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# Welcome to DU!

DU Family  
Summer Webinar Series



**New Student & Family Programs**  
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# Welcome!

- Feel free to say hi and put where you are zooming from in the chat!
- Take the welcome poll
- Use the Q & A feature for questions.
- The chat is open for us to share links and for connections.
- Email [families@du.edu](mailto:families@du.edu) with any follow up questions.





# Today's Webinar

- New Student & Family Programs
  - Office Introduction
  - Student summer action items
  - Overview of New Student Experience
- Welcome from the Dean of Students Office
- Registrar Office Introduction and FERPA
- Fall Logistics
  - First Ascent, Move-In, Academic Advising, and Discoveries
- Orientation Overview
- Facilitated Q&A

# Where to Find Slides and Recording:

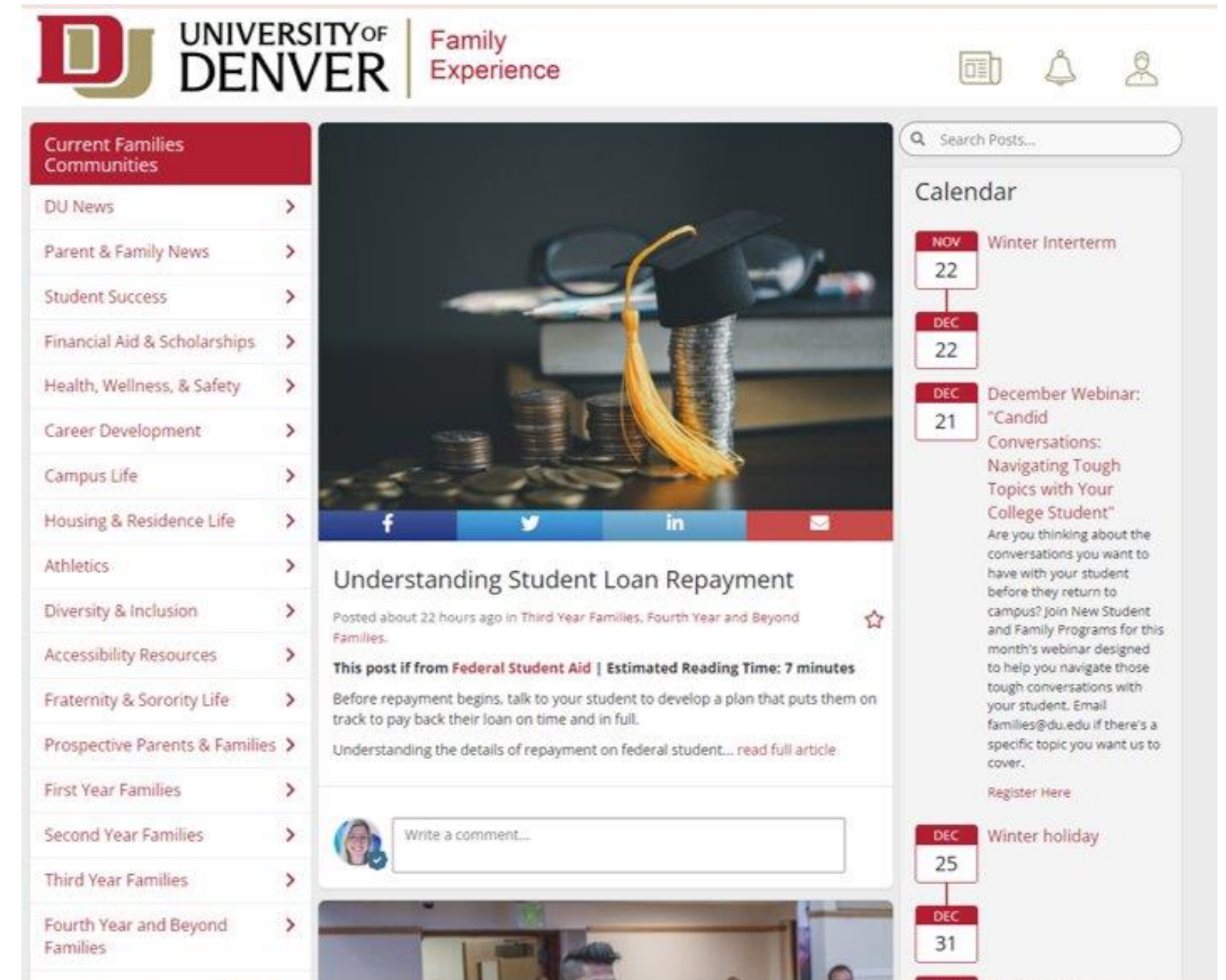
- All webinar slides and recordings will be accessible on our [website](#) and in [DU Family Experience](#) - They'll be posted in the [Fall Orientation 2025](#) community
- Slides and Recording will be posted within 1 business day of the webinar
  - Today's slides/recording will be available Friday by 5pm MT





# What is DU Family Experience?

- Online Family Engagement Portal
  - Data supports better student outcomes when family members are engaged and a part of their student's college journey
- [DU Family Experience](#):
  - Emails you curated information based on your preferences after you complete your profile
  - Offers an online tool to find events and information by community topic
- [Fall Orientation 2025](#) Community:
  - Catalogs all information sent to you on one webpage



# What's the Summer Webinar Series?

This is a collaborative series with New Student and Family Programs and campus partners who serve incoming DU students

Our goal is to share relevant and timely information so support systems can support their student with important summer action items and in their transition to the University of Denver



# Webinar Schedule

Registration  
Links are on  
DU Family  
Experience OR  
our [website](#)

Webinar Title	Webinar Date	Campus Partners
Welcome to DU: Next Steps for You and Your Student	Thursday, May 29th 2pm	Dean of Students Registrar
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# New Student & Family Programs



