Parent and Family Mini-March to the Arch

2016

Northwestern NEW STUDENT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS
Welcome!

Hello, new Wildcat parents and family members!

Welcome to the Northwestern community – and the Wildcat family! The Office of New Student and Family Programs (NSFP) is excited to share with you some terrific programs, resources, and materials prepared for you – the families – during your student’s tenure at Northwestern. Your student recently received the March to the Arch newsletter via e-mail from NSFP, and will continue to receive this important informational piece the first Tuesday of each month through September. You can access the May March to the Arch in the same e-mail that contained this Mini-March or simply click here. Each month, I will send you the March to the Arch link a few days after the students receive it so you can be aware of what they are receiving and perhaps remind them to read it and take action if they have not already done so. In late May, your student will receive Purple Prep in the mail. Purple Prep is the “go-to guide” for all requirements your student MUST complete BEFORE arriving for Wildcat Welcome, our new student orientation program. It is the only item that will be mailed to them. Your student should plan to consult the Purple Prep booklet and the March to the Arch e-newsletters often to keep on track this summer and prepare for their successful transition to Northwestern.

NSFP will also offer two Parent and Family Webinars this summer on July 10 and August 26; both will take place from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CST, so mark your calendars now! Information about logging on to the webinars will be sent to your e-mail as webinar dates approach. Not signed up for our e-mail listserv or need to add a family member? Find instructions on page 2.

As you consider making plans for move-in day on Monday, September 12; Parent and Family Orientation on September 12 and 13; and Family Weekend in early November, please take a look at pages 3 and 4 for helpful information.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you have at family@northwestern.edu.

We look forward to partnering with you as your Wildcat begins this new adventure, and look forward to meeting you in September!

Best Regards,

Patricia F. Hilkert
Director of New Student and Family Programs
Staying Connected to Northwestern

If you have not done so already, make sure to subscribe to the parent and family e-mail list. Click here to sign up. Then, select the Class of 2020 option and hit Submit.

Bookmark the New Student and Family Programs website. Check during the summer – and the academic year – for information pertaining to Northwestern parents and families.

Wildcat Family Focus is our quarterly newsletter for parents and families. If you sign up for the parent and family e-mail list, a copy will be delivered to your inbox each quarter. You can also find the current issue on our website.

Questions? You can always send us an e-mail at family@northwestern.edu, or give us a call at 847-467-3988. We will be able to answer your question, or point you to someone at Northwestern who can.
Parent and Family Programs

Parent and Family Orientation
As soon as Wildcat Welcome begins, your student will be immersed in orientation activities. This is an important piece of the transition for students, and they will be kept busy – meeting new people, registering for classes, and getting to know Northwestern.

We know that this is a transition for parents and families, too, which is why we offer a two-day Parent and Family Orientation. During this time, you will have the opportunity to be welcomed by President Schapiro, learn more about academic programs, and meet other Wildcat families. Please refer to page 4 for a detailed Parent and Family Orientation schedule and plan to register for this free program by Friday, August 26, 2016 so we can plan adequately for your arrival.

Click here to register!

Family Weekend
Family Weekend is an annual Northwestern celebration in which families of all undergraduate students are invited to spend a weekend on campus.

We look forward to welcoming you to campus for Family Weekend Friday, November 4, through Sunday, November 6, 2016. Registration will begin in late June, and a preliminary Family Weekend schedule will become available in July.

Click here for more information about Family Weekend!

Family Ambassadors
The Family Ambassadors are a group of 30 undergraduate students who volunteer their time to help families become part of the Northwestern community. Selected through a competitive application process, FAs go through extensive training so that they can best serve parents and families.

Look for FAs in purple shirts (pictured above) at Parent and Family Orientation!
Parent and Family Orientation 2016

At-a-Glance Tentative Schedule of Events

Monday, September 12

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Move-In / assigned residence halls

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Wildcat Welcome check-in / assigned Wildcat Welcome Centers

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Residential College Faculty Chair Receptions / residential colleges

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Student Enrichment Services Family Welcome / location to be determined

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Parent & Family Welcome from President Schapiro / Combe Tennis Center

5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
Academic Dean’s Welcome for Families / various campus locations

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
President’s Reception for Parents and Families / Norris East Lawn, Norris Ground Floor

8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
“A Year in the Life” Family Ambassadors skits and panel / McCormick Auditorium, Norris

Tuesday, September 13

9:00 am – 10:00 am
March through the Arch / Weber Arch, Deering Meadow

10:30 a.m. – Noon
Dean of Students Session for Families / Combe Tennis Center

Noon – 1:30 p.m.
Lunch with Family Ambassadors (discounted rate) / various dining halls

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Campus Tours / tours leave from Norris main entrance every half hour

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Parent and Family Resource Fair / Louis Room, Norris

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Northwestern Neighbors Regional Receptions / various locations, Norris
# Upcoming Deadlines for Your Student

We know your student probably has everything under control, but we also know that parents and families often find it helpful to have their own list of new students’ to-do items, just in case. Below is a list of the most important upcoming deadlines for students. Please encourage your student to read Purple Prep carefully when it arrives in the mail, and to complete all required items by the listed deadlines. Northwestern will not send reminder e-mails as deadlines approach. Questions? E-mail us.

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Northwestern Spirit

Being part of the Northwestern family means learning the fight song and the Alma Mater! Spend some time this summer practicing with your student, so that you are all prepared for Wildcat Welcome – because it will be sung. [Follow this link to sing along to the fight song!]

Fight Song

Go! U Northwestern!
Break right through that line.
With our colors flying,
We will cheer you all the time,
U! Rah! Rah!
Go! U Northwestern!
Fight for victory,
Spread far the fame of our fair name.
Go, Northwestern! Win that game!

(Yell) Go, Northwestern, go!
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Hit ’em hard! Hit ’em low!
Go, Northwestern, go!

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Words and music by Theodore Van Etten, class of 1913

Alma Mater

Hail to Alma Mater!
We will sing thy praise forever;
All thy sons and daughters
Pledge thee victory and honor.
Alma Mater, praise be thine,
May thy name forever shine!
Hail to Purple! Hail to White!
Hail to thee, Northwestern!

Words by Thomas Tyra, class of 1954