Dear Parents and Families,

I am amazed at just how fast this school year has passed. From the inspiring Comm Fest 2018 hosted by Stephen Colbert to another successful Dance Marathon, the 2017-18 academic year has provided us with wonderful celebrations and lasting memories. As commencement draws near, I am reminded of the events that have shaped this remarkable year.

Several students were recognized for their accomplishments and achievements, receiving major awards to continue their studies. Lucia Brunel of the McCormick School of Engineering and Lars Benson of the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences were selected as Marshall Scholars and will study in the United Kingdom, while Hadley Pfalzgraf, also of Weinberg, was selected as a Mitchell Scholar and will study in Ireland. Garam Kim (Bienen/WCAS ’14, Feinberg ’18) has been chosen for the first cohort of Knight-Hennessy Scholars. We are proud to announce we have 24 Fulbright Finalists for next year, and we congratulate the current Fulbrighters finishing their independent research, degrees, and internships abroad.

Also, our very own running-back Justin Jackson has been drafted to play for the Los Angeles Chargers, our Women’s Tennis team took the title of Big Ten Champions and senior Dylan Wu placed third in Men’s Golf Big Ten Championships.

As this academic year comes to a close, optimism abounds for the future. With a newly committed class, the Wildcat family will soon be enriched with the energy and enthusiasm only first-year students bring. Greeting these 

To those families who will be celebrating a graduate with us next month, I wish your students health, happiness, and safe journeys as they embark upon their next adventure. They – and you – will always be a part of our family.

Thank you for an extraordinary year. Go Cats!

Todd Adams
Associate Vice President & Dean of Students
Doesn’t it feel like just yesterday that you were moving your student into their residence hall? It’s already that time of year for students to clean up, clear out, and start their summer internship, classes, or vacation.

All residence halls, residential colleges, and residential communities will close at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 16, 2018, for all students (except those approved for late stay extensions). Students granted late stay extensions by Residential Services will move out of current assignments by 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, 2018.

All residents will receive a checklist of items to complete, posted on their room door, prior to checking out. After the checklist has been completed and all personal belongings have been removed, each student must stop by their neighborhood desk to officially check-out. Residents may be billed for room damages that occurred over the course of the year.

Residents are encouraged to carefully read emails and bulletin boards related to closing procedures, attend floor or building meetings about closing, visit the Residential Services website, or reach out to their Resident Assistant or Residence Director if they have any questions.

Students encouraged to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle when moving out
Students will be able to donate clothing, small household items, and food when clearing out their rooms. Collection boxes will be placed in every residence hall and in the Henry Crown Sports Pavilion lobby during finals week. If your student has a bike at school, please encourage them to bring it home or store it for the summer to avoid potential damage or theft.

Summer Storage
The University does not provide storage of any personal belongings over the summer months in any space within the residence halls. Items left in the trunk rooms at the end of the year or bikes left in bike storage at the conclusion of that program will be deemed abandoned and will be discarded. Our University Preferred Vendor, USS, can help ship and/or store your student’s belongings at the end of the academic year. See their website, Northwestern USS, for more details about shipping options.

If your student is moving off-campus soon or is thinking about moving off-campus during his/her college career, Off-Campus Life is here to offer resources, information, and safety tips.

As your student prepares to move out of their residence hall or apartment this spring, consider using our “How To Move Out” video or PDF as a guide. Additionally, some local movers and related vendors offer discounts to Northwestern students. Students can view the list of all WildCARD Advantage discounts online or by downloading the NUhelp app and finding the Wildcard Advantage resource in the Map feature.

For more information about off-campus living and safety, please visit our website. Our print and video guides include topics such as moving in, budgeting, subletting, and many more that may be of interest to students considering moving or living off-campus.

If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to email offcampuslife@northwestern.edu or call 847-467-3160.
We are pleased to invite the families and guests of the Class of 2018 to attend Northwestern's 160th Commencement Ceremony.

Commencement will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, June 22, 2018 at Ryan Field. The day will be filled with all of the excitement and grandeur of such an important day at Northwestern. The ceremony will be outdoors and is expected to last two hours with speeches from students, faculty, and our 2018 Commencement Speaker, Renée Fleming.

In addition to attending Commencement and Convocation events, we welcome guests and their graduates to attend other events happening throughout the weekend such as the Baccalaureate Ceremony, Multicultural Student Affairs’ Congratulatories, and the President’s Reception on Thursday, June 21. Distribution of diplomas will take place at individual school convocations on Friday and Saturday, June 22 and 23.

For a complete schedule of events, shuttle times, emergency information, and other important details for families and campus visitors, please visit the following:

Northwestern homepage
Commencement website
Northwestern University Commencement Guidebook app

In the event of light rain, Friday’s ceremony will remain outdoors, and guests and participants are advised to be prepared for the weather. If the weather is more severe, announcements about ceremony adjustments will be made Friday morning via the Northwestern homepage, the Commencement website, and the Northwestern University Commencement Guidebook app (see previous page).

