



Dear Providence College Families,

I wish to extend a warm welcome to the parents and families of our new students and of course, I am excited to welcome back families of returning students. As we begin this new academic year, let's capitalize on our partnership by working together to help students become all they are called to be.

In just a few weeks, our community will be welcoming back families and alumni to celebrate our signature fall event-- Homecoming 2025. 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 on Saturday, Oct. 4th from 1:30-2:30 pm during the Friar Family Fall Festival on Slavin Lawn. If you have the time, I hope you will drop by to introduce yourself and enjoy some complimentary hot chocolate.

For our Hot Topic Video this month, Holli Mootz, RDN, campus registered dietitian, shares how Ray Dining Hall works to provide a safe eating experience for students with food allergies and how those efforts have earned a "certified seal of approval for allergy safety." You can view the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=illnKhGBfvc>. You can learn more about Holli's role in helping all students to make healthy food choices by visiting our Parent/Family Blog at: <https://parents.providence.edu/healthy-eating-choices-for-busy-students/>.

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.

In the *Book of Ecclesiastes*, we are reminded that there is a "time for every season under heaven." As a new journey begins, we take the time to reflect on what has gone before and on what is yet to come. Please know that I feel privileged and honored to be "traveling" along with all of you.

God Bless.

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***HOMECOMING 2025**

Parents and families are invited to celebrate PC's signature fall weekend at [Homecoming Weekend](#), Friday, Oct. 3 – Sunday, Oct. 5. Open to all members of the Friar community with highlights including the Friar Family Fall Festival- featuring a message from Father Sicard, the Petal Pusher art vending machine, Late Night Madness, a community Mass, and family-friendly fun all weekend long. There's something for everyone to enjoy. **Registration will close on September 26.**

***STUDENT HEALTH CENTER – FALL FLU CLINICS**

The Student Health Center will be hosting four student flu clinics this fall in '64 Hall. Registration will be required - students should read the "Morning Mail" for detailed information as the dates get closer. Don't forget to remind your Friar to bring their insurance card (or a photo of their card) with them.

- Thursday, 10/23/2025, 10:00am-1:00pm
- Wednesday, 10/29/2025, 4:00-7:00pm
- Wednesday, 11/5/2025, 4:00-7:00pm
- Thursday, 11/13/2025, 1:00-4:00pm

***STUDENT HEALTH CENTER – CLASS OF 2029 HEALTH RECORD REMINDER**

All students in the Class of 2029 were required to [submit their health forms on the patient portal this summer](#). Students with incomplete/missing health information have been notified via email. PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR STUDENT to see if they received an email about missing paperwork. Failure to complete their submission could result in registration holds and/or disciplinary action.

***CHIRICO CAREER CENTER – FALL CAREER EXPO**

On October 8th, the Chirico Career Center will host its annual Fall Career EXPO, an event for ALL students! It includes the Major/Minor Fair, Internship/Job Fair, and the Graduate School & Programs Fair. We ask you to encourage your student to head to the Peterson Recreation Center beginning at 2:30 PM to explore career possibilities. If students need help preparing for the EXPO, we suggest they attend our Prep Week events:

- The Do's and Don'ts of the Career EXPO – An Employer Panel | Monday, October 6th at 4PM in Mondor School of Nursing
- Resume Review Day | Tuesday, October 7th from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM in Slavin Overlook Lounge

If students would like to discuss their career interests or receive help making a career plan, we have Career Coaches available for individual appointments or they can drop into Slavin 108 during our Office Hours, Monday – Friday from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM for answers to their quick questions. Your student can visit [FriarHub](#) for additional details on the Fall Career EXPO, other events we have planned for this semester, or to schedule an appointment.

***Getting Involved – INVOLVEMENT FAIR & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

- On Thursday, September 4th the SEAL Office (Student Engagement and Leadership) held the Involvement Fair with over 130+ clubs in attendance. Over 1,000 students came through to learn about joining clubs and left with free giveaways. We will have another Involvement Fair in the Spring, but if your student wants to find out about clubs/organizations and events, encourage them to head to [PC Central](#). This platform will allow your students to get in contact with clubs and organizations and learn about upcoming events right from their cellphone or laptop! All events that have tickets or RSVP will be located on [PC Central](#) to make things more convenient for everyone. Follow Us on Instagram! @pcfriarlife for additional event announcements.
- There are a lot of events throughout the year, and we don't want anyone to miss out if it can be helped. For this reason, SEAL & Student Affairs are pleased to offer the opportunity for students to request financial assistance for select tickets to class-wide and college-wide annual events sponsored by clubs/organizations and

departments. Note: This applies to select annual events costing \$25 or more. Submitting the request form does not guarantee approval. We will work to accommodate the request. The form is due by Wednesday, September 24th. If your student has submitted this form in the past, they must re-apply every year, so please remind them to do so. <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/yMhyJUmW8M>

***CLASS OF 2026 – SENIOR RING WEEKEND (SRW) and SENIOR WEEK CORE**

Tickets for SRW go on sale on Tuesday, September 23rd through Friday, October 10th. PC Senior Tickets cost \$115 & Guest of PC Seniors cost \$130.

