



THE Fence Post

NEWS FOR CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY FAMILIES

FROM THE ASSOCIATE DEAN

We are so excited that the 2020-2021 school year is underway! While the last six months have been a time of uncertainty in many ways, a new academic year offers new possibilities and promise for our students. The fall semester is a great time for our students to reconnect virtually with friends and faculty, explore new interests and partake in new and challenging coursework.

We are also looking forward to reconnecting with parents and family members and engaging you with the Carnegie Mellon University community. You will receive *The Fence Post* e-newsletter on a quarterly basis and updates from senior leadership about how the [COVID-19 pandemic](#) continues to impact our campus operations. We will invite parents and family to remote CMU Alumni Association events planned throughout the country, the [Tartan Family Webinar Series](#) and to special events like virtual [Homecoming Weekend](#), scheduled for October 15-18, 2020.

The Office of Family Engagement is here to provide resources for parents and family members, so please don't hesitate to reach out. I look forward to connecting with you.

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FEATURES



Important Student Relationships

Each year, our students meet new people and continue to build their networks. While relationships change and evolve each year, we encourage our second- and third-year students to continue to develop relationships and build their community of support.

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CMU Student Organizations

It's an excellent time for sophomores and juniors to explore a passion or try something new, with the aim of gaining or fine-tuning a skill, taking on a leadership role and continuing to build strong connections with their communities at CMU.

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Academic Resources for Second- and Third-Year Students

The middle years of college present their own unique opportunities and challenges. We encourage parents and family members to help their student connect to the resources and support available at the university.

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CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Helping Your Student Navigate Job Offers

Tips and ideas for [helping your student evaluate job offers](#), including reducing fear and understanding what renegs are ... and why they are not a good idea.

Tartans, All In. Everywhere.

Every member of the Carnegie Mellon community, no matter where they are located, [has a shared responsibility](#) to uphold a culture of safety that balances health considerations with our desire to fulfill the university's core mission of offering a transformative educational experience for students.

Be Prepared CMU

CMU-Alert is Carnegie Mellon University's emergency notification system. Check in with your student to make sure they have accurate contact information on file with CMU. Want to stay in the know? Campus guests and family members can [enroll to receive alerts](#), too.

CMU NEWS

[CMU Completes Voluntary Review of Sustainable Development Goals](#)

[CMU Has Network Advantage in Fight Against COVID-19](#)

[Across the Cut: Paloma Sierra](#)

UPCOMING DATES

- October 7: [Tartan Family Webinar Series](#) - Student Academic Success 101: Online Learning Best Practices, Strategies & Advice
- October 12: [University Lecture Series](#) featuring Terry Tempest Williams
- October 15-18: [Virtual Homecoming](#)
- October 23: Mid-Semester Break (no classes)
- October 28: [Tartan Family Webinar Series](#) - Career Planning in a Crisis: Helping Your Student Navigate Their Career Efforts during Uncertain Times
- November 16-20: Registration for spring semester (tentative)
- November 19: [Simon Distinguished Lecture](#) featuring Louis Gomez
- November 25-27: Thanksgiving Break (no classes)

- November 30: Remote instruction only begins; residence halls will remain open only to students living on campus who stay on campus during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend
- December 1: Giving CMU Day

Explore the full [CMU calendar of events](#).

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

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