Wildcat Family Conference 2015
Program

Friday, August 21, 2015 9am – 2pm

Official Welcome and Q&A with UA Administrators
9-9:45am, Gallagher Theatre

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

Dr. Melissa Vito, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and Vice Provost for Academic Initiatives & Student Success

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 2019 followed by a Q&A session.

Degree Tracker
10-10:45am, Tucson Room (3rd Floor)

Kathy Godwin, Senior Business Analyst

The Degree Tracker Project is an initiative of the University of Arizona designed to help your student find their place as they move along their academic journey. Come learn how these 2 snapshot tools will help your student understand the degree options available at UA, what the curriculum of each major looks like, and what career options may be available to them upon graduation.

Off-Campus Housing
10-10:45am, Santa Cruz Room (3rd Floor)

Teresa Klinger: Residence Life

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

The Tucson Experience
10-10:45am, Agave Room (4th Floor)

Jane McCollum, Anne Maxon, Sheri Hill & Wendi Rountree

Sit down and chat with long-time Tucsonans 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

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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!

Faculty Panel
10-10:45am, Copper Room (4th Floor)

Jessica Litvack, Program Coordinator for Faculty Programs – Panel Moderator

In this Q&A session, parents will have the opportunity to interact with some of UA’s world renowned faculty members. Come ask questions on how to help students build good faculty relationships and how to remain successful during their first year at UA.

IT for Student Success
10-10:45am, 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.

How to Get Involved: Leadership & Volunteer Opportunities
10-10:45am, Ventana Room (4th Floor)

Tina Wesanen-Neil, Jessica Crombie Hall, Megan Forecki

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.

The Think Tank: What College Students Have Taught Us About How They Learn
11-11:45am, Catalina Room (3rd Floor)

1-1:45pm, Tucson Room (3rd Floor)

THINK TANK Learning Specialists

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With five 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.

**Student Success Initiatives and Retention**

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

1-1:45pm, Presidio Room (4th Floor)

Christine Salvesen, Director, Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

*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**

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

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

Student Assistance Staff

*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.*

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

11-11:45am, Santa Cruz Room (3rd Floor)

Debra Cox-Howard: Campus Health

*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.*

**Legislative Advocacy**

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

Bonnie Klahr, UA Parents & Family Association Legislative Affairs Liaison

Mike Sistak, Assistant Director, Advocacy & Community Relations

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Parents come and learn how your voice can make a difference in securing state funding and resources for UA. During this session, families will have the opportunity to meet with UA Government Relations staff and PFA volunteers who will share simple ways in which parents can make their voices heard with state legislators which can make a difference in the quality of education for students here at UA.

**Sick Happens, What Do We Do Now?**
11-11:45am, Copper Room (4th Floor)

Lee Ann Hamilton, 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**
11-11:45am, Tubac Room (4th Floor)

Mary Frances Kuper, Assistant Director, Career Readiness & Student Engagement

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 go by fast! Career Services 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.

**ASUA Student Legal Services 101: We Are More than MIPs**
11-11:45am, Presidio Room (4th Floor)

Janis Gallego, ASUA Student Legal Services Advisor

Brief Description: ASUA Student Legal Services is a FREE service available to all currently enrolled students. In this workshop, you will hear from the ASUA Student Legal Services advisor about how your student can receive advice and consultation on legal matters such as landlord tenant, traffic and parking tickets, business, notary and criminal. The ASUA Student Legal Services is an Arizona licensed attorney who has over 10 years of legal experience. There will also be a question and answer period.

**100% Engagement: Transforming the Student Experience**
1-1:45pm, Catalina Room (3rd Floor)

Dr. Vincent 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

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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.

What Would Parents Say?
1-1:45pm, 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.

What is an Academic Advisor?
1-1:45pm, Agave 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. Come learn how your student can connect with their advisor and why they should.

Study Abroad

Kendra Corey, Coordinator, Study Abroad

1-1:45pm, Copper Room (4th Floor)

In this session, staff from the Study Abroad office will present about the worldwide study abroad opportunities available for UA students. Parents can get their questions answered including FAQs about scholarships, credits, and program types.

Fraternity & Sorority Programs

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

Johanne Jensen-Ives, Assistant Dean of Students

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.

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