



Dear Providence College Families,

Well, there has been lots of activity going on at Providence College since we last connected. Homecoming Weekend 2025 was a great success as students, alums, families, and friends engaged in a whole range of activities to celebrate the true spirit of our Friar community. It was great to meet with so many of you during the weekend festivities. Also, our annual Fall Career EXPO took place last week. This year well over 1,250 students participated 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 some of the information below provided by our Chirico Career Center.

Yes, October is a busy month, and it can also be a stressful one for students. Mid-semester time is here, and students are focused on taking mid-semester exams and meeting deadlines for papers and projects. Families, you can play an important role in helping your Friar identify and connect with campus support services—academic support, personal counseling, campus ministry, and many more. Of course, it is also a great time to send your student a Care Package—full of love and goodies!

Our Hot Topic Video this month features the new Provost/Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Thomas Smith, who began his tenure at the college on July 1st. To learn about Dr. Smith's background, his first few months at PC, and some of the challenges he sees as facing higher education today, please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IrR6Io72QME>.

Finally, our Parent/Family Blog highlights the role and services of the Office of the Registrar, which go well beyond maintaining the integrity of academic records. Assistant VP/Registrar Yvonne Arruda shares some of the resources of her office that would be of particular interest to families including, posting of grades, the final exam schedule, FERPA authorization, course registration, and much more. You can view the blog at: <https://parents.providence.edu/registrar-supporting-students/>.

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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***OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

Action Required: 2026–27 Financial Aid Cycle is Now Open: The FAFSA and the CSS Profile launched on October 1, 2025. Both of these forms are required for all students who wish to apply for need-based financial aid for the 2026-27 academic year. When completing your forms, please be prepared to use the financial details from your 2024 federal income taxes. **A deadline applies:** all returning students—including current freshmen--must submit their applications by **April 15, 2026**. Missing this date could impact your aid eligibility. You can find the applications and more information at studentaid.gov and cssprofile.collegeboard.org.

Ways Students Can Monitor Their Financial Aid & Applications: The TORCH portal comprises [Student Forms](#), [Scholarship Universe](#), and [CyberFriar](#). These platforms are the students' go-to for managing their financial aid! Here, they can confirm receipt of the FAFSA & CSS Profile, monitor their checklist, securely submit documents, and review all their financial aid tasks.

***STUDENT FLU SHOT CLINICS**

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

- October 23, 2025 / 10:00am - 1:00pm
- October 29, 2025 / 4:00 - 7:00pm
- November 5, 2025 / 4:00 - 7:00pm

- November 13, 2025 / 1:00 - 4:00pm

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!

HEALTH INSURANCE REMINDER: All students are required to have health insurance. A front and back copy of the insurance card should be uploaded to the [Health Center Patient Portal](#). Students are required to have their card (or a photo/copy of it) for all appointments at the Student Health Center.

***CLASS OF 2028 HOUSING APPLICATIONS**

Providence College has a three-year residency requirement, and all students should have the expectation they live on campus through the end of their junior year unless they are commuting from the home of a parent or guardian. Next academic year the College has decided to make limited exceptions and allow a limited number of members of the Class of 2028 to live off campus for their junior year. Members of the Class of 2028 can apply to live off campus for the 2026-2027 academic year by contacting residence life. **Students should not sign leases until they been approved in writing through the Office of Residence Life.**

The Office of Residence Life and the Center for Global Education are working in partnership to support members of the Class of 2028 who plan to study abroad next year. Residence Life will work with students to pair housing groups with study abroad students who apply to study abroad opposite semesters (i.e., fall and spring) for their junior year in housing. Groups that are interested can contact residence life and may have the opportunity to be preplaced in housing prior to the regular housing selection. Please note, this is an optional opportunity and students who are planning to study abroad but who choose not to participate in this opportunity will still be able to participate in the regular housing selection process. Students will receive more information from residence life to their emails and can contact residence life with any questions.

***RESIDENCE HALLS CLOSINGS**

Residence halls close for Thanksgiving Break on Tuesday, November 25th at 7pm and will reopen on Sunday, November 30th 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 winter break on Friday, December 19th at 7pm and will reopen on Sunday, January 11th, 2026, at 12pm. A break housing application will be available after Thanksgiving Break

***THANKSGIVING BREAK SHUTTLE INFORMATION**

Sign-ups for the **2025 Thanksgiving Break Shuttle** will open on **Monday, November 3 at 9:00 a.m.** Capacity is limited, and reservations will be approved on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The Transportation Office will be running shuttles on Monday, November 24th and Tuesday, November 25th to:

- **TF Green Airport:** Every 60 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Amtrak Station (downtown Providence):** Every 30 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Peter Pan Bus Terminals (1 Peter Pan Way, Providence):** Every 30 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Students must complete the [Campus Break Shuttle Form](#) to reserve a seat.

