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FAMILY GUIDE AND CALENDAR

2022-2023
Welcome to the University of Delaware!

Dear Blue Hen parents and families,

Welcome to the University of Delaware! We’re excited to welcome you and your student to the UD community, and we congratulate your student on the excellent decision to become a Fightin’ Blue Hen! We hope your family is healthy and safe during this uncertain time. We hope that this guide and calendar will provide you with information about resources and engagement opportunities that can be helpful to you. We are committed to walking alongside our students to facilitate meaningful connections to the Blue Hen community!

This summer, you will find many family orientation resources through the Blue Hen Family Hub. Our family orientation program educates parents and guardians about vital academic information, the value of student engagement, health and safety, paying the bill, dining, and more. This guide supplements the program and provides details about the network of support available to your student and you.

The Division of Student Life advances equity and inclusion, deepens student learning, and drives holistic development through education, experiences, and communities. We recognize that students’ transition to University life can be both exciting and challenging, and we encourage you to keep in touch with any questions, concerns, or suggestions you may have as your student navigates their UD experience.

We look forward to partnering with you toward your student’s success!

Sincerely,

José-Luis Riera

Vice President for Student Life
Welcome to the University of Delaware and the Blue Hen family!

We are thrilled that you and your student have chosen UD for this next chapter of your lives.

At UD, we are committed to keeping all students healthy and safe. We cultivate a vibrant, inclusive and academically rigorous community where students can learn, grow and succeed during their time with us and long after graduation. Our professors will challenge your student to think critically, appreciate diverse viewpoints, work as a team and communicate ideas effectively. Our staff is here to support your student, ensure their wellbeing and help them make the most of this experience. Our loyal alumni stand ready to mentor and guide your student in whatever career they choose.

As families, you play an essential role in this adventure. Encourage your student to explore courses, student groups and opportunities that help them discover new perspectives on the world. Empower them to speak up and advocate for themselves. Most of all, get to know the educated, mature, confident person they are becoming.

This is an exciting time for your student and your whole family. We’re here to make it great, and we look forward to working with you in the years ahead.

Go Hens!

Dennis Assanis
President
**TIPS:**

**Start the conversation**
Discuss with your student what expectations you both have for academics, social life and career aspirations. Ask them how they think their college experience will be different from high school.

How will you support your student differently? As your student transitions to college, how will your interactions with them change? Encourage them to seek your advice and seek mentors.

What to be thinking about this month:
- Start talking about finances—tuition, loans, spending money, etc. Visit [udelbncollege.com](http://udelbncollege.com) for details on textbooks.
- The transition to college life for both the student and the family is significant. Have conversations around expectations, social and academic campus experiences, and time management.

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**UD welcomes new Blue Hens to campus.** All incoming students complete orientation over the summer and are guided by the New Student Checklists as they prepare to transition to college life: [sites.udel.edu/nso/orientation/#checklist](http://sites.udel.edu/nso/orientation/#checklist)

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**Residence Life and Housing** resident assistants and in-hall communities support students wherever they are. These opportunities contribute to a lasting sense of connection and belonging as well as better long-term educational gains for many students.

[udel.edu/students/reslife](http://udel.edu/students/reslife)
Students who engage in on-campus groups and events report higher satisfaction with their college experiences and are more likely to graduate. Blue Hens can join more than 400 registered student organizations through the [University Student Centers](https://sites.udel.edu/usc) Student Central portal.

**Get involved.** Students can connect with registered student organizations and student events, including involvement fairs and meetups, on the Student Central portal: [studentcentral.udel.edu](https://studentcentral.udel.edu)

### TIPS:

**Ready for UD?**

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Undergraduate tuition/fee deadline

**Welcome Days**

Classes begin

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**TIPS:**

**Communication is key**
- Talk to your student about which communication methods you'll use during the semester and how often you'll check in with each other.
- Show your pride in their accomplishments.
- Talk about alcohol use and other tough issues, including UD's alcohol and drug amnesty. Visit udel.edu/amnesty to learn more about this protocol.
- Be an active listener for your student.

**What to be thinking about this month:**
- Visit udel.edu/parents/weekend to learn more and make plans for Parents and Family Weekend.
- Encourage your student to use Student Central and connect with other students.
- Ask if your student attended faculty office hours or chatted with them before or after class.

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**Blue Hen Fridays are a cherished tradition with the UD community throughout the world.** Students and family members are encouraged to sport their blue and gold every Friday in solidarity with all Blue Hens. Visit bluehens.com for all the latest info about cheering on our Fightin’ Blue Hens Athletics teams!

