration
- Stuartstock
- And much more! Encourage your students to read the Morning Mail and follow @pcfriarlife on Instagram for all the latest event info.

***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. Seniors with outstanding indebtedness will be unable to receive a cap & gown and participate in Commencement activities.

Registration for Fall 2025 will begin soon. Financial holds have been placed on accounts with outstanding balances and students have been notified by email. 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/pcepai>.