For more information, inquiries can be directed to the Northwestern University Commencement Office, 847-491-3600 or commencement@northwestern.edu.
Dillo Day is an annual music festival organized by Mayfest, a recognized student organization at Northwestern. An event that originally began as Armadillo Day in 1972 has become one of students' favorite traditions, and is often the bookend on a busy year of academics and programming on campus.

Taking place on the scenic Lakefill area of the Evanston campus, Dillo Day is the largest student-run music festival in the country. The event is a full day of live music, fun activities, food from local vendors, and a chance for Northwestern students, friends, and Evanston community members to experience some of the biggest names in the music industry. Some past acts include: MGMT, Miguel, Chance the Rapper, and Kendrick Lamar. Dillo Day is free to all Northwestern undergraduate students, and typical event attendance is around 10,000.

Planning Dillo Day is a year-long process that involves partnerships with many offices and departments across campus and beyond, including NU Athletics, the Office of the President, and even the Mayor of Evanston. The students organizing the event focus on both fun and safety, bringing in representatives from Northwestern's campus to help meet these aims. Dillo Day 2018 will be taking place on June 2nd. More information about Dillo Day can be found at their website: dilloday.com

Unfortunately, it can also be a time for increased high-risk use of alcohol and other drugs and the harms that can accompany such use, including hospital transports for alcohol overdose. A comprehensive and dedicated coalition—including Mayfest, Northwestern staff, faculty, other student groups, Evanston community partners, and the Evanston and Northwestern Police Departments—has worked diligently over the last several years to ensure that Dillo Day is a safe and enjoyable event. This includes educating students about harm reduction, community standards, university policy and the law in an effort to reduce alcohol- and other drug-related problems associated with Dillo Day.

Parents and families can also be a great help in this effort. What Parents and Families Can Do

We encourage you to talk to your student about Dillo Day. The following are some talking points:

- Ask what they have heard about it—do they know it is a music festival, or do they think it’s just a big party with alcohol?
- Ask what their plans are, and don’t be afraid to ask if they plan to drink or use other drugs.
- Communicate your expectations.
- Suggest that they think through what they want from the day, and that they make a plan to stay safe.

The Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Misuse Prevention and Recovery provides excellent guidance on talking with college students about alcohol and other drugs: www.hecaod.osu.edu/families/conversation-guides-2/

For Northwestern-specific AOD information, visit our AOD resources page, www.northwestern.edu/alcohol-resources

For more information about Dillo Day: Mayfest Dillo Day website, Dillo Day Policies

Follow the Smart Dillo social marketing campaign on Facebook and Twitter
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES PREPS FOR EPIC SENDOFF

Spring countdowns have begun! As the close of the academic year approaches and with spring commencement on the horizon, the Student Organizations & Activities (SOA) team is hard at work delivering programming that will round out students' year—and in our graduating seniors' case, their NU experience—in exciting and dynamic ways.

SOA and a committee of dedicated juniors and seniors have been dutifully planning the much-anticipated Senior Week, taking place the week of June 16th through the 20th. Senior Week is a bookend to seniors' year--and in our graduating seniors' case, their NU experience—in exciting and dynamic ways.

As the end of the academic year approaches, SOA wants to recognize the students who have received Wildcat Impact awards in the past fall and winter quarters. These students have positively impacted and engaged with Northwestern's community in demonstrating Student Affairs values of integrity, innovation, social justice, responsible stewardship, and collaborative work with others. For more information on how Student Affairs recognizes outstanding individuals and groups, please visit the Student Recognition Page.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS
• Social Impact Series: A series of programs and events, including a career panel on corporate social responsibility and a nonprofit career trek in Chicago, introduced students to career paths and opportunities in the fields of social justice and nonprofits.
• Career Fairs: In addition to NCA's Winter Internship and Job Fair, NCA partnered with other departments/schools on campus to host the Community Health Volunteer & Internship Fair as well as the Startup Fair, where students had the opportunity to connect with employers about full-time positions and internships.
• Industry 101s: A series of workshops introduced first-year undergraduate students to different career fields, from marketing and consulting to nonprofits and startups.
• The Northwestern Externship Program (NEXT): More than 340 students were matched with Northwestern alumni for a day of job shadowing this spring as part of an annual program co-hosted by the Northwestern Alumni Association.

WHAT'S NEW?
New career platform to replace NCA's CareerCat NCA is transitioning to a new career platform in late spring. Beginning June 5, Handshake will replace CareerCat, NCA's current system for all career activities and job/internship opportunities. Handshake offers students a number of exciting new features, including a more user-friendly interface that is designed to create a personalized job/internship search experience. NCA will be communicating the Handshake implementation to students, alumni and employers during spring quarter and looks forward to introducing your student to Handshake next month.