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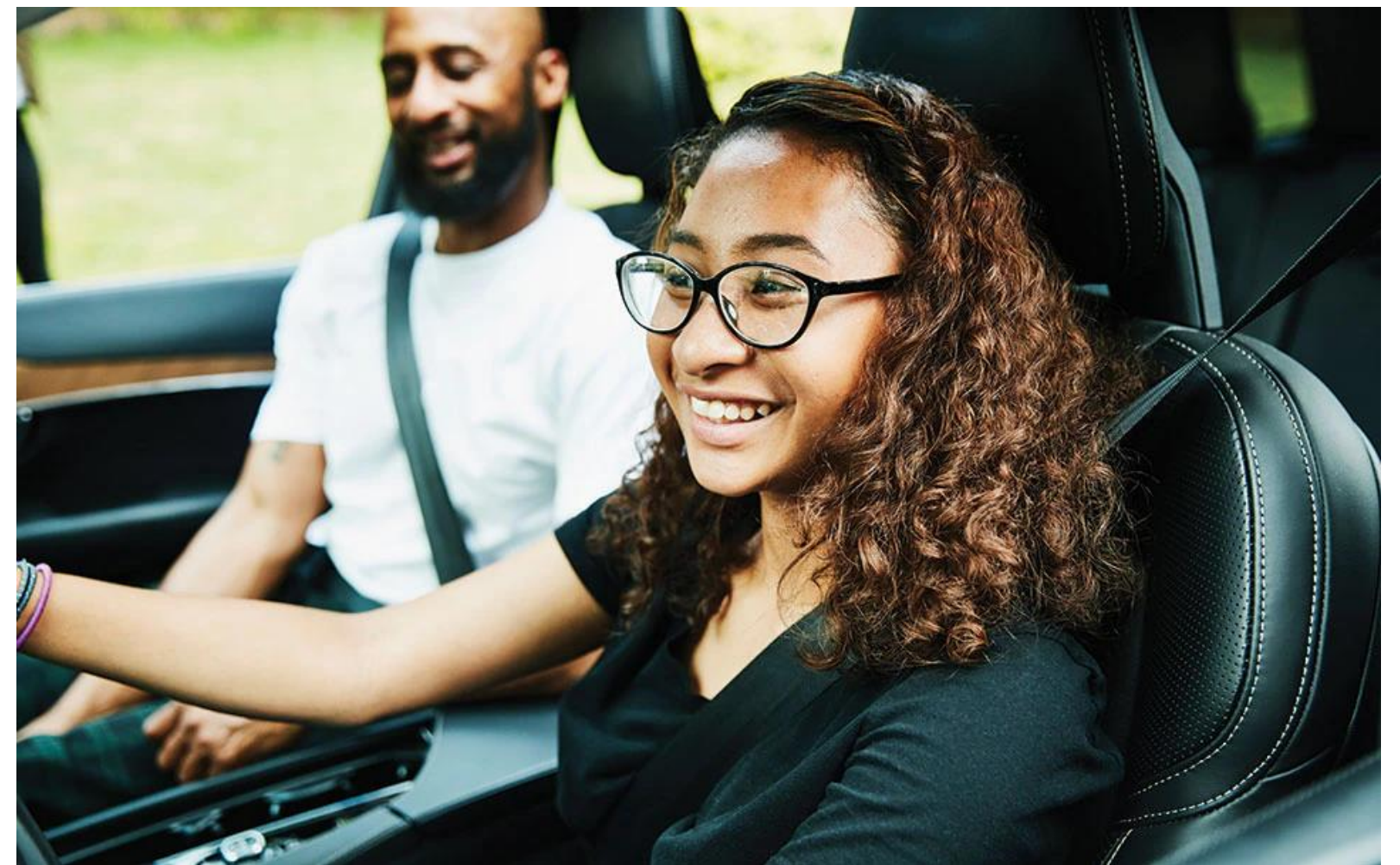
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# Office Overview

New Student and Family Programs (NSFP) is committed to the successful transition of new students and families into the University of Denver campus community and the ongoing support of student success.

***Our Parent & Family Philosophy:**  
We view parents and families as partners in your student's education journey. We want to work together to support your student's success.*





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## Students

- Learn about student roles and responsibilities of becoming a University of Denver community member
- Explore the resources and opportunities that support student's academic, social, and health and wellness goals
- Develop skills centered on self-awareness, social interactions, and engaging with the diverse identities, ideas, and experiences of others in the community
- Develop a sense of belonging and connection to the University of Denver and greater Denver community

## Families

- Serve as a central resource for parents and families and enhance strong partnerships for student success
- Develop and enrich parent and family involvement opportunities throughout the University community
- Provide information about the student experience at the University of Denver
- Foster tradition, pride, and investment in our community.



# DU Family Weekend

## *When is Family Weekend?*

We host Family Weekend in the spring! It will either be the second or fourth weekend of April and we'll announce the date at Homecoming.

## *When is Homecoming?*

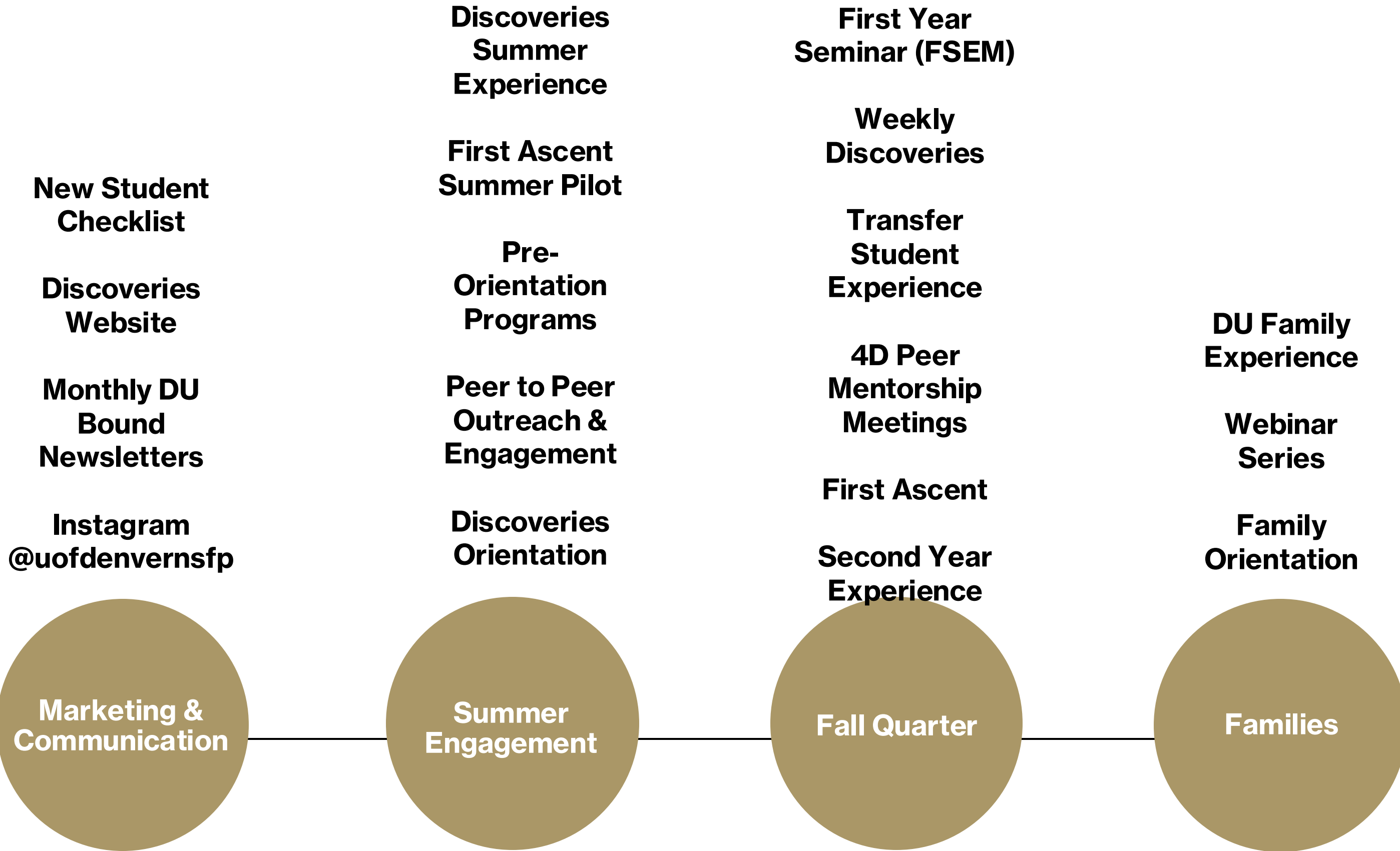
Great question! Athletics is still waiting for the final hockey schedule. It will likely be late October and announces on the [Homecoming website](#).







# DU Discoveries Overview



# DU New Student Welcome Experience Overview



# Where will my student learn all this information?

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## Discoveries Online Experience on Canvas:

What's in the Canvas course?

