



Dear Providence College Families,

As many of our students get 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 are a big part of what Thanksgiving is all about.

Most of all though, Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. It also allows us to take pause and reflect on ways that we can continue to show our gratitude, not on just one day, but all through the year. In my role, I am especially grateful for my colleagues in the Division of Student Affairs, who give so much of themselves to our students on a daily basis. It is indeed a privilege to be part of that team led so compassionately by Dr. Sears, VP for Student Affairs and Dean of Students.

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/with-grateful-hearts/>.

This email provides information regarding important dates, deadlines, and campus events. If you have questions regarding any of the programs 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 few days of receiving them. Finally, the Office of the Registrar oversees all student and parent emails. All requests for changes/additions need to be made directly to that office at records@providence.edu. When making your request, please include your student's name, class year, and date of birth.

Happy Thanksgiving and God Bless.

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***RESIDENCE HALLS CLOSINGS**

Residence halls close for Thanksgiving Break on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 7pm and will reopen on Sunday, December 1, 2024, 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 20, 2024, at 7pm and will reopen on Sunday, January 12, 2025, at 12pm. A break housing application will be available after Thanksgiving Break.

***THANKSGIVING BREAK SHUTTLE INFORMATION**

Sign-ups are now available for the 2024 Thanksgiving Break shuttle sign-up. Capacity is limited, and reservations will be approved on a first come, first serve basis. The shuttles will be available on Monday, November 25th and Tuesday, November 26th 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 Amtrack/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.

***COMMENCEMENT 2025**

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Remind your students to keep an eye on their emails for information regarding Cap and Gown Day, scheduled for Wednesday, April 9, 2025. Undergraduates in the class of 2025 will receive an email in the coming weeks with information on how to order their academic attire for Commencement and other helpful information. A Guide to Commencement will be emailed to students and families before the semester ends.

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

***SENIOR YEARBOOK PHOTOS**

Parents of the Class of 2025 Seniors: Yearbook photographers will be on campus on 12/2, 12/6, 12/9, 12/10 and 12/13 to take senior year portraits for the 2025 yearbook. 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.

***CLASS OF 2027 OFF CAMPUS HOUSING APPLICATIONS**

Providence College has a three-year residency requirement, and all students should have the expectation to live on campus through the end of their junior year unless they are commuting from the home of a parent or guardian. This coming year the College has decided to make limited exceptions and allow a small number of Class of 2027 students to live off campus for their junior year. Members of the Class of 2027 must apply and be approved to live off campus for the 2025-2026 academic year. More information is available on our [website](#). Students should not sign leases until they have been approved in writing through the Office of Residence Life.

***THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

The 2025-2026 CSS Profile is open and FAFSA is still delayed until December. You will use information from your 2023 taxes on both of these applications. Returning students must complete these applications no later than April 15th. We will make sure to update our Facebook (pcfinaid) and Instagram (@provcollegefinaid) pages with important announcements especially related to the release of the 2025-2026 FAFSA. Please also encourage your student to create their [Student Forms](#) account through the [TORCH Portal](#). Below are instructions on how they can create their student forms account:

1. Go to <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!

***SPRING ADVISING AND REGISTRATION**

Students recently received emails regarding the registration dates and a detailed explanation of the advising and registration process. These emails were sent the week of October 14th titled “**Spring 2025 Advising and Registration Information.**” In addition to information on the registration dates and processes, they also included a helpful resource for students, the [Spring 2025 Advising and Registration](#) page. Please encourage your students to review those emails, explore the Academic Advising resources, and connect with their advisor to discuss their Spring course options well in advance of the registration period.

Beyond Spring 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 December 6th. As always, we recommend that your student speak to their instructor before considering the course withdrawal option. Also, if your student wishes to take a winter course, please direct them to the following web pages for more information- [Winter Courses at PC](#) and [Winter Courses Outside of PC](#). Students will receive more detailed information about their winter course options and additional advising/registration reminders in the coming weeks.

***CENTER FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION**

Class of 2027

Study Abroad application deadline for academic year 2025-26: December 1, 2024

As part of the application process, study abroad applicants are required to attend a Study Abroad 101 session. The [schedule](#) is available on the CGE website. Please note that late applications will not be accepted.

Study Abroad Semester Balance: Study abroad applicants for academic year 2025-26 will need to be as flexible as possible with their study abroad plans as PC cannot guarantee enrollment in a student’s desired semester to study abroad. The Administration has charged the Center for Global Education with balancing study abroad enrollments between the fall and spring semester to ensure smooth operations on campus especially in terms of housing and course offerings.

Get Ready for Passport Day! The Center for Global Education is excited to announce the return of Passport Day this Fall 2024! Passport Day is a fast and convenient way to get a brand-new passport or renew an old passport for study abroad or even personal travel. All that is needed is to deliver a completed application along with the required materials and payment to the passport processing staff onsite. All PC students, faculty, and staff are invited to participate. No appointment is needed.

DATE: Tuesday, November 19

TIME: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

LOCATION: Slavin 112 (Fish Bowl)

Be sure to check our [Center for Global Education Events](#) page, under Global Education Week 2024, for updates in the coming weeks.

We recommend that any students interested should start preparations now and be sure to bring the required physical documents (original birth certificate especially) and printed copies needed for their application to PC on the date of the event. Photos and money orders will not be available on site. For more information about application requirements, please refer to the [Apply for Your First Adult Passport](#) and/or [Renew by Mail](#) resource pages on the U.S. Department of State website.

***CHIRICO CAREER CENTER**

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 exploring 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!

***CLASS RINGS – CLASS OF 2026**

The Class of 2026 had their ring premiere on Wednesday, November 13th and ring sales started on Thursday, November 14th. The Balfour ring company will be back on campus December 4th from 3pm-8pm and December 5th from 11am-4pm in Slavin Atrium to show off the samples and answer any questions about buying a ring. Please follow [@pcsrw2026](#) on Instagram for the latest updates!

***RESIDENT ASSISTANT APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN**

Resident Assistant (RA) Applications are now open for the 2025-2026 academic year. RAs serve as a resource and mentor to their peers in the residence halls. They also gain valuable skills such as crisis management, conflict resolution, time management and leadership. It is a highly valued leadership role in addition to being the highest paid student job on campus. If you think your student would be a good RA, please encourage them to apply. The priority application deadline is December 13, 2024. Please visit our [website](#) for more information.

***ORIENTATION LEADER APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN**

The application to be a 2025 Orientation Leader (OL) opened on October 30th and will close on November 22nd. Orientation Leaders serve incoming new students and families during the First Day in Friartown and Fall Orientation. 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 developing impactful connections. The application and position descriptions [can be found on the orientation website](#).

***STUDENT ACTIVITIES – UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Saturday, November 23rd - Motherland Dance Group's Fashion Show will take place in Peterson, doors open at 6:30pm. The fashion show will showcase students selected designer fashion. All the models and production crew are Providence College students.

- Wednesday, December 4th - Annual Christmas Tree lighting will be held from 4pm-6pm on Slavin Lawn. Horse Carriage rides, hot chocolate bars, DIY ornaments, and special musical performances from the PC Community.
- Tuesday, December 10th – Cultural Holiday Marketplace will display different holidays around the world for PC community to learn and experience.
- Friday, December 13th – Christmas Morning Bingo from 8:00pm-11:00pm in '64 Hall. Students will dress in their PJs and hope for a chance to open some amazing presents!
- Please follow [@pcfriarlife](#) on Instagram to see all that is being offered to wrap up the Fall Semester on an exciting note!