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**Students with a medical diagnosis are encouraged to register with Disability Support Services to receive academic accommodations for their needs. Our Center for Counseling and Student Development supports students who may struggle as they navigate college life.**

**sites.udel.edu/dss**  
**sites.udel.edu/counseling**
Families are valued partners in the UD student experience. In celebration of that partnership, UD hosts an annual Parents and Family Weekend celebration featuring opportunities to connect and have fun with your student! Get all the details on this year’s program at udel.edu/parents/weekend.

TIPS:

**Missing home is natural**

- It’s natural for students to miss aspects of their pre-college life, but investing in new relationships during the first few months of college is key to finding a lasting sense of belonging and making friends.
- Encourage your student to participate in on campus events and UD traditions. Students who feel unable to connect with other students may benefit from reaching out to the Center for Counseling and Student Development.

**What to be thinking about this month:**

- Encourage students having roommate issues to try to work it out on their own, and if they need more support to consult their RA.
- Midterms can be stressful, but resources are available through the Office of Academic Enrichment for tutoring and more.

Student Diversity and Inclusion and the Center for Black Culture help students connect to communities of support, identify, develop, embrace and advocate for their identities; understand the needs of others, and connect to intra-cultural and cross-cultural student learning and engagement.

sites.udel.edu/studentlife/diversity
TIPS:

Acknowledge growth and progress
Your student has made many new relationships and decisions over these past few months. Talk with your student about their experiences thus far, and what they feel are their major areas of growth.

What to be thinking about this month:
• The period between midterms and final exams can be a stressful time of the semester. Encourage your student to take care of their physical and mental health and to seek out help if needed.
• Flu season has already started. It’s time for everyone in the family to prioritize preventative care measures.
• Ask your student if they have discussed degree progress and plans for the upcoming terms with their academic advisor.

Veterans Day is a weeklong observance at UD that grows every year. Visit udel.edu/deanofstudents to learn more about the support network that encourages persistence and success for every student at UD.

Student Health Services makes it easy for students to prioritize their preventative care with regular vaccine clinics and health education, a full range of physical health care and urgent care, medical treatment and referral services. Most services are covered by the Student Health Fee. sites.udel.edu/studenthealth
TIPS:

Finish strong
With finals just around the corner, your student may experience increased stress. What’s important is how that stress is managed. Encourage them to visit review sessions, study with classmates, connect with professors during office hours, or consider a tutor.

What to be thinking about this month:
• Has your student made plans for winter break, or discussed how they plan to spend their time?
• Does your student know about the final exam schedule and any other deadlines that affect them?

Students at every stage benefit from career resources and programs that help them design purposeful pathways, access opportunities, develop in-demand skills and build and leverage a powerful network of alumni, employers, faculty and professionals: udel.edu/career-center

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Students experiencing a financial crisis or otherwise struggling with access to housing, food, internet, or other basic needs can reach out to the Office of the Dean of Students, who helps students and families navigate these and other complexities of the student experience.
**TIPS:**

**New year, new budget**
Review how last semester’s budget met your student’s actual expenses, and work with them on a new budget for the new year.

**What to be thinking about this month:**
- Discuss academics, major, physical and mental health, career and social goals. Have you changed your mind about anything? Has your student? Remember to support and encourage your adult student’s decisions in your role as their coach.
- Talk with your student about how they adjusted socially to college. Ask them if they’d like to approach the spring semester differently and how they plan to maximize their UD experience.
- Take time with your student to enjoy each other’s company before classes begin again.

Regular physical activity is essential to preventative health care. Visit [rec.bluehens.com](http://rec.bluehens.com) for all the details on how students can get active and have fun with other Blue Hens!

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Students can look to [Orientation and Transition Programs](http://sites.udel.edu/nso) for resources to make the most of their new semester, including a spring 1743 Welcome Days program that offers opportunities to clarify values, set goals, and maximize their UD experience.
February is known as recruitment season for ~5,000 Blue Hens who are part of fraternities and sororities through Fraternity and Sorority Leadership and Learning. Students in this community consistently earn higher GPAs and are heavily involved in community service.

TIPS:

Back to classes

Encourage your student to reflect on the fall and how they'd like to grow this semester. Consider asking them how you can support them differently this spring or what they have appreciated in the past.

What to be thinking about this month:

- Does your student know about campus resources for sexual assaults or bias incidents? Encourage them to check out offerings from Student Wellness and Health Promotion and the Office of Equity and Inclusion.
- Connecting and creating their own community at UD is vital to your student’s success. Talk with your student about what their UD community looks like. Encourage them to connect with student organizations and offices that interest them and support their identities.

