New Student Orientation

Tuesday

- Meeting with Orientation Leaders
- Academic requirements and expectations
- Workshops - academic transition, safety, how to get involved in campus life
- Social events: Game Room, Work Out, school socials, common reading discussion
- Common Reading: *The Honor Code* by Kwame Anthony Appiah (author addresses students during Welcome Week)
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- Model class and campus resources
- Meet Your Dean: Learn time of Thursday registration appointment
- *True Life — I’m a Hofstra Student, Pizza, Super Secret Event*

Thursday

- Registration appointments 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- HofstraCard photo, parking sticker, computer questions, dining contract, FERPA waiver
- Check out of the residence hall by 4 p.m.
More than Classroom

Hofstra educates students in and out of classroom to become thoughtful, responsible, and independent adults.

P.R.I.D.E. Principles
Topics for Conversation

- Academics
- Money Matters
- Making Choices in a Community
- Communication
Academics

Urge your student to:

- Go to class
- See advisement dean regularly, especially before each semester’s registration
- Meet with professors at least once a semester during office hours prior to mid-terms
- Master time-management skills
- Engaged students are more successful:
  
  hofstra.edu/discovery (August 23-27)

  Student Leadership and Activities: 516-463-6914
Money Matters

Paying for college: a great commitment for the entire family

- Jobs on campus: hofstra.edu/studentemployment
- Monthly budget
- The benefits and dangers of a credit card
- Car insurance and upkeep; alternative: zipcar.com/hofstra

To discuss your student’s account:
StudentFinancialServices@hofstra.edu, 516-463-8000
206 Memorial Hall, hofstra.edu/sfshowto
Making Choices in a Community

**PRIDE Principles**
- Personal/Social Responsibility
- Respect for Self and Others
- Integrity, Ethics and Leadership
- Diversity and Community
- Expression and Free Exchange

- Repeat your expectations for your child’s behavior in college: alcohol, drugs, responsibility to self and others, academic honesty
- Campus Clarity: sexual assault prevention, drug and alcohol abuse prevention – students complete online in August
Communication

- Agree on how and how often you will communicate
- Grades: through the portal at the end of each semester
- Connect to the roommate and suitemates; learn who Resident Director is
- Commuters connect to the Off-Campus Living and Commuting Student Services
  hofstra.edu/commuting
  commuters@hofstra.edu
FERPA?
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- Hofstra interprets Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 strictly: “No one outside the institution shall have access to a student’s education records, nor will the institution disclose any information from these records without the written consent of the student.”
- Useful to have FERPA waiver in an emergency
- Your students complete FERPA waiver through the portal my.hofstra.edu
  - Steps: hofstra.edu/sfshowto
Tuition Insurance

Optional Tuition Refund Plan (TRP) by A.W.G. Dewar

- Covers 75% of tuition for the medical/physical reasons, 60% for mental health withdrawals
- $132 per semester
- Must sign up by the first day of class (by August 29)
- collegerefund.com
Tips for Parents

Be an anchor

- Listen; then listen some more
- Encourage your student to find resources on campus: faculty, advisement deans, Student Leadership and Activities, Student Counseling Center
- Ask probing questions: How do you plan to handle this? What is your advisement dean’s name? What might you do differently next time?

When students own their decisions, they grow and mature.
When to Worry

- If students have nothing to say about their courses or academic goals after first six weeks
- You can sense a dramatic change in your student’s mood that persists for a long period of time (is s/he going to class?)
- Tell us about important changes at home (illness, death, divorce): we will reach out to your student
- Call Parent Office: 516-463-4698
- For true emergencies (medical, psychological, safety) call Public Safety 516-463-6789; info line: 516-463-6606
Dates and Facts

- **Discovery Program:**
  Saturday, August 23 – Wednesday, August 27, 2014

- **Welcome/Move-In Day:** Thursday, August 28
  (President’s Welcome 2:45 p.m.; say goodbye at 4 p.m.; parent reception 4-5:30 p.m.)

- **Welcome Week (students):** August 28 – September 1

- **First day of classes:** Tuesday, September 2

- **Students get FREE software (Microsoft Office, etc.) through the portal – click on My Apps**

- **Computer information:** hofstra.edu/scs
E-mail 3 Photos

Scan and e-mail up to 3 milestone photos of your student to parents@hofstra.edu by Friday, August 8, 2014
I am moving in, too!
How We Communicate With You

- Website for parents: hofstra.edu/parents
- Parent and Family Handbook
- Family Connection Blog - hofstraparents.blogspot.com
- Family Link E-Newsletter – emailed at least once a month
- Complete Family Information Form today or online
Family Events

Hofstra Fall Festival: Alumni, Student and Family Weekend
Friday-Sunday, September 19-21
- Arboretum and museum tours, concert and carnival, faculty model classes, comedy show, info sessions (The Career Center, Advisement), Cub Zone, Parade of Floats
- Donate items/services for Parent Council’s Chance Auction
- Book hotel early hofstra.edu/hotels
- Registration is open at hofstra.edu/fw

Siblings Day – February 2015

Hofstra Gala for student scholarships – May 2015

Web Chats – archived at hofstra.edu/parents
Get Engaged

- “LIKE” facebook.com/HofstraParents: receive a gift
- Follow us on Twitter @HofstraParents
- Volunteer for events
- Write “Parent Voice” blogs for the Family Connection
- Offer internships and jobs to Hofstra students
- Host regional receptions
- Join the Parent Council
- Subscribe to Family Link at hofstra.edu/familylink
Skit #1

A Pre-Med Major
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Welcome, Parents!

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