- Information, resources, and transitional support information **prior** to their arrival in the fall
- Upcoming action items that includes how, where, and when tasks need to be completed
- Federally mandated trainings that must be completed before they arrive on campus
- Practice using Canvas, the web management system used for all their academic courses

What happens if my student doesn't complete the modules?

- They will not be prepared once on campus
  - Includes important harm reduction trainings to build a strong and safe DU Community
- 4D Peer Mentors will follow up with students who have incomplete modules during orientation

When do these modules need to be completed?

- All modules need to be completed by Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>
- General recommendation, one module per month
  - Modules will open at the beginning of May, June, July, and August
  - Modules align with current action items and are most effective when completed during the month they're released



## Welcome & Transition to DU

General Intro +  
4D Experience

Community  
Standards,  
Honor Code, DU  
Help Website

Getting Started:  
Student  
Essentials

May 5

## Academic Advising & Registration

Academic  
Advising

Exploring the  
Curriculum

Preparing for  
Registration

Student  
Success  
Coaching

June 2

## Health, Safety, & Well-Being

HCC, HP, and  
SJE content on  
Well Being,  
Substance Use,  
Consent &  
Respect,  
Identity &  
Community

Campus Safety  
Info & App

Vector Modules  
(4 to complete)

July 7

## Student Experience & Next Steps

Engagement  
& Involvement  
Opportunities  
+ Resources

Move In &  
Discoveries  
Orientation

4D Peer  
Mentorship,  
First Ascent +  
Weekly  
Discoveries

August 4

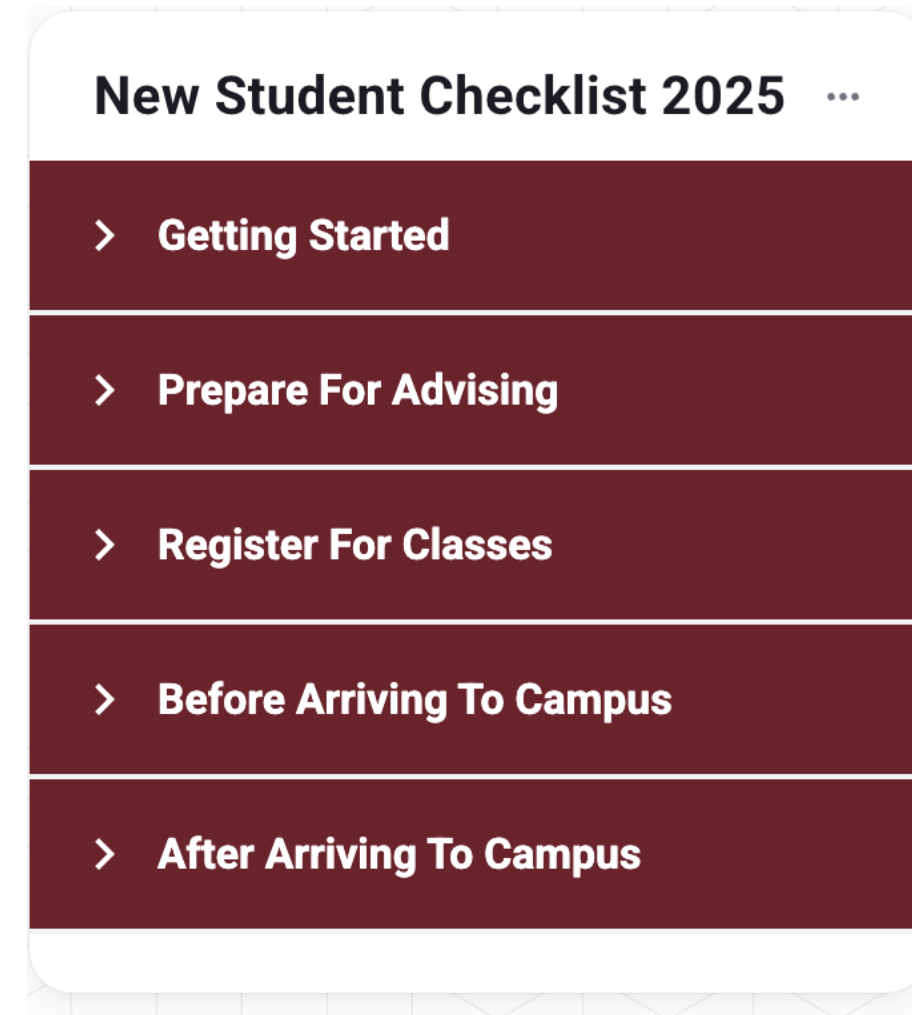


# Discoveries Online Summer Experience Overview



# Is there a checklist for my student? Yes!

- 2025 New Student Checklist in the My4D Portal
  - Widget on their my.4D.edu Dashboard (their DU Portal)
    - + icon will extend to share specific steps
  - Includes action items, links, and resources to complete tasks
- New Student Communication
  - DUBound Newsletters
    - Emailed to student's personal and DU email
      - Note: Student's must check DU emails for all other communications
    - Posted in DU Family Experience day after
  - Follow our Instagram page @uofdenvernsfp
    - Post critical updates, deadlines, and information



**@uofdenvernsfp**

# Where can I see upcoming deadlines?

Use [this webpage](#) for important dates and deadlines for students starting in the Fall 2025

Date	Action Item
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Priority Deadline to <a href="#">submit our Housing Application or request a release</a>
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Priority Deadline to <a href="#">submit an accommodation request</a> through Student Disability Services (SDS)
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Priority Deadline for official college transcript(s) to be received to have college transfer credit applied before new student registration
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Final Deadline to submit ALL official high school and college transcript(s) to Undergraduate Admission
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Priority Deadline to submit proof of immunity
July 7 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	First Year advising week
July 21 <sup>st</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup>	Incoming student registration
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	Housing assignments released





# Dean of Students Office



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When you don't know where to start, start with YOUR Dean of Students Office.

DUhelp  
Website



DoS Office  
Website





# Dean of Students Office

**\*Student Inclusion & Belonging**

## **The Cultural Center (TCC)\***

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## **FIRST@DU\***

Dr. Angie VanDijk, Senior  
Director

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## **Student Outreach & Support (SOS)**

Director: Stephanie Potthoff  
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## **Student Rights & Responsibilities (SRR)**

Director: Kristine McCaslin  
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## **Student Disability Services (SDS)**


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## **Learning Effectiveness Program (LEP)**

Director: Jim Bailey  
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## **Veterans & Military Resources (VMR)**

Director: Damon Vine  
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Dean of Students  
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**Serves as a central hub to connect students to supportive campus and community resources so they may successfully navigate their DU experience.**



**Partners with faculty and staff across campus so we can best serve our students through advocacy, collaboration, and education.**



**Elevates and embeds diversity, equity, and inclusion in all the work we do.**





# The 7 Departments of the DoS Office

## FIRST@DU

Supports first-generation students succeed through community activities, mentorships, academic workshops, resource referrals, leadership development, scholarship assistance, and more. Located in Community Commons on the first floor.

## The Cultural Center (TCC)

Provides identity-based student programming, annual cultural signature events, and leadership opportunities and support for racially marginalized students and LGBTQ+ students. Located in Community Commons on the first floor.

## Veteran & Military Resources (VMR)

Oversees the “to and through” process. Assists veterans with a range of services including setting up their GI Bill, to engaging in the campus community through alumni relations. Located in Community Commons on the third floor.

