

Getting Ready For Fall: Involvement & Student Engagement

New Student & Family Programs
Summer Webinar Series



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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 with any follow up questions



Today's Webinar

- New Student & Family Programs Overview
- Student Involvement and Engagement on Campus
- Facilitated Q&A

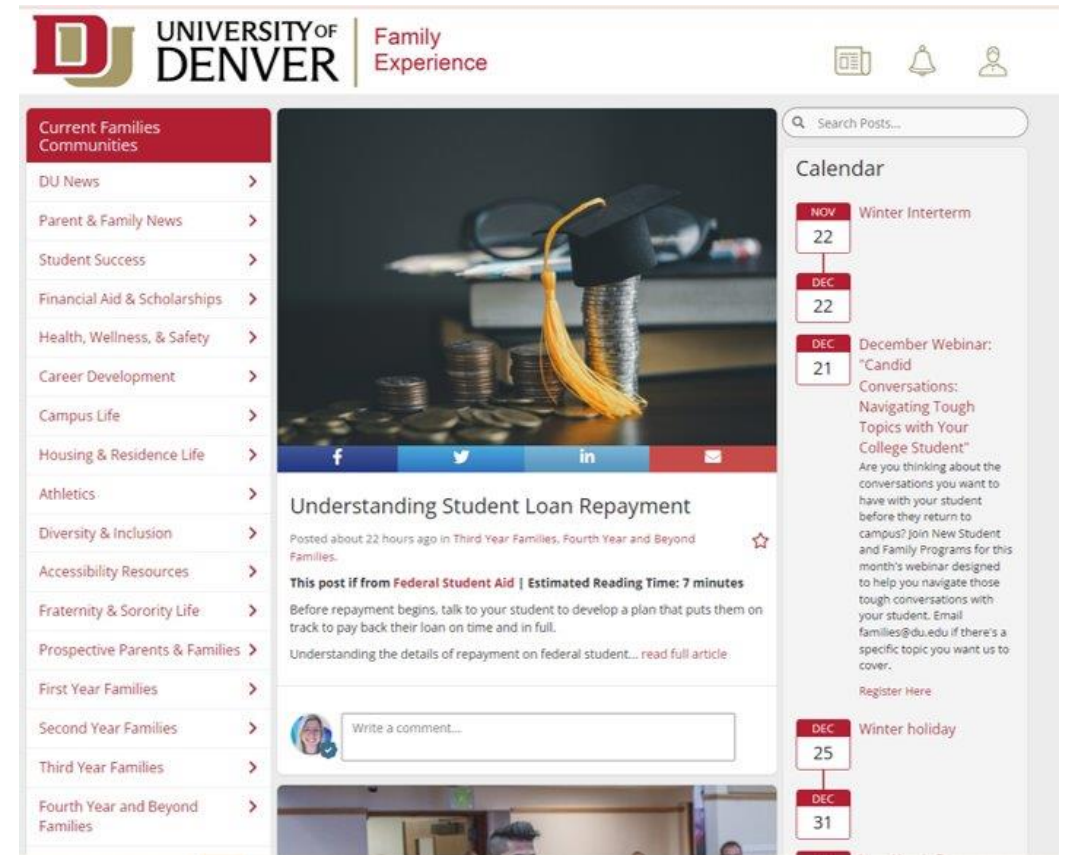
Where to Find Slides and Recording:

- 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



Webinar Schedule

Webinar Title	Webinar Date	Recap Posts
Welcome to DU: Next Steps for You and Your Student	Thursday, May 29th 2pm	Link to Recap Post
DU Money Management: Billing, Payment Options, and Financial Aid Basics	Thursday, June 12th 2pm	Link to Recap Post
Health Insurance & Immunizations – Overview of HCC Services	Thursday, June 26th 2pm	Link to Recap Post
New Student Advising & Registration Kickoff	Tuesday, July 15th 2pm	Link to Recap Post
Preparing for Move-In & Discoveries Orientation	Thursday, July 24th 2pm	Link to Recap Post
Involvement & Student Engagement	Thursday, August 7th 2pm	Office of Student Engagement Fraternity and Sorority Life
Family Orientation Recap and On Campus Supports	Thursday, September 18th 2pm	TBD

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



New Student & Family Programs



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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.