At the University of Delaware, students regularly interact with faculty and staff who are renowned for their expertise, research and diverse opinions. Aditya Kunjapar, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering assistant professor, pictured here working with PhD student Neil Butler, has been named the 2021 American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) Langer Prize for Innovation and Entrepreneurial Excellence, a highly competitive award that comes with an unrestricted $75,000 stipend to pursue “blue sky” ideas.
**Blue Hens are well known for making an outsized impact on their communities.** Programs such as the Blue Hen Leadership Program and UD Alternative Breaks accelerate students’ passion to serve others, while student-led initiatives such as Lori’s Hands, Puppy Raisers of UD and UDance work directly with community members and nonprofits in support of a better world for all.

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**TIPS:**

**Planning for summer**

Summer is only a few months away. Does your student plan to gain work experience or take summer courses? Encourage your student to think about how these next few months can enhance their UD experience and career.

**What to be thinking about this month:**

- Spring break is a time that many students use to engage in community service or social justice initiatives. Encourage them to explore the perspectives of those with different life experiences. What unique challenges do others around them face, and what do they have in common?
- As the weather warms up, it’s easy to lose track of time. Encourage your student to double check syllabi and the student code of conduct so that there are no surprises.

**Student Wellness and Health Promotion** provides year round services and programs to support body, mind and spirit and increase health, resilience, and wellbeing for individuals and the community. Visit us at the new Wellbeing Center at Warner Hall!

[sites.udel.edu/studentwellness](http://sites.udel.edu/studentwellness)
### TIPS:

#### Managing time and stress

Many students are starting to wrap up class projects, finish papers, and prepare for finals. Remind your student about time and stress management and encourage them to utilize their campus services. Students who are overly anxious may benefit from reaching out to the Center for Counseling and Student Development.

### What to be thinking about this month:

- It's time to begin making decisions about class schedules for the next school year, so encourage your student to meet with an academic advisor to discuss fall registration.
- Has your student chosen a major yet? Encourage your student to connect with their college to learn about options, explore minors, and discover other ways to build out their UD experience.

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**Students have several opportunities to identify their leadership style and develop skills in various areas that support lifelong success.**

#### UD Career Center and the Lerner College of Business and Economics Career Services Center help students identify strengths, motivations and purpose, and translate their ambitions into opportunities through professional, educational and UD connections.
**TIPS:**

**Planning for the future**

Saying goodbye to friends and concluding the semester brings on many feelings. Remind your student to eat well, manage time wisely and prioritize good sleep as they finish up a busy semester. Encourage them to seek out any help they may need early on.

**What to be thinking about this month:**

- Is your student going to be at home for the summer? Do you expect your student to have the same responsibilities? Talk with your student about your expectations.
- Did your student’s year go as they had hoped? Encourage them to write these thoughts down while they are fresh, and to set plans in place that will encourage them to pursue their goals.

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**Student Services for Athletes** helps UD’s NCAA student-athletes balance the demands of their academic and athletic responsibilities with counseling, development, and educational programming in collaboration with coaches, faculty, and student services.

**GRADUATION:** The University of Delaware community is proud to celebrate your hard work!

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TIPS:

Remind students to check email

Encourage your student to continue to check their email over the summer for communications from the University such as housing updates and billing notices.

What to be thinking about this month:

- Reflect with your student about how their academic year went. Ask them what they enjoyed, what was challenging, and what resources they can connect with over the summer or in the fall to further develop their UD experience.

Parents & Family Weekend 2023

- Visit udel.edu/parents/weekend to see about dates. If you’re interested, get your hotel rooms reserved and mark your calendar!

True to UD’s agricultural roots, the learning never stops and the summer months are often most rewarding as students dig in deep for the fruits of their labor on the farm, on the coast, or even from the comfort of their own homes.

Students on and off campus are expected to abide by the Student Code of Conduct, and are eligible for amnesty from conduct sanctions related to alcohol and drugs when an active call for help is made. Details about amnesty protocol and the full student guide to University policies is available online through the Office of Student Conduct.
First Year Experience
The First Year Experience (FYE) is your student’s first step in an exciting educational journey that will help them find a place at the University of Delaware and build strong foundations for their future success. Highlights of your student’s first year experience include:

- **Common Reader**—The shared common reader is read before arriving on campus, with speakers, films and other cultural events organized around the theme of the book throughout the first semester.
- **First Year Seminar**—The First Year Seminar will help your student adjust to college life and provide a unique learning experience. Students will have the opportunity to explore the University of Delaware and learn about several resources that are vital to their success. Visit fys.udel.edu for more information.
- **1743 Welcome Days**—Facilitated by Orientation and Transition Programs (OTP), 1743 Welcome Days takes place right before the fall semester starts and serves as incoming students’ extended orientation to UD. 1743 invites first year and new transfer students to connect with their campus community, explore all that UD has to offer, and consider how they will contribute during their time here. Visit the OTP website at sites.udel.edu/nse for more information about 1743.

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A student’s emergency contacts also may receive notifications during emergency alert system tests.

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