## AccessibleDU: Student Disability Services (SDS)

Assists students with disabilities define reasonable access needs and implement those accommodations to fully participate in all – academic and non-academic activities at DU. Located in Driscoll Commons on the first floor.

## Learning Effectiveness Program (LEP)

Supports students who are neurodiverse and/or have learning differences through Academic Counseling, Executive Functioning Support and Social Skills building. Located in the Morgridge College of Education on the fourth floor.

## Student Outreach & Support (SOS)

Helps all students, graduate or undergraduate, near or far, succeed by connecting them to resources, developing a plan of action to meet their goals, and navigating challenging situations. Located in Community Commons on the third floor.

## Student Rights & Responsibilities (SRR)

Takes an educational approach to behavior intervention and accountability through proactive education on rights, responsibilities, community standards, and restorative practices. Located in Community Commons on the third floor.



# Office of the Registrar

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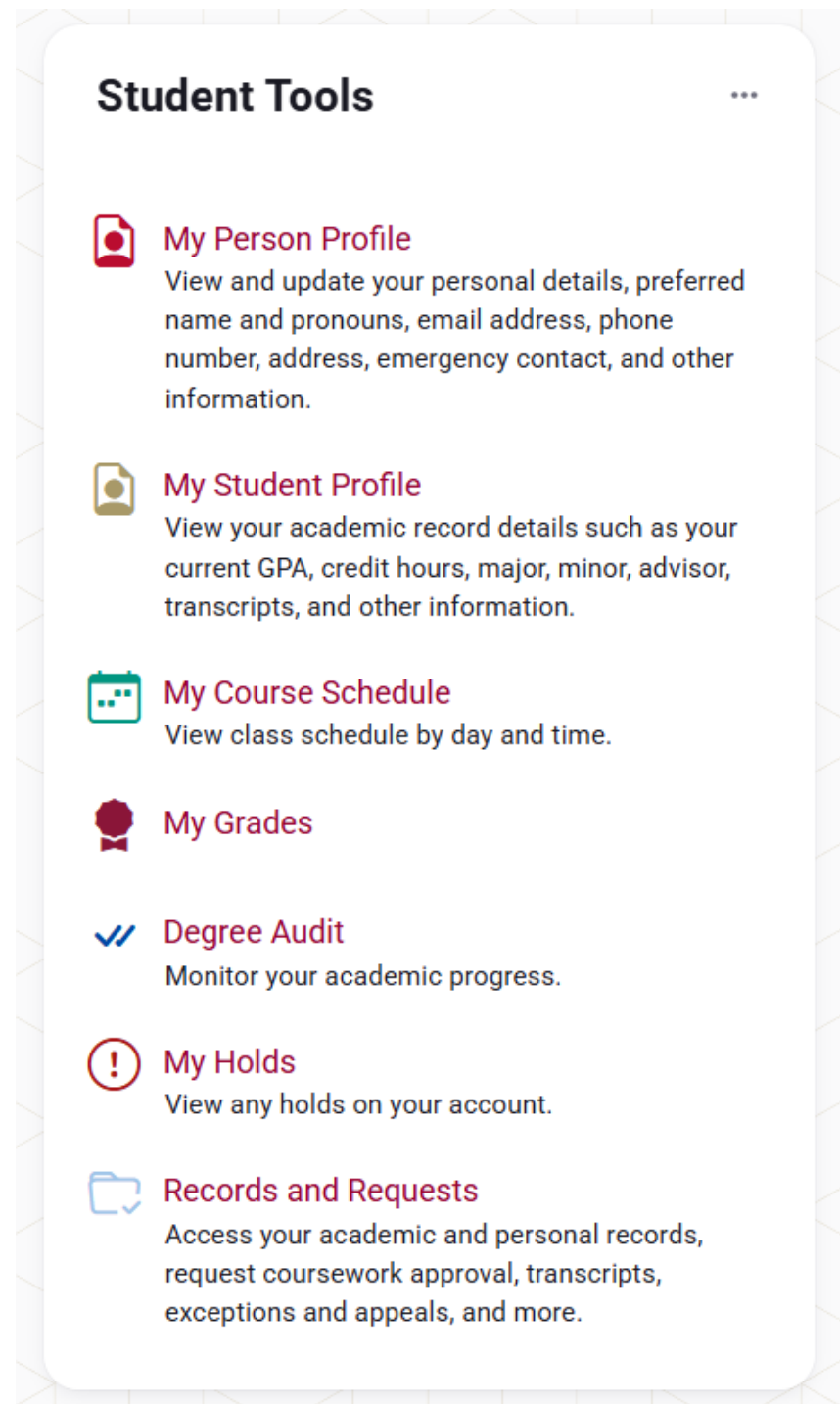


# Office of the Registrar

- The Office of the Registrar administers the tools needed for students to register for classes, order their transcripts, track their degree requirements, evaluate transfer and study abroad coursework, receive veteran's benefits, and more.
- We look forward to sending your student's diploma in a few short years!
- Today we are talking about student records and privacy – specifically FERPA -- the principal federal law regarding privacy of students' educational records.



# The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)



- The principal federal law regarding the privacy of students' educational records.
- Students' privacy rights transfer from parents to the student when a student enters college.
- Higher education institutions communicate academic information such as grades to students.
- Parents should turn to their students first for information.



# FERPA- What's considered educational records?

- Grades
- Test Scores
- ID Number and Social Security Numbers
- Financial Records
- Housing Information
- Disciplinary Records (or results of hearings)
- Class Schedule
- Enrollment and Attendance Information
- Quarter, Cumulative, or Major GPA
- Academic continuation, Dismissal, or Probationary Status
- Dean's List Status



# The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

- Students may provide DU with a release to share information with parents and others using the same web portal (My4D Dashboard) where they register.
- DU personnel can see this release to understand what we may share with parents.
- Students should not share their log-on information with anyone – including parents.
- We have FERPA guides for both students and parents at:

<https://www.du.edu/registrar/other-student-services/privacy-ferpa>





# The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Students can submit a release through My4D (my.du.edu) by:

1. Search for “Records and Requests”
2. Scroll to "Academic Records"
3. Select “Release of your student records”
4. Fill out the online release form.

Release will be saved and seen by DU Faculty and Staff.

Records and Requests

view any holds on your DU account. If you have a registration hold you will not be allowed to register. A transcript hold will prevent you from viewing your transcript. To clear a hold, you must contact the office issuing the hold to find out what must be done to fulfill the obligation(s) before attempting to register.

- [Withdraw from DU](#)  
Submit a request to temporarily or permanently leave DU.

