Welcome to Carnegie Mellon University and to your inaugural issue of The Fence Post, our quarterly e-newsletter to parents and family members of current undergraduate students. As associate dean for parent and family engagement and first-year orientation, I work with parents and family members to be a resource and advocate, to communicate about campus events and information, to plan engagement opportunities such as Family Weekend and to make sure family members like you have the tools you need to be an informed resource for your student.

An important outcome of the undergraduate university experience is for students to develop the life skills necessary to successfully navigate their personal affairs and develop independence as young adults. We also know that parents and family members play an important and supportive role in their student’s life and are key partners in their success. This newsletter and other communications will provide information about campus resources, important events and developmental milestones in your student’s experience so that you have information to facilitate meaningful interactions with your student about their Carnegie Mellon journey.

I look forward to meeting many of you in person at future campus events. Until then, please don't hesitate to reach out if I can be of any assistance (julieschultz@cmu.edu or 412-268-2142).

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**CAMPUS CONNECTIONS**

**Picture It: Move-In and Orientation**

Explore this important time in your student's life through photos on CMU's official Flickr account or watch videos posted to the CMU YouTube account.

**Life at CMU Blog**

Explore the people, places and things that make the CMU experience unique through the CMU Student Affairs blog.
CMUConnect and CMUThink from the Alumni Association

The Alumni Association's free archive of CMUConnect and CMUThink webinars is available to parents as well as students. Check out videos on a variety of career development, life skills and academic topics. Parents in New York City and Philadelphia are invited to join us for CMUThink programs in those cities on October 4 and 10 respectively. More information can be found at the links.

FEATURES

Family Orientation Primer

Before you go: Learn more about the fun awaiting you during Welcome Weekend (Move-in and Family Orientation) on August 18-19.

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Building Meaningful Relationships

Relationships with others on campus, from peers to faculty members, are key to a truly transformative college experience for first-year students.

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Academic Resources for First-Year Students

Moving from high school to college classrooms may be challenging, but resources are available to assist first-year students with the transition.

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CMU NEWS

CMU, Howard University Offer Dual Engineering Ph.D. Degrees

Students Learn How to Speak Up! About Their Studies

CMU Partners with Bosch Center for Artificial Intelligence to Accelerate AI Research

UPCOMING DATES

- August 18-19: Welcome Weekend
- August 27: Classes begin
- September 3: Labor Day (no classes)
- September 5: THE FAIR
October 12-14: Family Weekend
October 19: Mid-Semester Break begins
October 26: Presidential Inauguration (no classes)
October 27: Homecoming
November 12-16: Registration for spring semester begins
November 21-23: Thanksgiving Break

RESOURCES QUICKLINKS

Visit the Family and Parents website for resources available to you and your student in the areas of academics, health and wellness, finances, safety, student affairs and travel. You can also access past issues of The Fence Post on the site.