



THE Fence Post

NEWS FOR CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY FAMILIES

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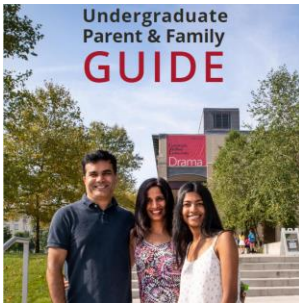
Welcome to Carnegie Mellon University and to your inaugural issue of *The Fence Post*, our quarterly e-newsletter to parents and family members of our current undergraduate students. In the Office of Family Engagement, my team works with parents and family members to share campus resources, communicate about campus events and information, and plan engagement opportunities such as our [Tartan Family Webinar Series](#).

We are so excited to welcome our new first-year students to the Carnegie Mellon community! 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. Whether your student is in Pittsburgh, at home or studying elsewhere this semester, we know that parents and family members play an important and supportive role in their student's life and are key partners in their success. To that end, we use this newsletter and other communication methods to 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 throughout their Carnegie Mellon journey.

I look forward to engaging with you at upcoming virtual events. Until then, please don't hesitate to reach out if I can be of any assistance to julieschultz@cmu.edu or (412) 268-2142.

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FEATURES



Family Guide

Check out the 2020-2021 Undergraduate Parent and Family Guide, designed specifically for parents and family members of first-year students to introduce you to the university and campus resources.

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Important Student Relationships

At Carnegie Mellon, investing in meaningful relationships is invaluable for new students and contributes to a truly transformative university experience. There are several key relationships that we hope students develop early in their college experience.

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Academic Resources for First-Year Students

The transition from high school to college can be challenging, so we want our parents and family members to be familiar with the support and guidance that Carnegie Mellon offers to new students to help them have a strong academic start.

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CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Welcome Class of 2024+

Each year, the incoming class at Carnegie Mellon University gathers during First-Year Orientation for a class photo. CMU continued that tradition with a twist during remote Orientation by creating a [class photo mosaic](#).

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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