### Your Academic Records

- [Approved study abroad and transfer credits](#)  
TIERS, Transfer and International Education Course Reporting System
- [Degree audit](#)
- [Release of your student records \(FERPA Release\)](#)
- [Transcripts - request official transcripts](#)
- [Transcripts - view your unofficial web transcripts](#)
- [View test score results received by DU](#)
- [View your grades](#)

### Your Profile Information

- [My Person Profile](#)  
View and update your personal details and demographic information such as your address, telephone number, preferred email address, gender pronouns, race and ethnicity information, emergency contacts, etc.
- [My Student Profile](#)  
View and update your student record details such as your current GPA, credit hours, major, minor, advisor, transcripts

QUESTIONS? ASK DUBOT





# New Student & Family Welcome Experience



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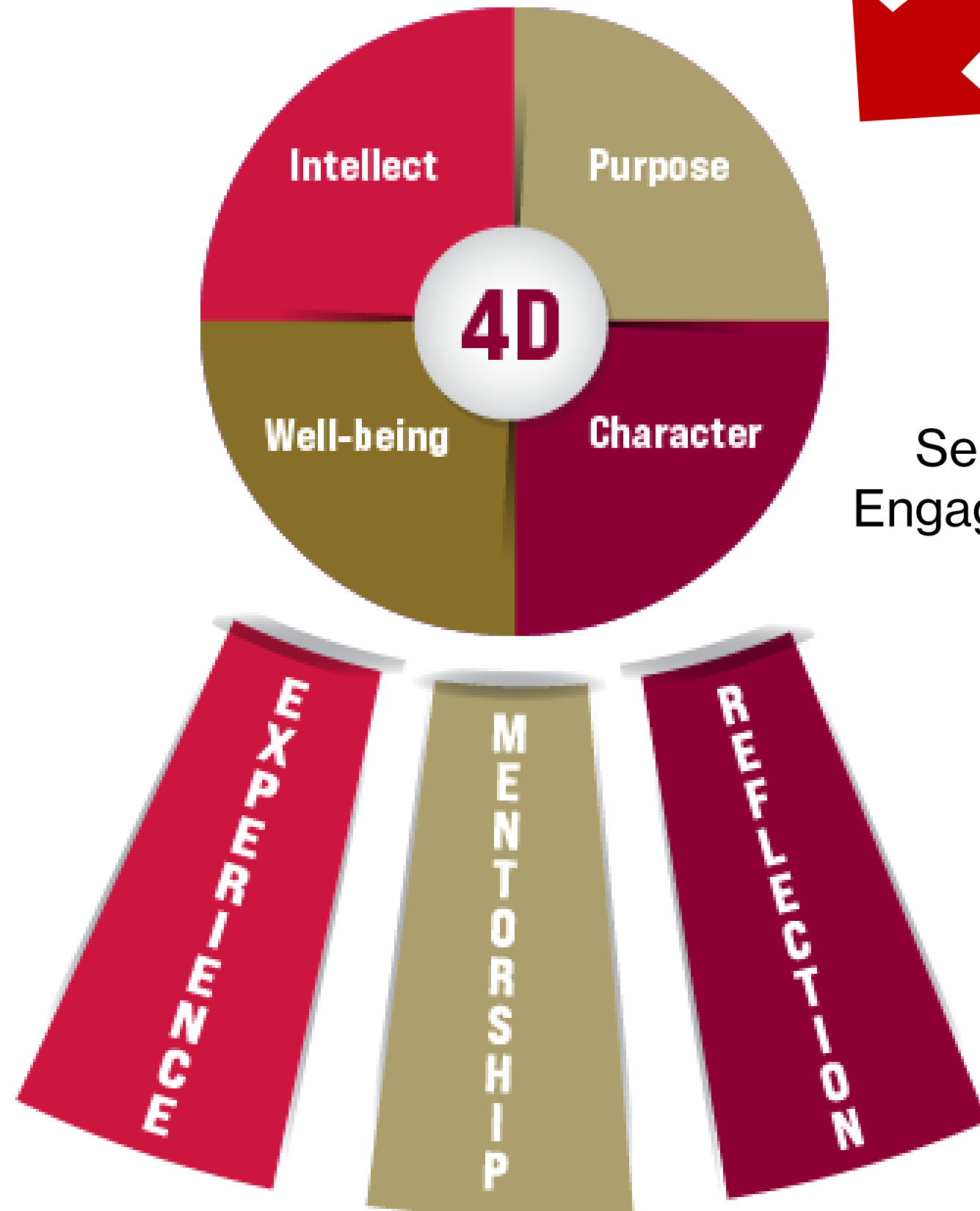
# What is a 4D Peer Mentor?

- Orientation leader and more!
- 4D Peer Mentor support students throughout their DU journey beyond Discoveries Orientation week!
  - Mentorship meetings in Fall Quarter
- First Ascent, Weekly Discoveries, or Transfer Student Programming





# Four Dimensions



## DESIGN CAREERS & LIVES OF PURPOSE

- Connect the dots
- Set and chart goals
- Apply skills and talents for the public good
- Learn how to tell your story
- Remain open to continuous learning

## DISCOVER CHARACTER

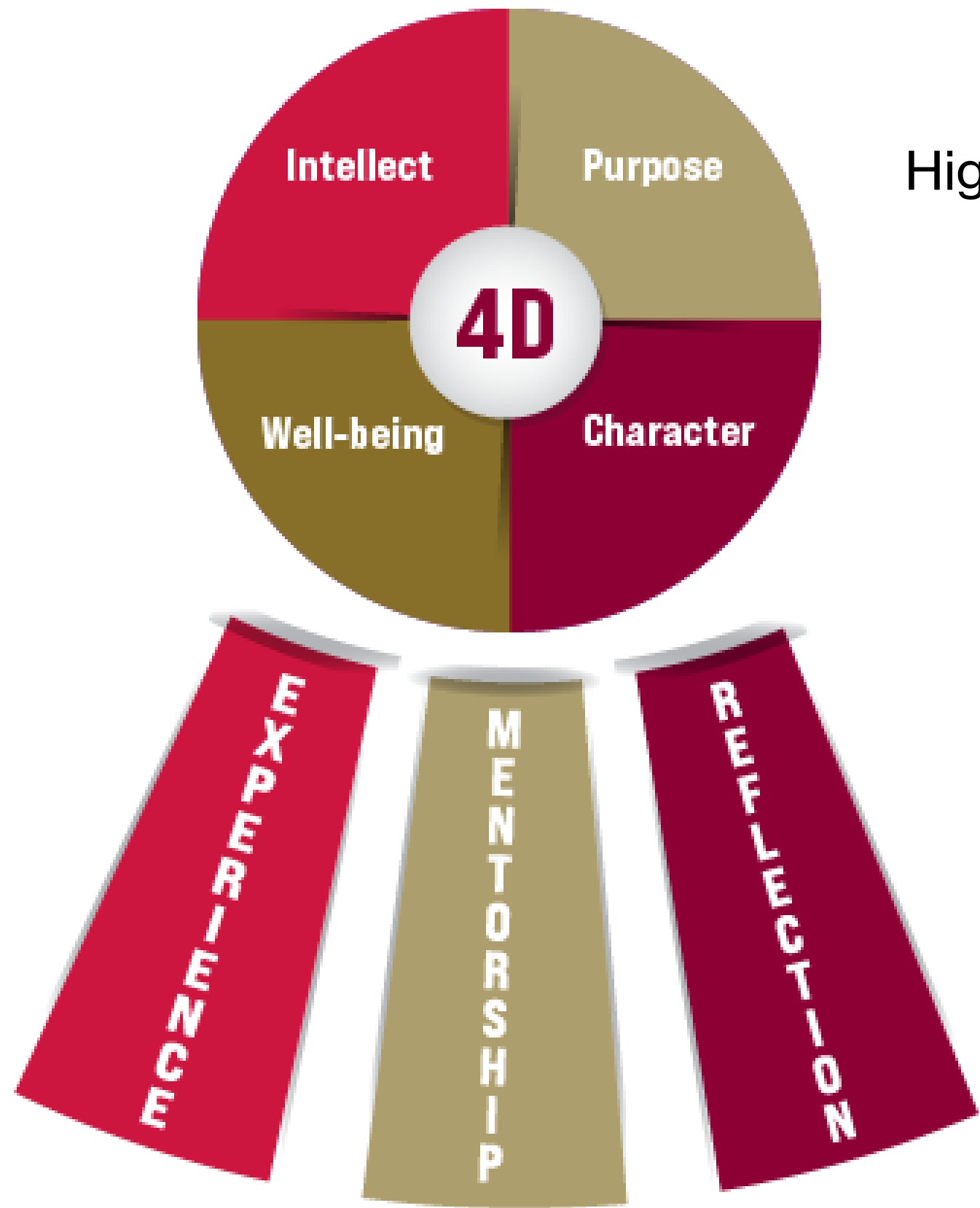
- Embrace compassion
- Practice resilience and courage
- Exercise integrity
- Utilize ethical decision-making
- Engage constructively across difference