Where will my student learn all this information?

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
- **Winter quarter registration hold – will be placed in October and lifted 24 hours after completing required modules**
 - Module 3 holds required trainings from Vector, we predict this module will take 6-8 hours to complete

When do these modules need to be completed?

- All modules need to be completed by Tuesday, September 2nd
- 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

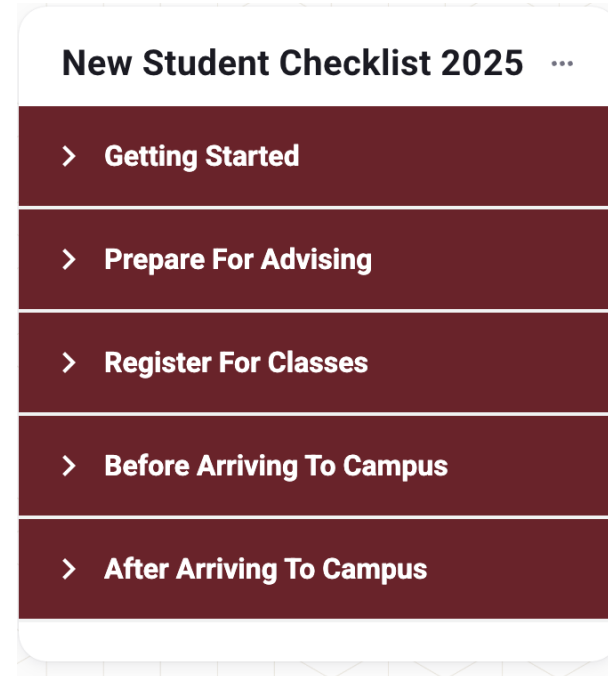
Today's webinar
information



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



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Office of Student Engagement

Getting Involved on Campus

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Meet the Student Engagement Team

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Director of Student Engagement

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Assistant Director of Student Engagement

Bright Mleta

Program Coordinator of Student Engagement

Amos, Caroline, & Madison

Graduate Assistants



Student Engagement Overview: Mission & Values

MISSION:

To provide **all** University of Denver students a co-curricular experience which empowers them to explore, connect, and grow.

Our “Why”:

The Office of Student Engagement believes in unleashing students' potential to lead and impact the world.

VALUES:

LEADERSHIP

INCLUSION

COMMUNITY

VISION

SUSTAINABILITY

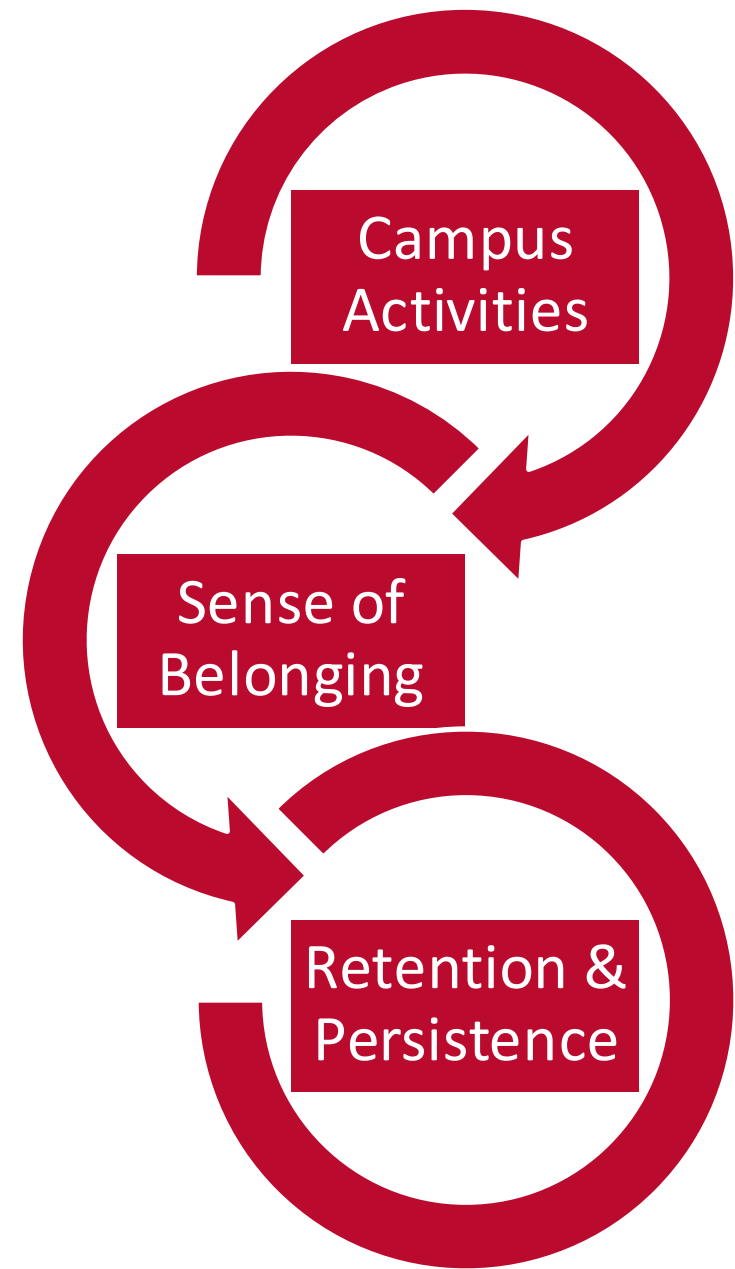


Our Purpose:

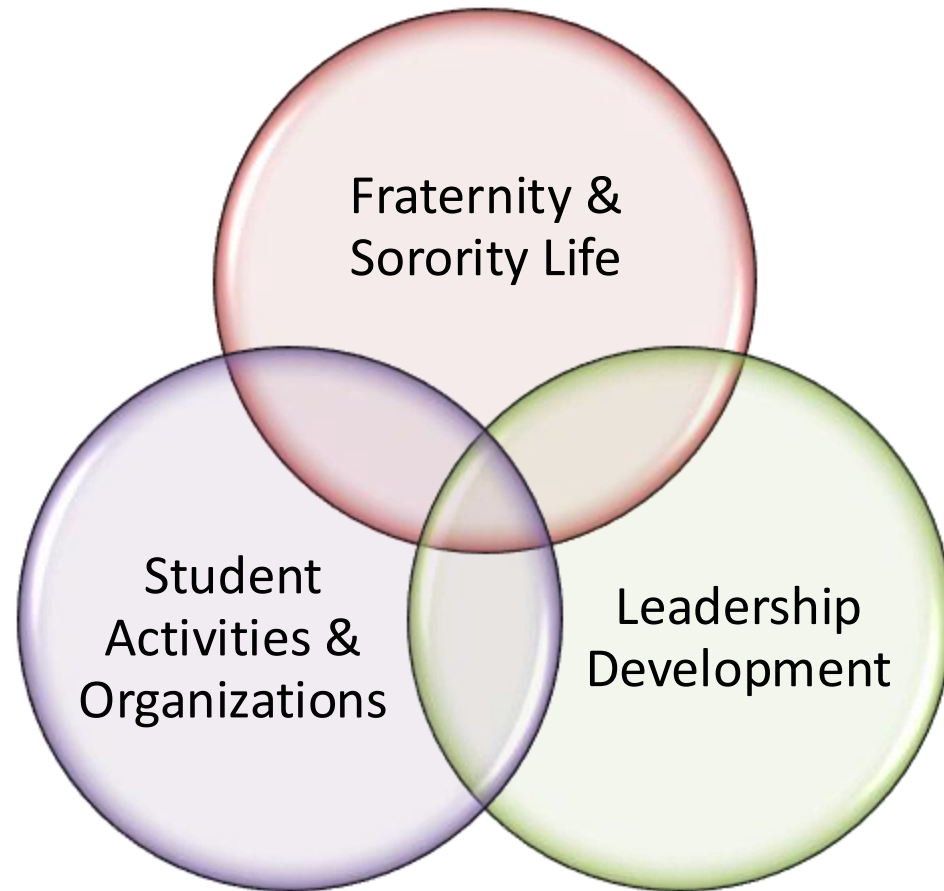
- Provide opportunities for development of:
 - Inter/intrapersonal skills
 - Life management skills
 - Increased cognitive complexity
- Complement & enhance classroom learning
- Develop a sense of community
- Contribute to a sense of belonging on campus

