

**Parent & Family Programs**  
**Wildcat Family Conference 2017 Program**  
**Friday, August 18, 2017 9AM – 2PM**

**Official Welcome and Q&A with UA Administrators**

9:00-9:45am, Gallagher Theatre (2nd Floor)

**Dr. Andrew Comrie, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost**

**Dr. Kasey Urquidez, Vice President, Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Advancement and Dean, Undergraduate Admissions**

**Kendal Washington White, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, and Dean of Students**

Join top UA administrators to hear about their vision and advice for the Class of 2021, followed by a Q&A session.

**100% Engagement: Transforming the Student Experience**

10:00-10:45 AM, Catalina Room (3rd Floor)

**Dr. Vincent J. Del Casino Jr., Vice Provost for Digital Learning and Student Engagement and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management**

100% Engagement means that each and every student at the UA will have an opportunity to integrate what they are learning in and out of the classroom into a meaningful educational experience. This presentation guides parents through the process of how students will integrate their academic knowledge and engaged learning opportunities into their wider professional portfolio, making them more marketable for their future career or in their application to graduate school programs.

**How to Get Involved: Leadership & Volunteer Opportunities**

10:00-10:45 AM, Tucson Room (3rd Floor)

**Tina Wesanen-Neil, Jessica Crombie Hill, Alexei Marquez**

Parents will learn about student engagement opportunities including leadership and meaningful volunteer experiences. Programs will be highlighted that help students develop their ability to lead in any career field or context.

**Navigating Nutrition at the U of A**

10:00-10:45 AM, Santa Cruz Room (3rd Floor)

**Christine Carlson, MS, RD, CSSD, CDE, Student Union Assistant Director & Registered Dietitian**

Parents will learn about the nutrition efforts at UA including some new campaigns and national programming. Healthier eating options and dietary restrictions will be addressed. This session will also feature tools available to help students and parents locate the many nutrient dense food options available that taste great!

**Fraternity & Sorority Programs**

10:00-10:45 AM, Agave Room (4th Floor)

**Dr. Trace Camacho, Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Fraternity & Sorority Programs**

This quick session will help you learn more about fraternity and sorority life at the University of Arizona. Although formal sorority recruitment and fraternity recruitment will have begun for the fall semester, this session will still discuss the grade requirements for students to join a fraternity or sorority, as well as the process for both men's and women's recruitment. We will cover important dates for the spring semester, the answers to frequently asked questions from parents, and the benefits and expectations of

membership. Anyone interested in learning more about fraternity or sorority life at the University of Arizona is encouraged to attend.

### **The Tucson Experience**

10:00-10:45 AM, Copper Room (4th Floor)

**Nadia Sefanik, Tucson Visitor Center Manager**

**Wendi Rountree, Senior Program Coordinator, UA Visitor Center**

**Jane McCollum, General Manager, Marshall Foundation**

Sit down and chat with Nadia Stefanik, Wendi Rountree, and Jane McCollum who love their City and often guide visitors to the world-class attractions, unique shopping, fabulous food, and outdoor activities that make Tucson such a unique and special place. Get acquainted with the local area, annual events, and much more. The next time you visit your UA Wildcat, stay awhile longer as a Tucsonan!

### **IT for Student Success**

10:00-10:45 AM, Tubac Room (4th Floor)

**Lisa Stage, University Information Technology Services (UITS)**

What does the Student IT Fee pay for? Find out how to get your money's worth! Computing and interaction with campus IT systems are a critical part of student success, from submitting coursework online to reviewing financial aid. The University has information technology resources for your student to ensure that he or she is getting the support needed to navigate these systems. Learn what the Student IT Fee pays for—from free 24/7 support to WiFi to free software—and encourage your student to take advantage of all the resources available [studenttech.arizona.edu](http://studenttech.arizona.edu).

### **Making the Grade: What Students Can Do to Recover from an Academic Stumble**

10:00-10:45 AM, Ventana Room (4th Floor)

**Roxie Catts, Advising Resource Center and Undergraduate Academic Advising**

Academic Advisors are an excellent resource to students as they navigate University processes and make decisions about their academic and professional lives. Every student has an advisor who helps them stay on track and encourages them to take advantage of engagement opportunities, academic resources and more. Learn about key academic policies and strategies for success. Come learn how your student can connect with their advisor and why they should.

### **Faculty Panel**

10:00-10:45 AM, Presidio Room (4th Floor)

**Caitlin Kerrigan, Senior Coordinator, Student Engagement and Faculty Programs— Panel Moderator**

In this Q&A session, parents and families will have the opportunity to interact with some of UA's world renowned faculty members. Come ask questions about how to help students build strong relationships with faculty and how to support their success during their first year at UA.