## DEVELOP WELL-BEING

- Give yourself grace
- Embrace healthy behaviors
- Cultivate positive relationships
- Nurture your spirit

## DEEPEN INTELLECT

- Pursue your curiosity
- Seek out new vantage points
- Engage with real-world challenges
- Navigate ambiguity
- Create and innovate



## EXPERIENCES

Customized pathways  
Rich learning environments  
High-impact, signature experiences

## MENTORSHIP

Relationship-rich education  
Evolving constellation of support

## REFLECTION

Reflective touchpoints  
Deeper life interactions  
Sense-making

**Three Drivers**



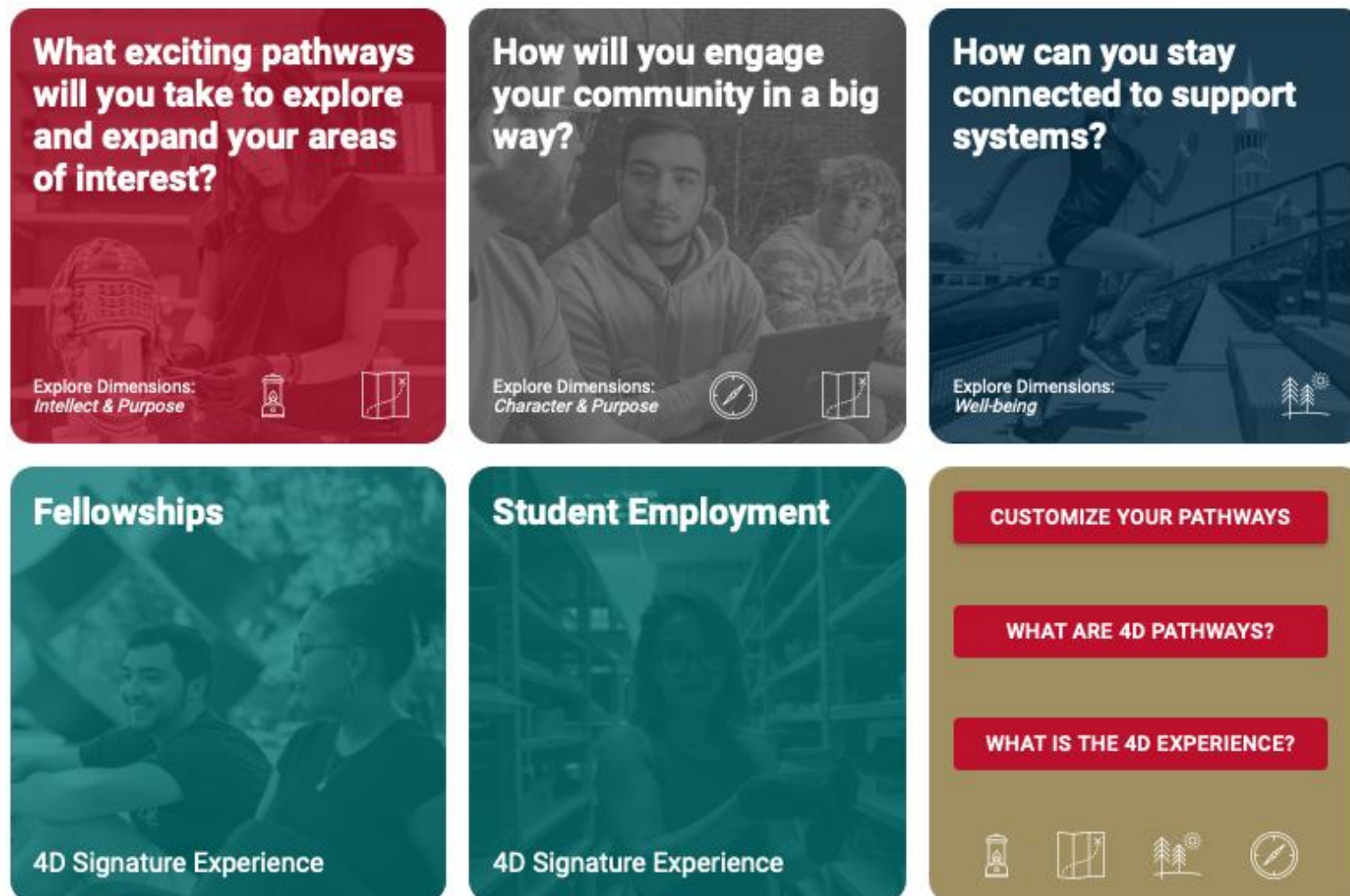


# My4D Digital Experience:

Sharing Experiences, Facilitating Reflection, and Connecting to Mentors

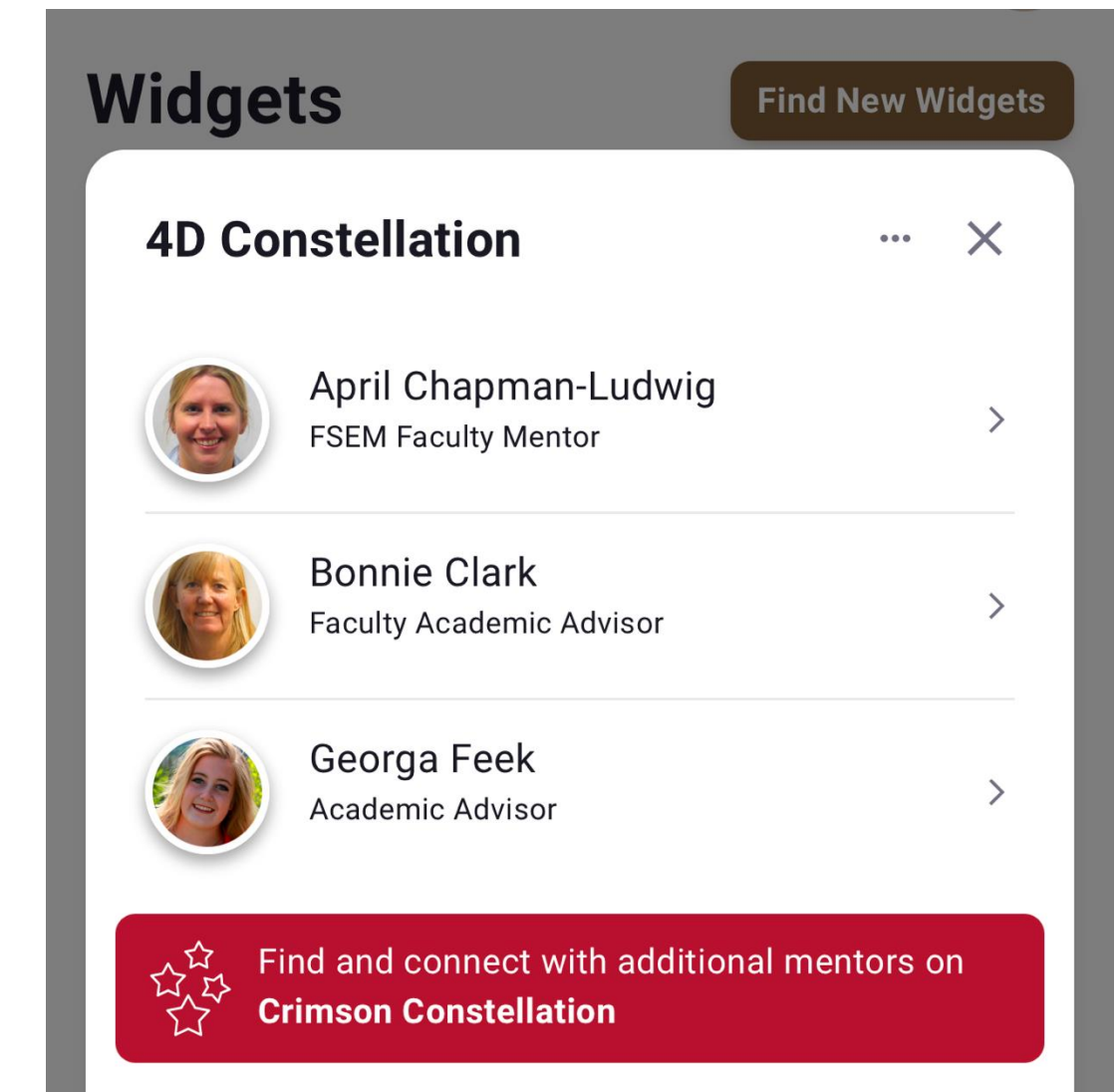
## 4D Pathways

- *What it is:* connects students to opportunities and resources that support their 4D Experience, specific to developmental stage
- *Features:*
  - checklists and resources organized into thematic tiles, featuring reflective tiles and prompts
  - “Customize 4D Pathways” that allows students to select – and get connected to 4D Signature Experiences of interest



## 4D Constellation

- *What it is:* connects students to mentors and advisors at the core of their constellation



# What is First Ascent?

- First Year Experience at Kennedy Mountain Campus
- The only fully funded opportunity for students to attend a program at the mountain campus
- All freshman are encouraged to sign up for a weekend
  - Summer experience August 22-24
  - Weekend trips throughout Fall Quarter
    - 6-7 trips in Fall Quarter to choose from
    - Wi-Fi and study rooms accessible to work during the weekend
- No outdoor experience is required!
  - Cabins and delicious catered food provided
- Registration opens July 1
  - Students can register throughout fall quarter

[Link to Video](#)





# Summer Opportunities to Engage

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## Hosting Small Welcome Events

- Hosted by Family ambassadors from California to Maryland
- Small events to welcome and connect with new families and students
  - Actively planning! Dates and more information will be posted in Fall Orientation 2025 community

## Summer Baseball Series:

- Hosted by DU's Regional Engagement team the summer baseball series is open to new students and families, current families, staff, and DU Alumni
- Hosted games:
  - LA (Anaheim Angels) 8/12
  - Atlanta 7/26
  - San Francisco 7/27
  - Boston 8/17
  - Chicago 8/3
  - Miami 7/3
  - Minnesota 7/29
  - New York 8/10
  - Seattle 8/10
  - Washington DC 8/3

Learn More or Purchase  
Tickets:

<https://rsvp.du.edu/event/duballpark2025/summary>