Sense of belonging is a significant factor in student retention, as it is positively associated with institutional commitment and intentions to persist

- Students who are involved in campus clubs, organizations, and committees tend to have a greater sense of belonging in college than their peers who are not involved in clubs or are involved less frequently



Student Engagement Overview: Our Work





Fraternity & Sorority Life

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- 21 recognized chapters
- 3 active councils
 - Interfraternity Council
 - Multicultural Greek Council
 - Panhellenic Association





Fraternity & Sorority Life

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- 21 Recognized Chapters
- 3 Governing Councils
 - Interfraternity Council (10)
 - More coming!
 - Multicultural Greek Council (5)
 - More coming!
 - Panhellenic Association (6)
- 20% of the student body/1150+ members and growing.
- Members are more likely to graduate and have higher GPAs
- Learning opportunities such as:
 - Leadership Summit: Organizational change, project management, team leadership, etc.
 - Personal/Professional Development: AFLV, Chapter/Council conferences, etc.
 - Collaboration with numerous campus departments.





Fraternity & Sorority Life

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- Recruitment Info!
 - Interfraternity Council Chapters
 - Sept. 17 - 23
 - Register online by going to Instagram!
 - Multicultural Greek Council Chapters
 - MGC Welcomes You Home: Sept. 8 - 13
 - Panhellenic Association
 - Sept. 25 - 29
 - Register online by going to Instagram!
- More information about events can be found on social media:
 - Interfraternity Council
 - @du_ifc
 - Multicultural Greek Council
 - @dumgc
 - Panhellenic Association
 - @dupanhel
 - Email us at: fsl@du.edu
 - Website: <https://crimsonconnect.du.edu/fsl/>



Student Activities & Organizations



DUPB: DU Programming Board

- Primary undergraduate event planning organization.
- Offer fun, free and low-cost events and activities to DU students with a focus on inclusion, creativity, and intentionality
- Strive to bring together the DU community and create lifelong memories for our peers



USG: Undergraduate Student Government

Executive

- President
- Vice President
- President Pro Tempore
- Executive Directors & Chairs and Logistical roles



Legislative

- Senate
 - Class, College, On/Off Campus, Special Population Senators
- Senate Committees
 - Academic & Intergovernmental Affairs
 - Finance Committee
 - Student Organizations Committee
- Diversity
- Senate Affairs
- Sustainability
- Student Life
- Campus Management

Judicial

- Justice Primus
- Appointed Justices



Starting a Student Organization



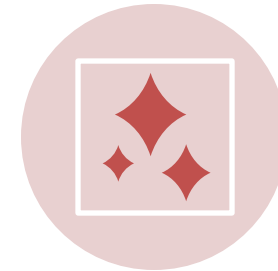
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7 ADDITIONAL
MEMBERS