***2026/27 RESIDENT ASSISTANT APPLICATIONS OPEN on 11/3**

Resident Assistant (RA) Applications for the 2026-2027 academic year will open on November 3rd. RA's 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 attend an information session and apply. More information will be sent to your student later this month.

***SENIOR YEARBOOK PHOTOS**

Parents of the Class of 2026 Seniors: Yearbook photographers will be on campus 10/29, 10/30, 10/31, 11/4 and 11/5 to take senior year portraits for the 2026 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 2026. Please email Susan McCauley (smccaule@providence.edu) with any yearbook questions.

***COMMENCEMENT 2026**

Cap and Gown Day for seniors will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. This day is a one-stop pick-up of academic attire, information, and an opportunity to record a message for the AMP jumbotron.

Messaging, including important dates relating to academic attire, will be sent to students and families in late fall. Hotels providing courtesy rates are listed here: [2026 Accommodations – Commencement](#). Please note that courtesy rates are limited and based on hotel availability.

***CENTER FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION**

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

Study Abroad 101 and Study Abroad 102: The [schedule](#) for these sessions is posted on the Study Abroad website, and students are strongly encouraged to attend the session most relevant to them and where they are with the study abroad process.

Walk-in Hours: The Center for Global Education will start holding walk-in advising hours starting October 21 with these scheduled weekly on Tuesday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:30pm. Students needing general/routine questions answered should come to the center during these times. Students needing more attention/information should schedule an appointment by emailing 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 we 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. If necessary, leave a detailed voice mail, and someone will return your call. Emails will receive a response as soon as possible.

***SPRING ADVISING AND REGISTRATION**

The spring advising period has started! Students recently received emails from the Office of the Registrar and the Student Success Center outlining the registration dates and providing a detailed explanation of the advising and registration process. In addition to the information on registration dates and procedures, students can also access the [Spring 2026 Advising and Registration page](#), which summarizes much of this information. Please encourage your students to review these emails, explore the Academic Advising resources included, and connect with their advisor to discuss their Spring course options before registration begins.

Additionally, if your student is interested in exploring a PC winter course option, they can find more details on this [Winter Coursework page](#).

***CHIRICO CAREER CENTER CAREER EXPO**

On October 8th we held our annual Fall Career EXPO, bringing faculty, graduate school representatives, and employers to campus to speak to students about career paths and opportunities. Over 1,250 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 Career Update sent Sunday mornings to their inbox.

***2026 ORIENTATION LEADER APPLICATIONS OPEN on 10/29**

The application to be a 2026 Orientation Leader (OL) will open on October 29th! 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](#).

***UPCOMING STUDENT EVENTS**

- The Class of 2026 Senior Ring Weekend will be held Friday, October 24 - Sunday, October 26. Over 1,000 students and guests will attend a semi-formal in Peterson, a formal at Venus De Milo, and have their rings blessed at Mass in Peterson. This class has been planning their weekend since last year, so we are excited to see it come to life!
- “Halloweekend in Friartown” will begin on Thursday, October 30th with a trip to Scary Acres and Halloween Bingo. Friday in McPhail’s will have Tricks and Treats, and Saturday will have a Spooky Carnival and Magic Circus Show!
- The Class of 2027 Ring Premiere will be in mid-November. The Class of 2027 SRW Core will reveal the class ring that they have been designing since April. Balfour & Co will be on site with samples and brochures! You will also receive more information in the mail!

***PUBLIC SAFETY – TikTok Prank**

The Office of Public Safety is seeking your assistance in addressing a concerning trend that has recently surfaced on TikTok. The trend involves a prank where individuals falsely claim that a homeless or suspicious person is present inside a residence. Unfortunately, some PC students have participated in this prank by contacting their parents about the incident who then contact Public Safety. Officers have responded to these calls and conducted searches only to discover that the reports were pranks. These incidents not only disrupt campus operations but also raise serious safety concerns - resembling “swatting” calls that have affected other college campuses nationwide. We ask that parents speak with their students about the seriousness of these actions and emphasize that such prank calls are inappropriate and must stop immediately.

***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, or transcript. Students with outstanding balances have been placed on financial hold. Students on hold have been notified by email that their account is on a financial hold. 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 student’s 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>.