



THE Fence Post

NEWS FOR CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY FAMILIES

FROM THE ASSOCIATE DEAN

As I think about the 2020-21 academic year coming to a close, the word "significant" comes to mind. The CMU experience has been transformed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and I have witnessed our community come together to innovate, collaborate and support each other in significant new ways. I'm so proud of our students, who created community and embraced friends remotely, and my CMU colleagues, who share knowledge and provide support to all as we persevere through a difficult time together. I think history will remember this year as significant not only for its challenges, but also for all of the ways that we adapted, pivoted, persisted and became stronger as individuals and as an institution. With the optimism of vaccine distribution and [recent university announcements](#) about our plans for a largely in-person fall semester, I see even more hope ahead on the horizon.

In this final installment of the *Fence Post* for this academic year, we look ahead to Virtual Spring Carnival and share tips for summer planning. I hope that both you and your student(s) find time this summer to rest, rejuvenate and reflect on the significance of this past year — its challenges, your perseverance and getting through it together.

Warmly,

Julie Schultz
Associate Dean for Family Engagement

FEATURES



Campus Safety at CMU

The well-being of every individual in the Carnegie Mellon community is a top priority, and we want to ensure that family members are familiar with several campus resources focused on campus safety and security.

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A Virtual Spring Carnival Primer for Families

For more than 100 years, Spring Carnival has been — and continues to be — one of CMU's most anticipated traditions. Learn more about this long-standing tradition and save the date for this year's Virtual Spring Carnival 2021.

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Summer Storage

There are several different options to store your student's belongings during the summer. Learn more and choose what's best for your student based on their summer plans.

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Summer Planning Tips from the Career & Professional Development Center

Many students are making plans for what to do during summer 2021, including pursuing internships and other career experiences. As a parent or family member, there are many ways you can support and reassure your student as they plan for the summer ahead.

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CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

PiperTV

The newly launched PiperTV is an ongoing video series that showcases the important stories, creative students and upcoming events happening at CMU. [Check out CMU's Instagram IGTV for the latest episodes!](#)

@cmufarnam

Did you know that CMU President Farnam Jahanian has his own Instagram account? He does! [Follow him for CMU news and special announcements.](#)

Go Tartans!

CMU Tartans resumed intercollegiate athletics competition on March 6! [The spring schedule is on the CMU Athletics website, and games are streamed there when possible.](#)

CMU NEWS

[Developing CMU's Newest Student Leaders](#)

[CMU Recognized for Commitment to First-Gen Students](#)

[CMU and Pitt Launch Center Dedicated to Combating Extremist Hate](#)

UPCOMING DATES

- **April 7:** Tartan Family Webinar Series: [Spring Carnival: How It Started vs. How It's Going](#)
- **April 10:** [Greek Sing](#)
- **April 10:** [Lunar Gala](#)
- **April 15-17:** [Virtual Spring Carnival](#), No Classes
- **April 28:** Tartan Family Webinar Series: [Carnegie Mellon Family Social Hour](#)
- **May 5:** [Dickson Prize Award Ceremony and Lecture](#)
- **May 10-18:** Final Exams
- **May 12:** Tartan Family Webinar Series: [Students Today, Alumni Forever](#)
- **May 19:** [Residence Halls Move Out Deadline](#) (non-graduating students)
- **May 23:** [Commencement](#) (Bachelor's Degree Candidates)

For additional important dates, explore the full [CMU calendar of events](#) and the revised [Spring 2021 academic calendar](#).

RESOURCE 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](#) and [student affairs](#). You can also access [past issues of The Fence Post](#) on the site.

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