NCA's New Staff Member
NCA welcomes Laura Droste, assistant director and career adviser to students in the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, to the career advising team! In addition to advising Weinberg students, Laura collaborates with Weinberg College staff, faculty and alumni to develop tailored services and programming.

Beyond Northwestern:
The Undergraduate Class of 2017
95% of the undergraduate class of 2017 are employed, enrolled in graduate or professional school, or participating in other career pursuits, according to the newly released 2017 first destination report from NCA. This report represents data from 75% of the undergraduate members of the class of 2017 and provides insight into where they are now based on industry, salary, and geographic location. The NCA team wishes your student a wonderful summer!
CAT CASH MAKES SAVING MONEY EASY

Families often ask how to best help their student transition into independent living while on campus. Budgeting finances is a huge component of “adulting” and Cat Cash can help your student better manage their funds.

Cat Cash is a declining balance account which allows students to load funds into an account linked to their student ID. Cat Cash is accepted at residential dining centers, fresh markets, and most retail dining locations across campus. Cat Cash provides convenience, flexibility, and savings to Northwestern University students.

Convenience
Cat Cash is linked to a WildCARD, students’ ID card, and eliminates the need for students to carry cash or another credit card. It is accepted at over 20 locations across campus making access to food and drinks as easy as swiping a card. Funds can be loaded via the dining website and can be billed to a student account or a credit card.

Flexibility
Funds can be loaded in any dollar amount, making it a great tool to help students budget their expenses. An auto-replenishment option is available which will reload funds once your student’s balance goes below a certain dollar amount. Cat Cash doesn’t expire and carries over from year-to-year as long as your student is enrolled at Northwestern University.

Savings
Cat Cash helps your money go a little further. Students using Cat Cash save regular sales tax—a savings of over 10%. If your student spends $10 per week at Starbucks in Norris, over the course of a 10 week quarter they will have accrued $10 in tax savings—a bonus week of Starbucks! Plus, they can avoid foreign ATM fees and credit card interest. Cat Cash is billed to their student account.

You can visit the Northwestern Dining website at dining.northwestern.edu and click on the “Plan Options” tab to learn more about Cat Cash and to load funds. You can also set up auto-renewal from this site and have your Cat Cash purchase billed to your student account. For any additional questions, feel free to email Northwestern Dining at food@northwestern.edu or call the dining office at 847-491-2020.
NEW FACULTY-IN-RESIDENCE TO JOIN WILLARD HALL

Psychology professor Benjamin Gorvine has been named Faculty-in-Residence at the newly renovated Willard Hall and brings a wealth of experience to his new position, which starts in fall 2018. Gorvine becomes Northwestern’s fifth Faculty-in-Residence.

Vice President for Student Affairs Patricia Telles-Irvin underscored the benefits of the University’s commitment to creating opportunities for students to live in close proximity with faculty mentors and teachers: “The shared commitment to enriching students’ experiences and supporting them on their Northwestern journeys makes joint initiatives like this rewarding for all involved.”

Gorvine is no stranger to residential life. He has been Faculty Chair at Shepard Residential College since 2015 and serves as lead advisor, assistant chair and associate professor of instruction in the Department of Psychology in Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences. But in this case, he will bring his family to live in a newly designed apartment at Willard, and the experience of living in the building full time with Willard students is an aspect he is particularly looking forward to. A spacious apartment was integrated into Willard, and Gorvine starts a three-year term beginning in September.

Daniela Ruiz, 22, a senior from Atlanta majoring in chemical engineering, worked closely with Gorvine when she was president of the executive board at Shepard Residential College. “He was able to guide students into what their strengths were and help us learn to work together toward a common goal,” Ruiz said. “I really liked how he was able to let students get their voices in and allowed us to make our own choices.”

She also admired his fun-loving spirit and willingness to embrace his students. One of the highlights of their time together, Ruiz recalled, was during the Residential College Board field day, a spring tradition that includes a shopping cart race. “You put your faculty member in a shopping cart, and he did that and allowed students to push him around the lakefill,” she said. “I remember he came fully dressed in a complete sheep costume (the Shepard mascot)... I think that really added to the experience—having a professor take time off to come and to really embrace the idea and go the extra mile.”

Gorvine teaches a variety of psychology courses for his department, including Stats and Research Methods. He also offers courses in clinical psychology, such as Child Psychopathology, as his teaching interests are informed by his background as a Licensed Clinical Psychologist.

He and his wife are looking forward to holding receptions in their living room, which has a fireplace, a remodeled kitchen at one end and a sign over the entrance reminding guests that it was once Willard’s “Common Room.” Gorvine can imagine hosting academically-focused events, group discussions and community gatherings.

