PROVIDENCE | PARENT COLLEGE | PARENT & FAMILY PROGRAM

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. We are all partners together in helping your Friars to become more passionate and engaged learners.

Now that we have just about completed our third week of classes, students are faced with the task of balancing academics with social/personal commitments. While getting into a routine of campus life can be challenging even for upper-class students, for new students adjusting to so many changes, in such a short period of time, it can be over-whelming. So, as we embark on this new academic year, let's capitalize on our partnership by reminding students of how this community of faith can help them to grow and thrive, find their path, build independence--all with a little help from their friends.

With that goal in mind, I invite you to view this month's Parent/Family Blog which further highlights your role in encouraging students to enhance their support network, no matter what their class year. You can check it out here: <u>https://parents.providence.edu/with-a-little-help-from-our-friends/</u>. For new families, the Personal Counseling Center has provided some important adjustment tips for supporting your young adults through their many transitions. To read their suggestions and learn more about their services for students, please visit: <u>https://personal-counseling.providence.edu/resources/adjustment-parents-families/</u>.

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 "<u>Ask A Question</u>" 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 <u>records@providence.edu</u>. When making your request, please include your student's name, class year, and date of birth.

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. Jackie

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Chinese (Traditional)/中文(繁體中文: <u>請點擊此處獲取更多中文(繁體中文)信息。</u>

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

*STUDENT HEALTH CENTER – CLASS OF 2028 HEALTH RECORD REMINDER

Reminder: All students in the Class of 2028 were required to <u>submit their health forms on the</u> <u>patient portal this summer</u>. Students with incomplete/missing health information have been notified via email and given until **9/27/24** to complete their health record submission. PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR STUDENT to see if they received an email about missing paperwork. Failure to complete by 9/27 could result in registration holds and/or disciplinary action.

***RESIDENCE LIFE OPENING & CLOSING SCHEDULE**

The Residence Hall Opening & Closing Schedule for the 2024/25 year is available on the <u>Residence Life Housing Calendar website</u>. Providence College residence halls close during

Thanksgiving, Winter, Spring, and Easter breaks. It is the responsibility of each resident to plan their own travel in accordance with this schedule.

***SENIOR YEARBOOK PHOTOS**

Parents of the Class of 2024 Seniors: Yearbook photographers will be on campus in the Slavin Center on 10/30, 10/31 and 11/1 to take senior year portraits for the 2025 yearbook. Students should be on the lookout for an email announcement that will contain information about making a portrait appointment. 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. Please email Susan McCauley (<u>smccaule@providence.edu</u>) with any yearbook questions.

*CHIRICO CAREER CENTER – ANNOUNCING THE FRIARHUB

On September 4th, the Chirico Career Center kicked off the semester with our FriarHub Launch Day! Over 700 students stopped by to learn about our platform and pick up our annual Don't Wait...Slavin 108 t-shirt. Please encourage your student to log on to FriarHub and complete their profile. FriarHub is our NEW platform for career resources, events, jobs/internship opportunities and more.

*FALL CAREER EXPO

On October 2nd, the Chirico Career Center will host its annual Fall Career EXPO, which will feature an event for ALL students! The Major/Minor Fair, Internship/Job Fair, and the Graduate School & Programs Fair! Encourage your student to head to Peterson beginning at 2:30 PM to explore career possibilities. If they need help preparing for the EXPO, suggest they attend our EXPO Prep events. Students can visit the [EVENTS] tab on FriarHub to learn more!

***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 <u>schedule</u> will be posted on the CGE website early in the fall semester.

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 <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 <u>Apply for Your First Adult Passport</u> and/or <u>Renew by Mail</u> resource pages on the U.S. Department of State website.

***THE SEAL OFFICE – STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

- Getting Involved! On Wednesday, September 4th the SEAL Office (Student Engagement & Leadership) held the Involvement Fair with over 120+ clubs in attendance. More than 1,600 students came through to learn about joining clubs and left with free giveaways & helpful information about how to join clubs.
- 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 <u>PC Central</u>. <u>PC</u> <u>Central</u> keeps the campus up to date about all the student events & activities happening outside of the classroom. 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 <u>PC Central</u> to make things more convenient for all. Follow Us on Instagram (@pcfriarlife) for additional event announcements.

***PERSONAL COUNSELING CENTER**

A friendly reminder for families that the Personal Counseling Center, located in lower Bedford Hall (401-865-2343), is a free and confidential resource for your student. We see many students for a variety of issues including adjustment and support during times of change. In addition to individual therapy options we offer support groups, a *new* <u>Mindfulness/Relaxation Room</u> and soon to come - drop in pet therapy support!

***THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

Another year, another delay! The U.S. Department of Education announced that the 2025-26 FAFSA will be delayed until December. The CSS Profile will still be available on October 1st. Both applications require 2023 tax information and are due by April 15, 2025. Updates will be communicated in the coming months. Follow our Facebook page (pcfinaid) and Instagram

(@provcollegefinaid) for important announcements, especially related to the 2025-2026 FAFSA release.

***FRIAR STATION MAIL CENTER**

- All Providence College full-time students were assigned a Friar Stop Number to use when receiving mail/packages on campus
- Students retain the same Friar Stop Number throughout their stay at the College
- Students have 24/7 access to the lockers using their PC Cards
- Packages should be limited to 40 lbs. or less
- Please do not ship furniture
- Letter mail and packages (that don't fit in the lockers) can be picked up at the window in Mail Services

*JOIN YOUR STUDENT FOR HOMECOMING 2024—OCTOBER 18-20

Come home to Friartown and experience PC with your student! Enjoy a front-row seat to this year's <u>Homecoming</u> festivities, including events like the Friar 5K, Friar Fest, Late Night Madness featuring Zac Brown Band, and more.

Register for Homecoming

SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS:

--Ray Dining Hall Open House and Welcome Party

--Family Fri-Yay! with bingo and Dominicans on Draft in McPhail's

--Open houses in the Slavin Center, Chirico Career Education Center, Student Success Center,

Smith Center for the Arts, Parent & Family Program, and more

--Friar Fest with food trucks, drinks, and live music on Slavin lawn

--President's Welcome with Rev. Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P. '78, '82G

--Late Night Madness and other on-campus athletic competitions, including men's and women's

ice hockey, field hockey, volleyball, soccer, and tennis

--Homecoming Mass and Brunch