

PARENTS:

What is your role (as parent) in communicating with the Residential Life office (Housing forms, questionnaires, housing deposit, room assignments)?

How would you support your student in seeking out academic support and advice?

How do you respond to your student when they call and say "This is too hard, I don't like it here, I want to come home." Where might you find resources to address these concerns?

How do you help your student connect to the campus as a commuter student?

How do you respond when your child needs to advocate for themselves? (housing changes, course changes, financial aid office issues, relationship issues, etc.,)

What is your awareness of FERPA and how it will impact your ability to communicate with campus offices regarding your student?

Are you prepared to discuss with your child the implications of FERPA and how you both determine whether or not you (as parent) have access to campus offices?

Do you know how to locate the FERPA release form for your college campus? Have you thought about what you might say if your child does not want you to have access to his records?

Have you discussed FERPA regulations with your student -- if there is a question about your bill (for example) and you are taking out a loan - that you cannot talk with the Student Accounts office to resolve any issues unless you are identified on the FERPA release?

Have you seen the student's bill and financial aid award letter from the college and do you understand your financial obligation (if any)?

Have you and your students planned for the financial obligation (written and implied- such as supplies for a particular major and student health insurance) for the college?

Are you clear in the process in how grants/scholarships/loans get released to the college and the implications for deadlines?

Consider reviewing your Promissory note, loan obligation, and grant and scholarship requirements- please discuss who you can call for clarification around your responsibilities regarding the parent and student financial obligations.

Have you considered how you will adjust to your student leaving home, your adjustment and the balance between support and transition into further independence?

Do you think orientation is only for students? Talk about what you could gain by attending and how this could further support your child in the transition to college.

What do you see as benefits of attending Orientation with your student? Consider an extended Orientation program for your "new" college student -- please discuss the benefits of new student orientation programs.

STUDENTS:

How will you determine deadlines and timelines and responsibility for the necessary forms required in the transition to college and from semester to semester?

What are your options when you feel that college is too hard or you are considering leaving?

How do I connect to campus as a commuter?

How will you advocate for yourself and seek out campus support in terms of your campus relationships with faculty/staff and other students as well as your bill, financial aid, roommate issues and course selection and choosing a major?

What is your awareness of FERPA and how it will impact your ability to communicate with campus offices regarding your students?

Have you discussed with your parent the implications of FERPA and who has your permission to access your campus information?

Do you know where the FERPA release form is housed on the college website platform (Moodle, web services)?

Have you talked about what will happen (for example) if you ask a parent to call the Student Accounts office to resolve a question on your behalf and you have not listed the parent on your FERPA release?

Do you know how your college bill and financial aid award letter is sent to you (is it on your college email account) and do you know how to access it thru your college website?

How will you approach shared financial responsibilities with your family? Have you discussed and is it clear who is responsible for what? How will you find out everything that is included on your bill (computer fees, health insurance, specific items for course or major)?

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How important is it to attend an Orientation program and begin the transition to your college?

How could you benefit from having your parent attend Orientation with you?

Do you know if your campus has extended new student orientation options (for example, Outdoor education, optional Summer Bridge programs)? How would you find out?