

Dear Parents

Although it can be difficult to comprehend that Spring has just arrived and your students are already being asked to make preparations for the fall, I would like to enlist your help making sure your sons and daughters are truly ready to return in August.

The list of tasks may not be long, but they are important. Having worked in student success at ODU for almost 10 years I can tell you the students who make arrangements before leaving in May are far more successful in all aspects of their college experience. Filing the FAFSA to make certain all financial aid options are available, selecting a room for housing, and registering for classes as soon as possible are crucial elements of an enjoyable next year.



My staff and I are here to assist all students with their academic support needs. Whether they need tutoring, academic advising, or disability services, we are regularly available to see them. We maintain a high level of visibility on campus so they know we can help successfully close out Spring semester and to prepare an appropriate schedule for Fall.

Because students register by class rank, it is helpful to know the dates for each group. Senior students (those who have completed 88 or more credits) will begin registering on March 24th. Juniors (56-87 completed credits) begin March 28th with Sophomores (24-55 credits) and Freshmen (0-23 credits) registering on or after April 2nd and April 7th, respectively. All students should be registered for fall classes by July 25th.

Prior to registration, students must see their academic advisor. Please encourage your student to schedule an appointment with his or her advisor and then complete registration for fall through ODU Online. We are available in Erskine 214 to help connect students to advisors and to navigate ODU Online registration. I'm hoping that by sharing all of this information with you that you can direct your student to the Student Success team for assistance.

If I or my staff can help your student or your family, please do not hesitate to call.

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A Note from Career Development...

Career Development strives to help students meaningfully connect their academics, their strengths, and their goals with their future careers. The career planning process looks different for everyone, but the key is to be actively engaged in finding out how one's interests, personality, personal history, and talents can be used in a future career and then seeking opportunities to develop skills and get real world experience.

The Career Development Center is open to all students, and can provide individualized help through a student's college career. New students should take advantage of all the resources available to help them in career planning, no matter if they have already chosen major, aren't sure at all, or are already considering internships.

Encourage your student to do the following:

Explore all the involvement opportunities on campus including student organizations, campus ministry groups, volunteer initiatives, social events in residence halls, and guest lectures. Being involved provides opportunities to build relationships, develop leadership skills, and gain experience that will look great on a resume.

Prepare. A visit to the Career Development Center can help guide students toward a major and a career that fits their strengths, passions, and goals. Students can schedule individual advising appointments to take interest and personality assessments, get assistance writing a resume and finding relevant internship opportunities that will give them real work experience and the chance to develop skills that employers will be looking for in future job candidates. Preparing for a career is a process, and it's never too early to start exploring the possibilities and planning a path for career success.

Meet with an academic advisor and faculty members. These are the experts in their fields, and can provide valuable information about the career prospects for particular majors, fields of specialization, graduate schools, and significant internship opportunities.



Job and Internship Connection

Parent Experiences Wanted

Many of you are nearing the end of your son or daughter's first year in college. While some of you have been through a couple of years already. Thinking of the first year, what advice or suggestions would you offer to the next year's parents as they prepare, not only their son or daughter but themselves for their first year? We are looking for short, informative tidbits that we can add to the parent experience at orientation this year. Please submit your contributions via email to studentdevelopment@ohio.dominican.edu by May 7th. Not sure what to cover? How about college finances (for either you or your student), empty nest, phone calls (too many or lack of), conversations with your student, etc.

Dates/Activities to Remember...

→ THE PEACE PROJECT

New program sponsored by Campus Ministry

→ GPA BOOSTING WORKSHOPS

Dates and Times vary – sponsored by the Academic Resource Center

→ SPRING MUSICAL

April 4, 5, 10, 11, 12

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

Sponsored by Panther Players

→ BAND AND CHOIR SPRING CONCERT

April 13 – 1:00pm Matesich Theatre

→ HOUSING SELECTION NIGHT

April 14th begins at 6:30 pm

→ EASTER BREAK

Begins April 17 – Evening classes resume Apr. 21 / Day classes resume Apr. 22

Residence Halls remain open

→ MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

May 3 from 8:30 am – Noon

→ SEMESTER ENDS

May 5 – 9 Finals week

May 9 – Noon, Halls Close to all undergrads

→ COMMENCEMENT AND BACCALAUREATE

May 10 – 9:00 a.m. Baccalaureate

May 10 – 11:00 a.m. Commencement

Make a Difference Day!

Every year during the fall and spring semesters, students, faculty, and staff take time out of their busy schedules to go into the neighborhood and lend helping hands. This past fall semester 100 volunteers went to the Teakwood Community and assisted them with yard clean up, leaf raking, and other services that needed done. The neighbors love meeting our students and also getting the helping hand!

This semester we will have another Make-A-Difference Day on May 3rd. If your son or daughter wasn't able to participate last time, this is something they will enjoy. Taking a few hours on a Saturday morning with friends and neighbors can be truly rewarding.

Fall Make A Difference Day



CELEBRATING LEADERSHIP AWARDS

With spring comes the opportunity to recognize the many contributions our students and community members are making to enhance life at Ohio Dominican University. The Celebrating Leadership Awards is an annual ceremony centered on our students and the leadership they demonstrate. This year's ceremony will happen on Monday, April 28 at 3:30 pm in the Bishop Griffin Student Center, 258-260.

During this ceremony we will recognize many individuals who have been nominated by their peers, members of the faculty and members of the staff. Here is a listing of the university awards presented:

Student Awards:

- Outstanding Leadership in Community Service
- Diversity Action Award
- Dominican Spirit Award
- Emerging Leader Award
- Outstanding Leader Award
- Panther Pride Award

Student Organization and Program Awards:

- Program of the Year
- Most Improved Student Organization Award
- Student Organization of the Year
- Student Organization Member of the Year

Faculty and Staff Awards:

- David B. Erwin Jr. Student Organization Advisor of the Year
- Bishop James A. Griffin Exemplary Staff Member Award



In addition to these 12 awards, students are recognized for their contributions to specific areas of campus life, such as Residence Life and Campus Ministry. The ceremony also features student talent. Past performers have included singers, poets and dancers.

For more information about the Celebrating Leadership Awards, visit www.ohiodominican.edu/cla or contact the Center for Student Involvement at involvement@ohiodominican.edu or 614.251.4726.



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Everything you have ever secretly thought about dating, romance, marriage, lovers, husbands, wives, and in-laws,
but were afraid to admit

Save the Date

Friday, April 4th 7 PM
Saturday, April 5th 4:30 PM
Thursday, April 10th 7 PM
Friday, April 11th 7 PM
Saturday, April 12th 7 PM

*for mature audiences

\$8 General Admission
Free for students, faculty and staff
with their ODU ID

playing at the
Matesich Theatre
Erskine Hall

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