- Events include a semi-formal with a roaring 20's theme on Friday, October 24th, formal dinner dance on Saturday, October 25th, and the SRW Ring Mass and Reception on Sunday, October 26th at 2pm. **The students will be having their rings blessed during the Mass, and family and friends are welcome to attend this Sunday event.** Please follow @pcsrw2026 for updates and sneak peeks on what each day will be including food, entertainment, and fun!

Senior Week Core Applications are now open. Members of the Class of 2026 have the opportunity to apply to be on the Senior Week Core. This group brainstorms and plans Senior Week for the entire class! Any senior who is looking to leave their legacy and create tradition is encouraged to apply! <https://forms.office.com/r/Fk9p4xQaAb>.

***THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

It's almost time to apply for 2026–27 financial aid! The FAFSA and CSS Profile open on October 1, 2025, and you'll need details from your 2024 taxes. Gathering these documents early will help you avoid any delays. Remember: all returning students — including current freshmen — must submit their applications by April 15, 2026. You can find the applications and more information at studentaid.gov and cssprofile.collegeboard.org.

***CENTER FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION**

The Center for Global Education will host the annual **Study Abroad Fair on Monday, September 22 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in Slavin '64 Hall**. Representatives from our affiliated programs will be present to meet with students and provide them information regarding their programs. PC faculty leading short-term programs during Spring Break and Maymester will also be at the fair and meet with students regarding their programs. Students in the Class of 2028 and Class of 2029 are especially encouraged to attend.

Study abroad applications for 2026-27 will open shortly after the fair. The Center for Global Education will hold info sessions in the upcoming weeks to assist students with the study abroad process.

Zoom Information Session for Families—Registration Required

The Center for Global Education will host an info session via Zoom on October 7 at 7:00 PM for parents to receive information regarding study abroad terms of academics, billing/finances, application process, student life abroad, health and safety, visa process, etc. The session will also address PC's approved study abroad programs and the important role these organizations play in the process.

A registration link can be found on the [CGE website](#). Parents should register no later than 5:00 PM on October 7, and an email with the Zoom details will be sent prior to the meeting. If you are unable to join the meeting, a link to the recording will be shared on the [Parents and Families](#) page on the CGE website.

***THE SCHOOL OF ARTS and SCIENCES**

Happy fall from the School of Arts and Sciences! Did you know that if your student takes courses in a foreign language while studying abroad, they could return to PC only two courses short of a major in French, Italian, or Spanish? With thoughtful planning, students can satisfy major and/or core requirements as well as acquiring an invaluable skill that will give them an edge in today's difficult job market. Please direct your student to Dr. Alison Caplan, chair of World Languages and Cultures, acaplan@providence.edu, for more information.

***GRADUATE ADMISSION OFFICE**

Families of the Class of 2026 – Are your Students thinking ahead to Grad School?

Providence College offers graduate programs in Business, Education, History, and Theology. Business majors often explore our **4+1 MBA** or specialized master's programs in **Business Analytics** or **Sports Administration**—all AACSB-accredited and open to a range of academic backgrounds. Education students can continue with a **Master of Education** or pursue certification through programs like **PACT** or the **Teacher Certification Program**. If your student is passionate about the humanities, our graduate programs in **History** and **Theology** offer deeper study and flexibility.

Want to learn more? [Attend an upcoming virtual info session](#) to connect with the Graduate Admission Office or [explore programs on our webpage](#). Sessions are updated regularly.

***COMMENCEMENT 2026**

Messages regarding Commencement activities, including important dates relating to academic attire, will be sent to students and families from the Office of College Events 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.

***RESIDENCE LIFE OPENING AND CLOSING SCHEDULE**

The residence hall closings schedule is available on [the Residence Life website](#). It is the responsibility of each resident to plan their own travel in accordance with this schedule. Residence Halls close for students on Tuesday November 25th, at 7pm and will reopen on Sunday, November 30, for the Thanksgiving break. Residence halls close for students for the winter break within 24 hours after their last in-person exam or Friday, December 19 at 7 p.m. (whichever comes first). Students who live an extreme distance, have a late class or another compelling reason can apply to stay late, return early, or remain on campus for the entire break if necessary. A form to request to return early will be available on students' [eRezLife](#) accounts in October.

***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, grade reports, or a transcript. Students with outstanding balances will be notified by email in October that their account is on Financial hold. It is important that you and/or your student contact the 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/pcepai>.