# Family Orientation

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**Families are welcomed on Tuesday, September 2nd and then encouraged to leave so their student to acclimate to campus independently for the remainder of the week**

## **Schedule-at-a-Glance:**

- 9am-5pm Family Welcome Lounge with Wish Wall
  - Write a wish to send your student off to their time at DU
  - Art installation will stay up for the first month of the quarter
- 1pm-4pm Family Orientation Sessions:
  - 1pm Academic Panel
  - 2pm Faculty talk
  - 3pm Navigating the Transition
    - Skills for families and harm reduction education surrounding drugs and alcohol
- 2:30pm-4:30pm Resource Fair in Community Commons
- 5pm-6pm New Student Convocation
- 6pm-8pm Crimson Cookout on Campus Green
  - Dinner provided



# Discoveries Orientation

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## Schedule-at-a-Glance:

**Tuesday, September 2, 2025: Move In & Discoveries Orientation Begins, Family Orientation Sessions**

**Wednesday, September 3, 2025:** Discoveries Orientation & FSEM time

**Thursday, September 4, 2025:** Discoveries Orientation & FSEM time

**Friday, September 5, 2025:** Discoveries Orientation & FSEM Destinations

**Saturday, September 6, 2025:** Discoveries Orientation

**Sunday, September 7, 2025:** Discoveries Orientation & Student Involvement Fair

**Monday, September 8, 2025:** First Day of Classes

[More information here](#)

# New Student Summer Timeline

## Preparing for Advising

### Transfer Students:

- 1:1 hour long advising appointments
- Email coming mid-June

### Traditional New Students (Freshman/First-Year):

- **June** – Discoveries Summer Experience – Online Modules to learn about advising and registration
- **July** – Webinar + Small Group Advising + Registration
  - Webinar – July 15<sup>th</sup> 2pm intention to inform families
  - Where will students get this information? Early July, students will Sign Up for Small Group Advising Appointment
    - AFTER can sign-up for 1-1 advising if needed
    - Register AFTER small group advising session

### Transfer Credit Hours:

- Students coming in with credits will be advised within first-year advising model and still need to complete these meetings
  - College specific advising begins in their second year





# Tips & Tricks for Supporting Your Student's Success



- Student success increases with family engagement level
  - Stay connected with webinars to learn the ways!
- Letting Go vs. Letting Grow
- Discuss On-Going Expectations (grades, money, communication, social, etc.)
- Establish communication plans
- Support ongoing adjustments socially and academically
  - Help to make a plan—when you feel stressed, homesick, ill, etc., what steps can you take?
  - Talk through roommate expectations