“The best teaching is often much more about relationship building than just about the content,” he observed. “It’s about making students feel intellectually and personally respected.”

PREPARE FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS OVER THE SUMMER

Many pre-med and pre-health students are curious about the best ways they can make use of their summer breaks. The truth is, medical schools and other health professions programs don’t have set expectations as to what students should do over their summers. However, many students choose to take advantage of the time off from courses to engage in medical volunteer experience, research, shadowing, special summer programs, and other opportunities. Students can engage in these experiences anywhere they would like, but most students end up either staying at Northwestern or finding an opportunity closer to home.

Medical volunteering
While most students gain volunteer experience during the academic year, the summer presents an opportunity to devote more time to medical volunteering, a critical component of a well-rounded application to medical school or other health professions programs. Hospitals, respite care facilities, community health clinics, and other clinical settings are all great places for students to look for volunteer experience.

Shadowing
Shadowing physicians and other health professionals provides another avenue for students to explore medicine. Very few medical schools require shadowing, but all value the experience. Many health professions programs, including dentistry, veterinary medicine, and physical therapy, require shadowing experience. We encourage students to utilize their personal networks, as well as the Northwestern Network Mentorship Program, to begin searching for shadowing opportunities.

Research
While research can be conducted during the academic year, summer offers a chance for students to engage in a more immersive research experience or to continue an academic year research experience. Northwestern offers many opportunities for students to engage in research, but students also conduct research at other universities or through other structured research programs.

Special summer programs
Several summer programs exist to help students explore their interest in medicine and other health careers. Many target students from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine. Our website is a great place to begin exploring these opportunities.

Other types of opportunities
Some students choose to spend summers doing things that aren’t specifically pre-med/pre-health at all, including study abroad programs, internships, or just gaining additional work experience. Industry-specific internships can be a good choice for those who are considering other career paths, as they provide students with valuable on-the-job experience that can help determine career choice down the road. Even experiences that don’t “seem pre-med” are valuable to medical schools and other health professions programs, especially when students can share their reflections and insights on the experience, as well as the skill sets they were able to gain or strengthen along the way.

So as not to miss any early deadlines, we strongly encourage students to give themselves plenty of time to explore summer options and decide what to pursue. Advisors at Health Professions Advising are happy to meet with students to discuss summer plans and opportunities!

Learn more at www.northwestern.edu/hpa
On the first day of spring quarter, the acclaimed author Roxane Gay was on campus. Her visit was co-sponsored by One Book One Northwestern.

Gay is the author of the best-sellers Bad Feminist and, most recently, Hunger. She has more than 450,000 followers on Twitter, to which she has said, “that’s a lot of human beings.” Gay had a lot to say about the recent explosion of African American artistic production, from Issa Rae’s The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl, to Ryan Coogler’s Black Panther.

In the week following Gay’s visit, a group of 15 Northwestern community members—One Book Fellows, faculty, staff—spent the day at the Stateville Correctional Center, where they discussed Danielle Allen’s Our Declaration with 75 prisoners.

It’s the first time One Book has taken such a trip, but given the origins and topic of Our Declaration, which began as a class for non-traditional students on the Declaration of Independence, freedom, and equality, this was the perfect moment.

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SHEIL CATHOLIC CENTER

Happy Spring to all of you from chilly Chicago and the Sheil Catholic Center! In the last few weeks, the Center has been just that – a center for worship, service, learning, and the life of all our students. Our Mardi Gras Celebration brought together students, current associates, and alumni/ae for a gala evening of dinner, dancing, and auctions, the highlight of which was a VIP pass to The Tonight Show with one of our more famous alums, Stephen Colbert. The Lenten fish fries brought an average of 100 people into the Center each week for fellowship and conversation and over 50 people participated in our Lenten bible studies.

Though break week and Holy week coincided this year, we celebrated the Triduum with grace and beauty and welcomed three of our students into the Church through baptism and reception. For some of our students, Spring break was spent in New Orleans building houses for Habitat for Humanity and talking with many of the poor and marginalized who occupy community shelters or sleep on the streets. Among our other seminar offerings, one of our sophomores presented our first student-led seminar on Catholic Themes in J.R.R. Tolkien. We also welcomed James Martin, S.J. who came to us live via skype to talk about his book “Building a Bridge...” and the importance of dialogue with those who think differently.

We are looking forward to a panel discussion with the presidents of Northwestern, Loyola University, and Dominican University on the topic of “Religion on Campus” in mid-May and the conclusion of this academic year.

I asked a student what else I should say about Sheil to all of you. She told me: “There are always people here. There’s life here. It’s a feeling about the place, like coming home.” We welcome you to join us any time and look forward to seeing parents of seniors at graduation mass, if not before.
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