

# Welcome!

*Parent & Family Session*



# Defining New Roles

Feb. 3-5 is Family Weekend! 

- Parent & Family Involvement
  - Visit Campus – but not too often
    - Campus Events – Family Weekends, workshops, speakers, concerts, theatre productions, athletic events, fundraisers
  - Siblings have feelings too!
    - Start sharing
    - Picture books and memories
    - Make them part of the process



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# The College Journey

- **Big Differences**
  - Not high school
  - Clarifying values and beliefs
  - Adjusting to academics
  - What's an academic advisor?
  - Grades are not mailed home
  - TAPS





# Roadmap to Success

- Getting Information

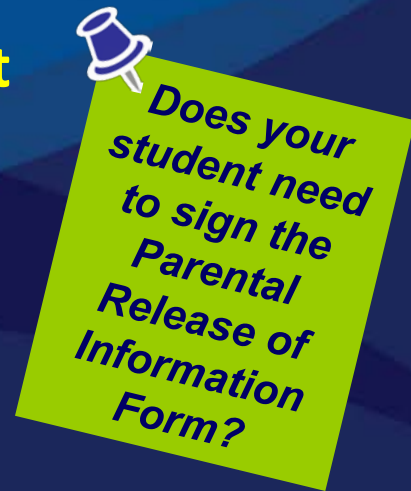
- **Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)**

- Generally, a student's written consent is necessary before information can be released on a student
    - Talk to your student TODAY about signing the parental release form.

- Students Need to Be Prepared

- **Students need books the first week of classes**

- Books are considered an out-of-pocket expense –  
Save Now!



# All About the Money

- **Out-of-pocket expenses**

- ✓ **Books are an out of pocket expense**

- \$300 to \$600 average per semester
- Try to purchase used books when possible
- Textbook Rental Program

- ✓ **Parking Permits \$30**

(Fall stickers available beginning in July)

- ✓ **Tools \$\$\$**

- ✓ **Art Supplies \$\$**



***Visit the VU Bookstore Today!***



# All About the Money

## What does the money pay for?

*In this order*

- Tuition and academic fees
- Student Activity fee
- Housing
- Books
  - **IMPORTANT:** *Books can only be charged to the student account IF there is enough accepted financial aid!*





# All About the Money

## – BlazerOne Card

- This is your student's ID
- Student refunds-Student must activate their card
- Refunds can be put on card or check can be mailed
- 24 hour access
- ATM available at Walgreen's on 6<sup>th</sup> and College St.



Check it out at  
[BlazerOneCard.com](http://BlazerOneCard.com)

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A college student emailed her parents: "Dear Mom and Dad, I've been worried sick because I haven't heard from you. Please put some money in my bank account so I know you're OK."



# All About the Money

- **Dropping and Adding Classes**
  - Drop and Add Week = 100%
  - 75% second week
  - 50% third week
  - 25% fourth week
  - 0% thereafter
  - Drop Deadline

**Students *MUST* see an advisor to drop a class. Simply not going to class may result in a failed grade.**





# Living On Campus

## Benefits

- Halls staffed 24/7
- Furnished rooms
  - Each student has a desk, dresser, closet, and bed (extra long twin)
- Meal Plan
- Walking distance
- Resources close by

## Challenges

- Homesickness
- Roommates
- Time Management
  - Getting to class
  - Doing homework
  - Laundry
  - Making new friends
- Making good decisions

**GET INVOLVED!**



# Commuting From Home

*60% Live at home or off campus*

*Schedules will change*

## Benefits

- Can work
- Closer to family
- Bring new friends home
- Know community
- Less likely to become homesick

## Challenges

- Can work
- Difficulty finding “their place”
- Family Dynamic
- Study time/Resources
- Parking
- Transportation
- Participation in events

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# UPCC - University Primary Care Center

- Located at the Young Building at the Corner of 4th and College Street
- Health Center with Nurse Practitioner and Nursing Staff
  - Resident Hall students can't opt out of UPCC
  - Off campus students/commuter students can opt out of UPCC





# VU Health Services: UPCC - University Primary Care Center

## Immunization Laws

2- Measles vaccines

1- MMR

1- Tetanus/Diphtheria

Meningitis shot or  
waiver

- ✓ Health Occupations
- ✓ Child Care Majors
- ✓ EMS
- ✓ Fire Science
- Physical including TB test

## Recommended

Hepatitis B series  
Chickenpox vaccine

*Please submit immunization  
records to Student Financial  
Services. A hold will be  
placed on your students  
account without this  
documentation!*



# Campus Safety

- Fully Empowered Police Department
  - Provide help
  - Enforce the law
  - Provide student escorts
- Facilitate crime prevention seminars
- Safety is everyone's responsibility
  - Record valuables
  - Keep doors locked
  - Keep medicine out of sight

*Students should sign up for Emergency Notifications (ETEXT) at [MyVU.vinu.edu](http://MyVU.vinu.edu)*



# Campus Safety

- Mail

- Students share a mailbox
- If you are sending money or packages please let student know in advance
- Call front desk



- Parking

- Not in front of residence halls
- Tickets are issued
- Must have permit





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- It's On Us
  - Partnership with the Whitehouse
  - End Sexual Violence
  - Programming to bring student awareness
- Voices United
  - Sex, Drugs, Alcohol and Everything In-between
  - Health Fair
- More Information at [vinu.edu/itsonus](http://vinu.edu/itsonus)



# Looking for Resources?

- Look to the VU Web Pages for Information
  - General Information
  - Upcoming Events/Programs
  - Critical Announcements
- Join the E-newsletter
  - Know what's going on!
- Join PFS Facebook Group
  - Facebook.com/groups/vuparents
- Contact Parent & Family Services
- FAQ's in PFS Calendar



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# Start of School

Know  
your  
advisor!

- **Thursday, January 5**– Residence Halls open 8:00 am  
(You do not have to arrive on this day!)
- **Friday January 6**- New/Late Student Registration in the Ft. Sackville Rooms at the Beckes Student Union
- **Monday, January 9**- Classes Begin!!!
- **ALL students and Academic Advisors have access to Degree Works. Utilize this tool every time you meet with your academic advisor to schedule your classes. This will ensure you are on track to fulfill your graduation requirements.**

• ***Watch for Back to School Letter***

Questions?