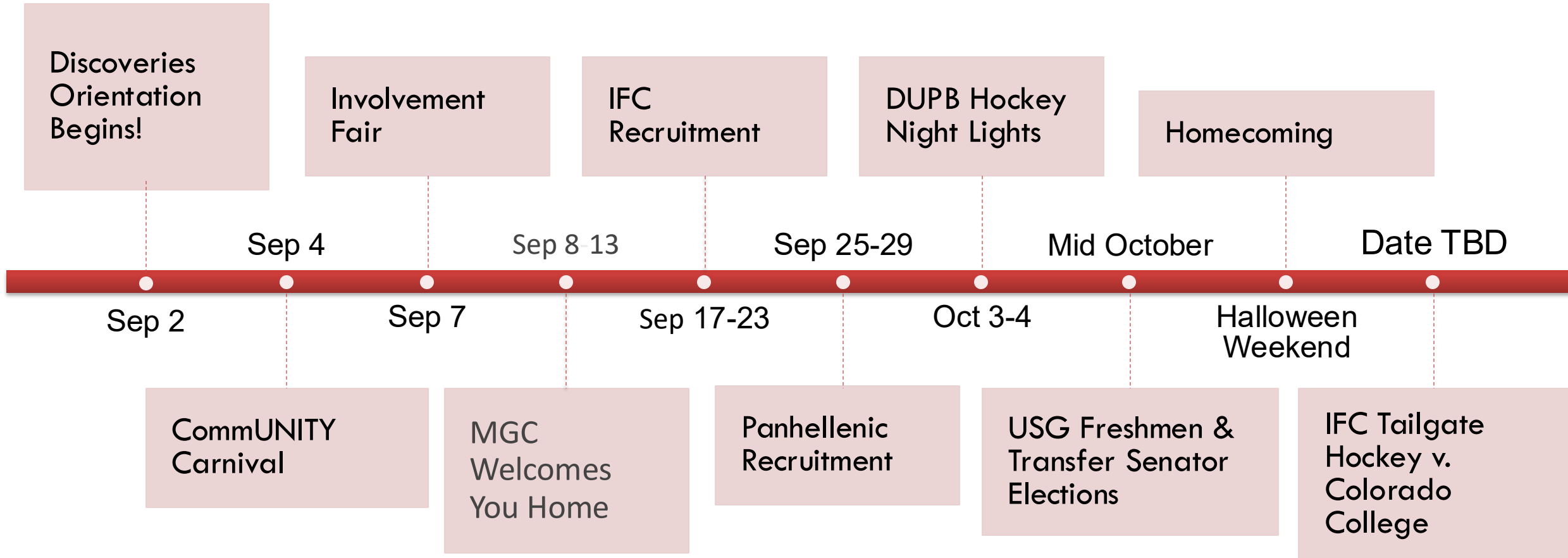
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ADVISOR



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ON CAMPUS



Important Fall Dates & Events!



Important Involvement Dates

- **Sunday, September 7**
 - 5:30-7:00pm between CCOM and DFRV
 - Student Involvement Fair
- **September 8-13th**
 - MGC Welcomes You Home
- **September 17 – 23rd**
 - IFC Recruitment
- **September 25 – 29th**
 - Panhellenic Recruitment



Hallmark Events

- Discoveries After Dark
- FSL Recruitment/Intake
- Hockey Night Lights
- Countdown to Homecoming
- Halloween/Dia De Los Muertos
- First Snow
- CCOM Birthday Bash
- Winter Carnival
- Grad Student Appreciation Week
- Senior Week
- May Days
- MusicFest



Get Connected with us!

Instagram:

@UofDenverCampus

@UofDenverFSL

@DUProgrammingBoard

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Find us on the 3rd Floor of the Community Commons

Discoveries Orientation Overview

Email: orientation@du.edu
Phone: 303-871-6080



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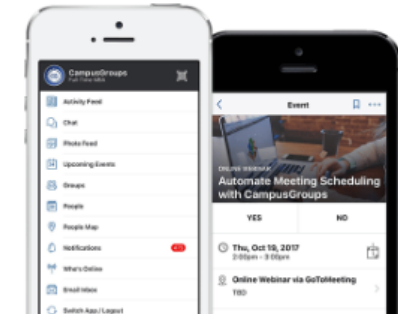
Discoveries Orientation App

- Tell your student to download the app
 - Families can too! See next slide for directions
- View schedule and locations
- Access interactive campus map



DOWNLOAD

CRIMSON CONNECT TO ACCESS THE DISCOVERIES ORIENTATION SCHEDULE ON YOUR PHONE STARTING AUGUST 4TH! REGISTER FOR EVENTS & MORE! FAMILIES - MUST REGISTER FOR FAMILY ORIENTATION FIRST TO ACCESS APP.



- 1 Download the DU CrimsonConnect App
- 2 Select "Discoveries Orientation Fall 2025"
- 3 Log in using your DU credentials



Register for Family Orientation!

Families need to register for event BEFORE gaining access to Discoveries App!

