



# 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



### Senior Year Experience

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Guided by the pillars of celebration, exploration and preparation, the Senior Year Experience program gives seniors the support needed during their critical last year at Carnegie Mellon.

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### Tartan Family Webinar Series

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The Office of Family Engagement is excited to announce its inaugural Tartan Family Webinar Series. Over the course of the year, we will be offering webinars specifically curated for families about topics relevant to your student's experience at Carnegie Mellon.

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### Academic Resources for the Seniors

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Your student is in the home stretch and we are excited to celebrate all that they have accomplished during their time at CMU! While there is a lot to be proud of, your senior still has 25 percent of their college career to go, so encourage them to finish strong and be ready to cheer them on at the finish line!

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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](#)

[Cherry Jones Takes Home Third Emmy Win](#)

## 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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