

Dear Providence College Families,

October continues to be a busy time on our campus. The Fall Career EXPO which took place a few weeks ago had record- breaking attendance with over 1,400 students participating in the event. For students who missed the Expo and are still interested in exploring career interests this semester, you might want to share with them the information below provided by our Chirico Career Center.

This weekend our PC community is looking forward to welcoming back families and alumni to celebrate our signature fall event-- Homecoming 2024. For me Homecoming is always a special time as it provides an opportunity to connect informally with so many PC families. This year I will be available from 10am-11:30am at the Slavin Center Open House in the Chirico Career Center, Slavin 108. If you have the time, I hope you will drop by to introduce yourself and say hello.

Yes, October is a busy month, and it can also be a stressful one for students. Mid-semester time is fast approaching, and students will be focused on taking mid-semester exams and meeting deadlines for papers and projects. Families don't forget to remind your students to make good use of campus resources for some extra measure of support. Since October is Mental Health Awareness Month, it seems fitting at this time that we introduce to you the newest member of the Personal Counseling Center Staff—Finnegan, a newly trained and certified pet therapy dog. To find out more about Finny and how students can set up a time to meet with him, check out our Parent/Family Blog at: https://parents.providence.edu/.

Finally, I wish to share with you a special personal event for me that took place at the end of September. In memory of my husband who passed away five years ago, the College dedicated an Outdoor Classroom and Laboratory in honor of his "lifelong commitment to academic excellence and social justice." Pat was a chemistry professor, academic vice president, and cofounder of the MLK Scholarship Program, who established the Center for Multicultural Affairs, as well as the Center for Academic Excellence. It was a wonderful day to be a Friar!

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.

God Bless.

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*HOMECOMING—IMPORTANT TRAVEL AND PARKING INFORMATION

We're excited to welcome you back to Friartown for an unforgettable <u>Homecoming</u> weekend. Whether you're reconnecting with friends or visiting your student, we have a lot in store for you! Don't forget to join us on Slavin Lawn at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday for a special announcement. The first 500 attendees will receive a limited-edition Friars hat!

Homecoming guests are encouraged to enter campus through the Huxley Avenue gate (accessible via Admiral Street only). Please use 212 Huxley Avenue as the address for GPS. Please arrive early and give yourself extra time, as parking on campus is extremely limited, or consider alternative transportation options such as hotel shuttle or rideshare.

For information about shuttles, parking off campus and other arrival-related questions, please visit our <u>Campus Information page</u>, or refer to the <u>online interactive map</u>. Come prepared for the weather, rain, or shine. Check the <u>Homecoming schedule</u> page for any updates to event locations during the weekend.

*STUDENT FLU SHOT CLINICS

The Student Health Center will be hosting student flu shot clinics in '64 Hall on the following dates:

- Wednesday, 10/23/2024, 1:00pm-4:00pm
- Tuesday, 11/12/2024, 11:00am-2:00pm
- Thursday, 11/14/2024, 4:00pm-7:00pm

Students must register online (check the Morning Mail for registration links) and bring their insurance card (or a copy/photo of their insurance card) with them. All students are welcome!

<u>Reminder:</u> All students are required to have health insurance. A front and back copy of the insurance card should be uploaded to the <u>Health Center Patient Portal</u>. Students are required to have their card (or a photo/copy of it) for all appointments at the Student Health Center.

*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 need to submit a Thanksgiving Break Housing request. The form can be found on the <u>eRezLife</u> site. It is the responsibility of each resident to plan their own travel in accordance with this schedule. <u>Click here for the full-year housing calendar</u>.

*SENIOR YEARBOOK PHOTOS

Parents of the Class of 2025 Seniors: Yearbook photographers will be on campus on 10/30, 10/31 and 11/1 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.

*CENTER FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION

Class of 2027

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

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. 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 <u>Center for Global Education Events</u> 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.

*PROVIDENCE COLLEGE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Remind your students to check out our website at https://business.providence.edu/. This is a great place for information on PCSB undergraduate policies, resources, and upcoming events.

*CHIRICO CAREER CENTER

On October 2nd, the Chirico Career Center held the annual Fall Career EXPO, bringing faculty, graduate school representatives and employers to campus to speak to students about career paths and opportunities. Over 1,400 students took advantage of this event, making it a huge success! If your student was unable to attend, encourage them to make a career coaching appointment on FriarHub or stop by during our Daily Office Hours (Monday – Friday, 1PM – 4PM) to meet with a Career Coach. Students can also stay informed of all upcoming events by reading our Weekly E-Newsletter sent on Sunday mornings to their inbox.

***UPCOMING STUDENT EVENTS**

- The Class of 2025 Senior Ring Weekend will be held Friday, October 25 Sunday,
 October 27. Over 1,000 PC students and guests will attend an enchanted formal in
 Peterson, semi-formal at Gillette, and have their rings blessed at Mass in Peterson. The
 Class of 2025 has been planning their weekend since last year, so we are excited to see
 it come to life!
- Harvest Fest will be on Saturday, November 2 from 12:00-4:00pm on Slavin Lawn. There will be an inflatable corn maze, live music, food trucks, and more!

The Class of 2026 Ring Premiere will be November 13th from 4pm-8pm in McPhail's.
 The Class of 2026 SRW Core will reveal the class ring that they have been designing since April. Ring Sales will begin on November 14th from 12-6pm. The Balfour ring company will be on site with samples and brochures! Ring information will also be mailed home for families!

*ORIENTATION LEADER APPLICATIONS FOR 2025

The application to be a 2025 Orientation Leader (OL) will open on October 30th! 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.