Step 1: [Register for Family Orientation](#) on a Computer

- Does not work well on phone or tablet browser
- Use the “First Time User” box to create an account
- If it's not working, try a different browser or call our office (303-871-6080)

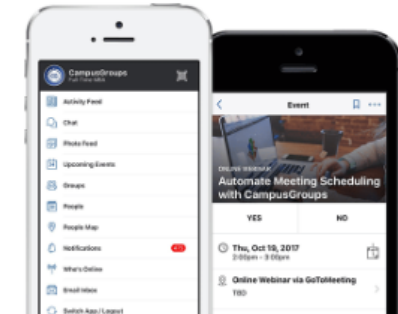
Step 2: Download Crimson Connect App

- To login, use the email tied to the Family Orientation registration
- System will send you 6-digit code as password
- If it's not working, reach out to our office or view the app with your student on their account



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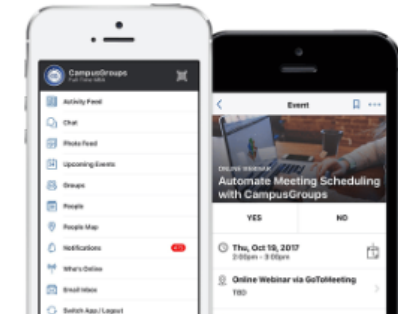
Family Access to the App:

- Candidly, it's been a process to improve the family user experience of the app
- It will work best for your student with their DU Login
- Families can find the schedule on our website, if you do not want to use the app
 - [Family Orientation \(Tues 9/2\)](#)



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4D Peer Mentors



Your student is assigned a 4D Peer Mentor (Orientation Leader) to help guide them through their first Fall Quarter.

- FSEM and Transfer Groups
- Leads them to DU Class Photo, Orientation Rotations, DU Resource Flash Talks, and more
- FSEM Destinations
- Fall Mentorship Meetings
- Ensure your student knows this person's name! (not announced yet)

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 first-year students are encouraged to sign up for a weekend

Summer experience August 22-24

Weekend trips throughout Fall Quarter

6 trips in Fall Quarter to choose from

Wi-Fi and study rooms accessible to work during the weekend

Transfer student First Ascent Trip - September 5th-7th

Great way to meet new friends and enjoy a structured weekend!

No outdoor experience is required!

Cabins and delicious catered food provided

[Registration is open!](#)

Students can register throughout fall quarter

[Link to Video](#)



What is Discoveries After Dark?

- Time in the evenings for your students to make connections and learn about campus resources!
- Encourage your students to attend events and step outside of their comfort zone.
- There are events for introverts, extroverts, and all abilities
- Low-stimulation space provided.

Tuesday 9/2 – TuesDIY

- Succulents, DU pillow stuffing, etc.

Wednesday 9/3 – Rec Night!

- Skating, intramurals, Dip'n Dots, etc.

Thursday 9/4 – Boardwalk Carnival

- Mechanical surfboards, axe throwing, trivia, tree climbing, sand art, etc.

Friday 9/5 – Friday Night Live

- Casino games, hypnotist, drag bingo

Saturday 9/6 – Destination Denver

- Laser tag, hamper ball races, DJ



Student Involvement Fair

Sunday, September 7th | 5:30 – 7:00pm | Race St and Dimond Green

- 135+ student organizations
 - Registered Student Orgs
 - Club Sports
 - Academic Societies/Fraternities
 - Fraternities and Sororities
- Time for new and returning students to showcase and connect!