### **Dealing with Empty Nest Syndrome and the Fine Art of Letting Go**

11:00-11:45 AM, Catalina Room (3rd Floor)

**Debra Cox-Howard, MC, LPC, Mental Health Clinician, Counseling and Psych Services**

During this presentation, participants will: learn what "empty nest syndrome" is, learn how to identify signs and symptoms of "empty nest syndrome", learn how to identify causes of "empty nest syndrome", explore ways to help alleviate "empty nest syndrome", and gain tips for letting go.

### **Transformative Undergraduate Research Experiences: All Majors Welcome!**

11:00-11:45 AM, Tucson Room (3rd Floor)

**Nura Dualeh Director, Undergraduate Research and Graduate Preparation Programs & Dr. Frans Tax, Professor, Molecular and Cellular Biology**

Undergraduate research opportunities prepare students for work and graduate or professional school. Faculty conduct research in every college and department and intrepid undergraduates can access exciting research opportunities by volunteering in labs and research projects, as well as participation in directed research courses, internships and faculty-supervised, paid research programs. All of these opportunities lead to independent study, professional development and personal growth. Research participants report increased confidence in their ability to contribute to the workplace as well as their preparation for the rigors of graduate and professional school. Come learn about this exciting form of campus engagement.

**Finding Your Communities: Cultural and Resource Centers and Social Justice Programs**

11:00-11:45 AM, Santa Cruz Room (3rd floor)

**Teresa Graham Brett, Associate Dean of Students**

Finding your Communities: Learn more about identity/community-based involvement and social justice programs offered through African American Student Affairs, Asian Pacific American Student Affairs, Common Ground Alliance Program, Guerrero Student Center, LGBTQ+ Resource Center, Native American Student Affairs, and Women's Resource Center.

**Study Abroad 101**

11:00-11:45 AM, Tubac Room (4th Floor)

**Katie Van Wyk, Coordinator, Study Abroad**

Study abroad is a chance for students to expand their UA degree beyond the Arizona state lines. Join us as we discuss study abroad opportunities, eligibility requirements, program types and academics. Ask questions about health, safety, funding and how you and your students can get started!

**Off-Campus Housing**

11:00-11:45 AM, Ventana Room (4th Floor)

**Teresa Kolb, Residence Life**

During this session, Residence Life staff members will share information regarding students' housing options outside of residence halls.

**Student Success Initiatives and Retention**

11:00-11:45 AM, Agave Room (4th Floor)

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**Christine Salvesen, Senior Director of Academic Success & Achievement and Dorothy Briggs, Director of THINK TANK**

Parents will learn about how the UA supports the retention and academic success of its students. Through various student programs, services, and initiatives the UA creates opportunities for freshmen to connect, engage, and create their network on campus. This session will share strategies for parents to employ as they foster a seamless transition from high school to college.

**Expect the Unexpected: How to Guide Your Student When UA Life Becomes Complicated**

11:00-11:45 AM, Copper Room (4th Floor)

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**Rosanna Curti, Assistant Dean of Students**

Student Assistance is a program that works to empower students to take a proactive role in exploring their own resolutions in order to be successful both inside and outside the classroom. The program

assists students who face complex issues and crisis. This session will share common ways they assist students and discuss how to encourage students to access Student Assistance, if an unexpected event presents itself.

### **The Think Tank: What College Students Have Taught Us about How They Learn**

11:00-11:45 AM, Presidio Room (4th Floor)

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#### **THINK TANK Learning Specialists**

With multiple locations, evening hours, and online availability, the THINK TANK is the place to be for tutoring, study groups, and academic workshops. The session, facilitated by professional Learning Specialists, will cover traits of successful college students, what you can do to help your student break into new habits, as well as dispel a few myths along the way.

### **Sick Happens, What Do We Do Now?**

1:00-1:45 PM, Santa Cruz Room (3rd Floor)

#### **Lee Ann Hamilton and Terri West, Campus Health**

Find out how easy it is for your student to access Campus Health and how affordable care can be. Get details about insurance, as well as medical, pharmacy, counseling and health promotion services.

### **Great Jobs, Great Lives: How Early Career Preparation Enhances Future Prospects**

1:00-1:45 PM, Tubac Room (4th Floor)

#### **Mary Frances Kuper, Associate Director, Career Education**

If you are thinking, "Why now?", this session is for you! While it might seem odd to start talking about your student's career before college has even started, four years goes by fast! The Career Education team wants to help students shape post-grad lives they'll love, and it starts with the freshman year. Come learn about the many ways your student can get involved and explore their options. We'll be talking about everything from tips on finding a great student job on-campus to how you can guide your student to make the most of the next four years.

### **What Would Parents Say?**

1:00-1:45 PM, Ventana Room (4th Floor)

#### **Joel & Katherine Lewis & Bonnie Klahr, Parents & Family Association Advisory Board Representatives**

Come talk to current UA Parents about their experiences, expectations, and advice.

**11:45am - 1:00pm Lunch Break**

**9:00am – 2:00pm Relaxation Room – Sabino Room (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)**

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#### **Questions? Contact us:**

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