We are so excited to welcome our students back for another school year! The fall semester is a great time for our students to reconnect with friends and faculty, explore new interests on campus, and be excited and challenged by new coursework. In addition, we are excited to reconnect with parents and family members and continue to engage you with the Carnegie Mellon University community. The Fence Post e-newsletter is emailed to all parents and family members on a quarterly basis, along with several e-news briefs about special events and announcements throughout the year. We will invite parents and family to CMU Alumni Association events planned throughout the country and to campus for special events like Family Weekend, scheduled for October 12-14, 2018.

In my role as associate dean for parent and family engagement, I am a resource and advocate for parents and family members, so please don’t hesitate to reach out. I look forward to engaging with you.

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**CAMPUS CONNECTIONS**

**Life at CMU Blog**

Explore the people, places and things that make the CMU experience unique through the [CMU Student Affairs blog](https://www.sas.cmu.edu/blogs/life-at-cmu/).

**CMUConnect and CMUTHink from the Alumni Association**

The Alumni Association’s [free archive](https://www.cmu.edu/alumni/think/) 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](https://www.cmu.edu/alumni/think/new-york-city.html) and [Philadelphia](https://www.cmu.edu/alumni/think/philadelphia.html) 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.
Important Student Relationships

Each new year brings your student new opportunities to meet and engage with members of the Carnegie Mellon community.

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Joining a Student Organization

Student organizations allow students to gain or refine their skills, take on leadership roles or build strong connections with the CMU community.

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Academic Resources for Sophomores and Juniors

The middle college years present their own unique challenges, but resources are available to help your student thrive and achieve.

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CMU NEWS

Loh Leads U.S. Team to World Math Championship

Students Learn How to Speak Up! About Their Studies

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

UPCOMING DATES

- August 27: Classes begin
- September 3: Labor Day (no classes)
- September 5: THE FAIR
- Sept 12: Encompass CMU Career 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
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.