Homecoming & Family Weekend

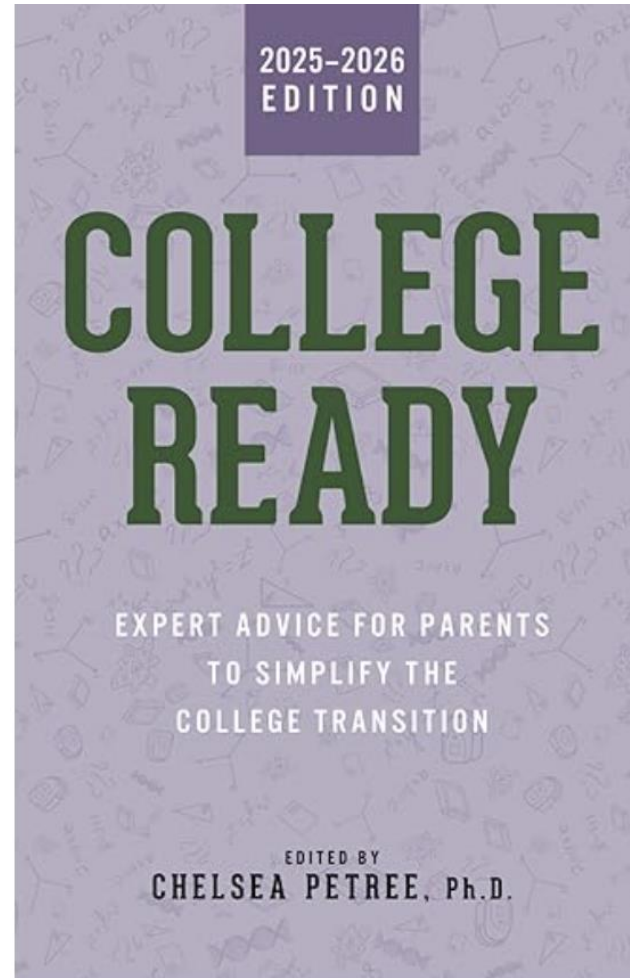
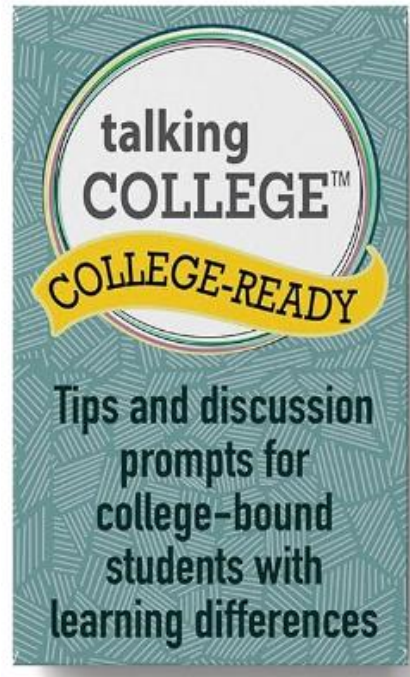
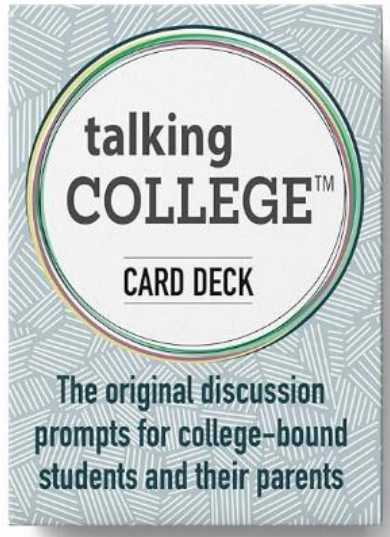
Homecoming (Fall—October)

- Opportunity to visit in the fall
- October 31st-November 1st
 - Friday 10/31 -
 - Saturday 11/1-

Family Weekend (Spring—April)

- Announced at Homecoming!
- Either 2nd or 4th weekend of April
 - Waiting on the athletics calendar in the Fall

Other Resources:



Useful Chapters:

- Chapter 9: Is my student ready to adult?
- Chapter 10: How can I say this?
- Chapter 11: How much stuff will fit in a dorm room?
- Chapter 12: What if I cry while saying goodbye?

Summer Opportunities to Engage

Hosting Small Welcome Events

- Hosted by Family Ambassadors from California to Maryland
- Small events to welcome and connect with new families and students
 - If there's an event in your area, you'll receive an email from a parent ambassador extending an invitation

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:
 - ~~Atlanta 7/26~~
 - ~~San Francisco 7/27~~
 - ~~Minnesota 7/29~~
 - ~~Chicago 8/3~~
 - ~~Washington DC 8/3~~
 - New York 8/10
 - Seattle 8/10
 - LA (Anaheim Angels) 8/12
 - Boston 8/17

Learn More or Purchase
Tickets:

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

Webinar Title	Webinar Date	Campus Partners
Family Orientation Recap and On Campus Supports	Thursday, September 18th 2pm	Student Rights and Responsibility Office (SRR)

Stay tuned for topics and registration link to our Fall Webinar Series – will be announced on DU Family Experience and our website!

Future Webinar

Registration
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Questions?

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Question and Answer time.



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