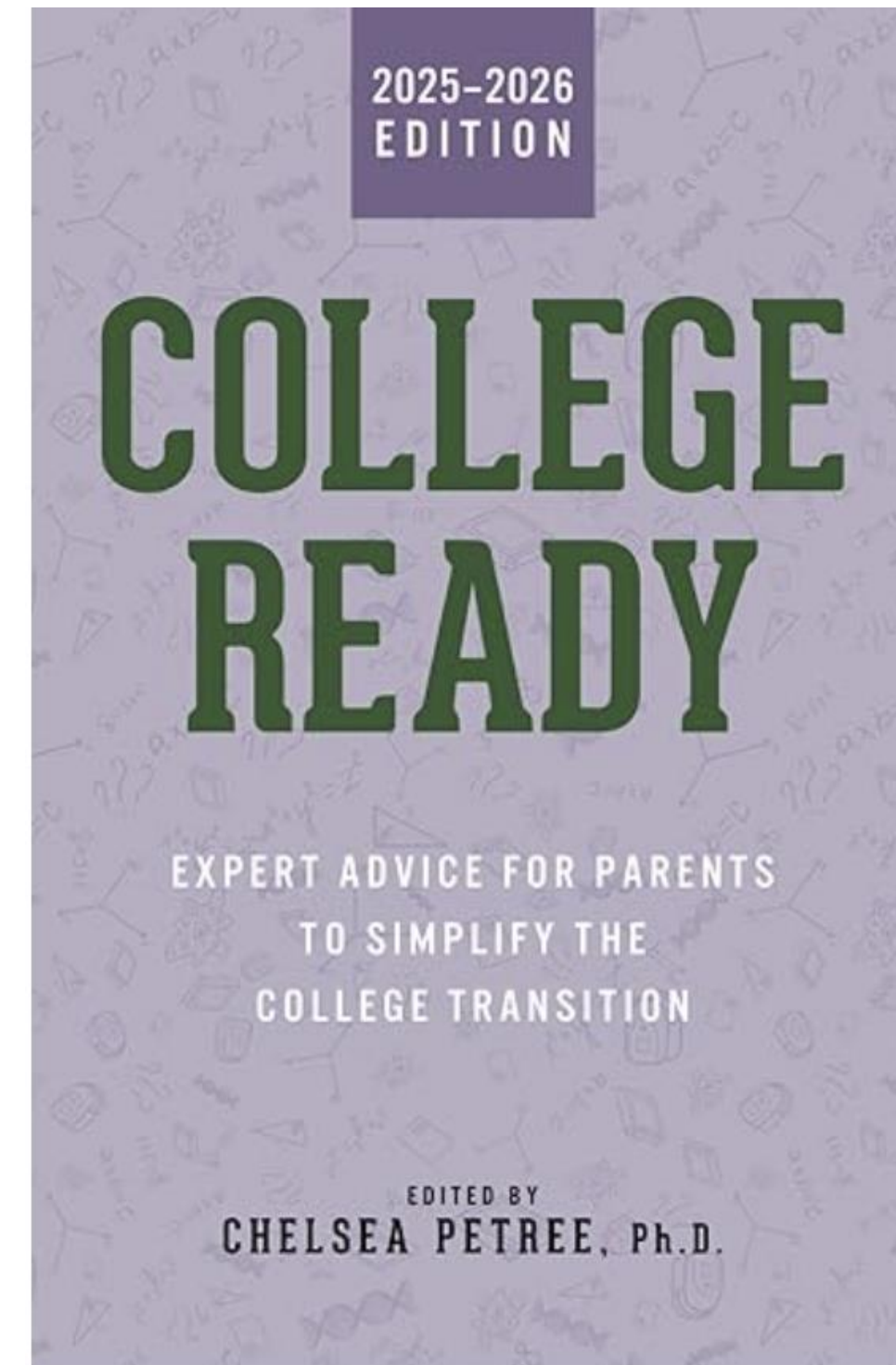
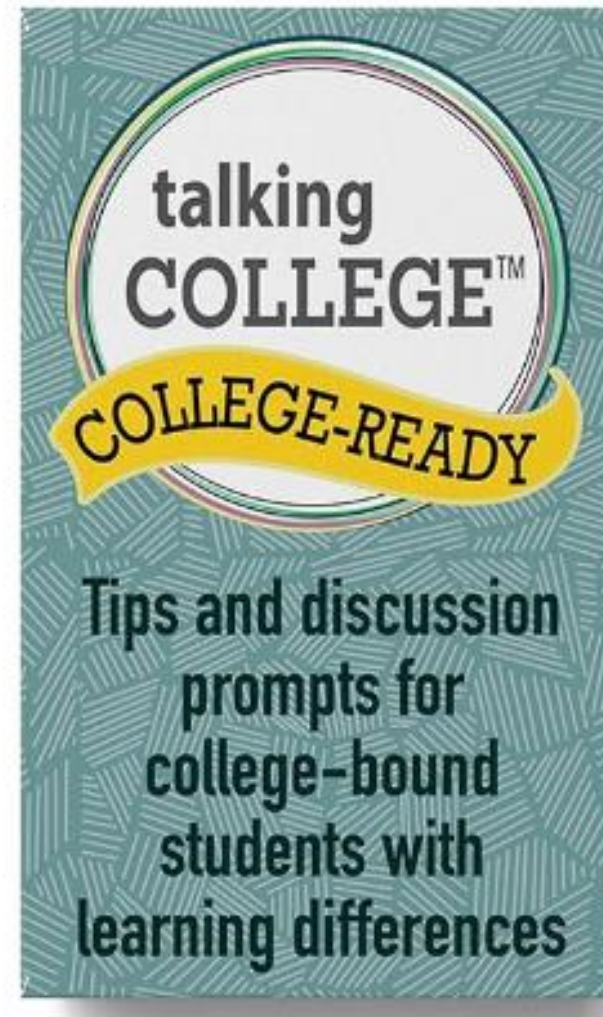
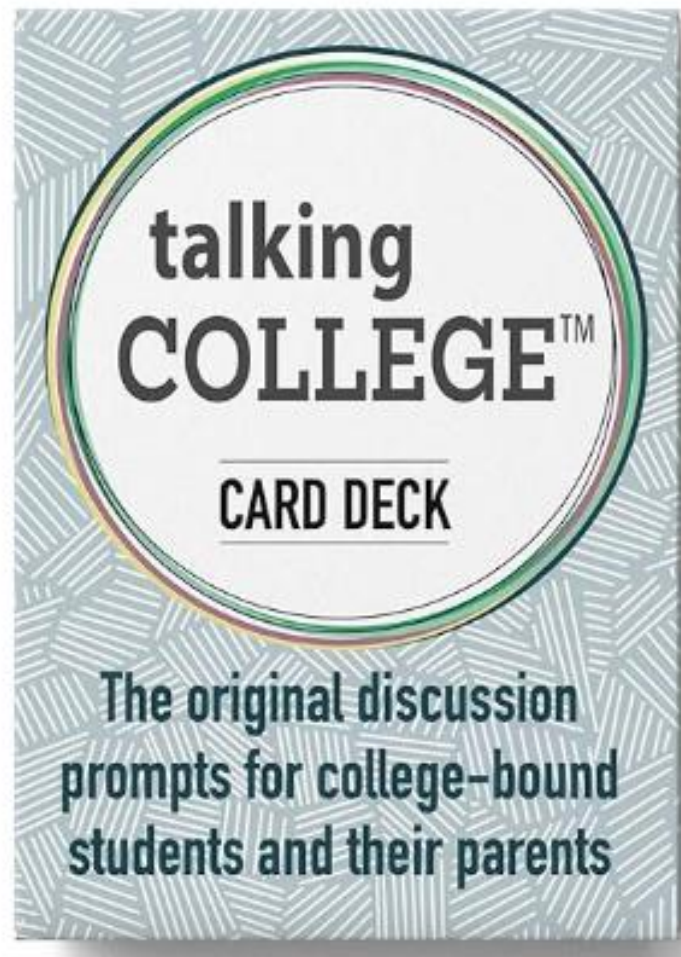
# Conversations to Consider this Month:

- What are you most looking forward to about college life?
- What are you nervous about in college life?
- What activities do you want to prioritize this summer before moving to college?
- How can I support you this summer with completing your Discoveries Summer Experience modules?





# Other Resources:



<https://www.collegeready.guide/>



# Future Webinar

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