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Greetings from the UCPA Board

Congratulations! Congratulations to everyone who will be graduating this spring. Congratulations also to all those who have successfully made it through their freshman year.

These milestones are not easily achieved. As a parent I would like to thank and commend the support and infrastructure available to all students at UConn. The Q Center and the W Center are excellent resources and provide assistance for all majors. In addition, the Center for Career Development provides invaluable knowledge and advice among other services.

I would also like to thank all the parents and families that provided years of support and a foundation that allowed these students to excel.

To those who will return, please enjoy your summer. When you return continue to achieve, explore and grow. Take advantage of the tremendous wealth that UConn offers.

To those moving on, wear confidently the free tee shirts you accumulated during your time here. Good luck in all your subsequent education and employment. It has been my experience that a UConn education is very well received throughout the country as well as internationally. Be proud of yourselves, we are very proud of you. Wherever life takes you remember you are a Husky forever.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer to you all. Go Huskies!

Sincerely,
Bob McMahon, Treasurer, UConn Parents Association
Every day at UConn, your sons and daughters reap the benefit of generous private giving. Campus surroundings are enhanced by private giving—more than $7.6 million from donors last year—helping to provide the modern buildings and high-tech classrooms and laboratories that contribute to academic success. Even the new Basketball Champions Center behind Gampel, which fuels so much March Madness and Husky spirit, is being built entirely by private donations.

Talented faculty receive critical philanthropic support—$9.2 million from donors last year—that sustains and advances their teaching, research, and professional development and helps improve academic strength across all disciplines.

Private giving brings world-renowned leaders and policy makers to campus to help the entire UConn community expand their views on profound topics and issues. The appearance of Hillary Clinton, former Secretary of State and U.S. Senator from New York, and Doris Kearns Goodwin, noted author and presidential historian, were made possible by generous private giving.

Philanthropic support sustains the Students First Fund, which helps students who for some sudden mishap are unable to buy books. Or students who need airfare to make an emergency visit home. Or students who need to replace personal belongings because of a fire.

Private giving provides scholarship support—$20 million from donors last year—attracting the brightest and most accomplished students and those who might not otherwise be able to afford a UConn education, ensuring the richness and diversity that is crucial to a great learning community. Gifts to UConn come from alumni, friends, and parents of current and former students. I hope you will join our family of supporters who are invested in the University.

Candidates for the UConn Parents Association Exec Board

Caroline Chapman, Candidate for President
Caroline is a resident of Stonington, Connecticut and attended UConn from 1982-1986. She is the Career Center Coordinator at Stonington High School, and is the mother of four children; Richard, 26 of Stonington, a Three Rivers Student; Benjamin, 24 of Stonington, a 2012 UCONN graduate; Megan Rose, 21 a Junior Human Development and Family Studies major and member of the women’s track team, and Destiny, 19 a freshman Accounting major at Eastern Connecticut State University.

Caroline and her husband Rick, (UCONN ’85) believe that being active in your children’s lives can make a difference only for the better, so they have always volunteered in their children’s schools and activities. She sees the Parents Association as a way for parents to “stay involved and network with each other as we help our kids navigate towards independence.”

Please vote by going to parents.uconn.edu and clicking on “Executive Board Ballot.”

Bob McMahon, Candidate for Vice President
Bob is a resident of Coventry, Connecticut and attended UConn from 1982-1986. He is the father of two UConn students. Casey is a senior Pathobiology major who will be graduating and moving on to veterinary school in the fall, and Erin is a sophomore intending to major in Nutritional Science. Bob is local to UConn and takes advantage of many opportunities the university community provides. Volunteering for the Parents Association provides an opportunity to give back to the school community, provide some support to the student body, and to proudly promote the many benefits of the university.

A big thank you to our Midnight Breakfast, Spring 2014 Parents Association Volunteers!
Bob McMahon, Alfred and Eugenie Williams, and Cathy and Chafik Rebai helped serve thousands of UConn students during finals week!
By mid-May, many UConn students have returned home to work and play, begun summer internships, or set off to study abroad or go on other adventures. But our campuses don’t roll down the shutters and drift into long summer naps between May and August. In fact, UConn Summer is a vibrant time for many students, faculty, and staff.

For UConn students, summer offers the chance to get ahead on coursework during one or more of our six summer sessions, which run from mid-May to mid-August. There are already more than 600 classes listed for UConn Summer 2014, and one fifth of these are online course offerings. These classes represent all of UConn’s Schools/Colleges and departments at Storrs and the Regional Campuses.

Although most classes run on an intensive five or six week schedule, students value being able to move ahead with their academic work while leaving some of the summer months free for travel, employment, and other opportunities. Classes in the summer are often smaller than their fall-spring counterparts, giving some usually large lecture courses the feel of much smaller classes. The intensive summer schedule requires longer class meetings, but this often creates a learning environment that can accommodate a range of activities and assignments that make the summer learning space a rich and fulfilling one. Faculty also value summer classes for the same reasons and enjoy the opportunity to rethink how they approach content given smaller class sizes and longer class periods.

Outside of the classrooms, summer buzzes on UConn’s campuses. As continuing students move out, hundreds of incoming freshmen move in, filling walkways and buildings with tremendous energy and excitement. Some of our incoming freshmen will choose this year to attend our first ever “UConn First Summer” which is a program that invites UConn’s freshmen and transfer students to jump in early, take classes, and experience what campus and the surrounding communities have to offer. Add to our soon-to-be Huskies, the many camps, conferences, and special sessions that happen over the summer, and the result is a community very much awake and filled with activity.

On the Storrs campus, everyone lines up on Tuesdays to fill a “bucket” (it’s big) with Dairy Bar ice cream for a mere $1.00 (UConn Student) or $2.00 (Non UConn Student). The Department of Student Activities hosts barbeques and other special activities during the warm summer months. Off-campus, Storrs Center is (at last!) a fully-functioning downtown area offering shopping, and lots of food options, including Dining Service’s own “Le Petit Marche Café” which is housed in the new UConn Co-op Bookstore @ Storrs Center. The Storrs Center UConn Co-op is an extension of the on-campus UConn Co-op. It connects to the recently opened “UConn Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry.” (Did you know that UConn is one of the few university’s in the nation to have a program in Puppetry Arts?) During the summer months, Storrs Center sponsors activities ranging from weekly outdoor music, arts fairs, films, gaming nights, and more.

If all of this makes summer sound too busy, let me reassure you that, despite the buzz, the summer months on our campuses are decidedly low-key. Even with our many future students and guests on campus, things do slow down a bit. There is time to explore, and time to find that perfect bench or expanse of grass, sit down with your notebooks and, yes, at last, take that nap.

Watch our webpage for upcoming news & events: www.summer.uconn.edu
What is there to do in Storrs Over the Summer?
Department of Student Activities

From May through August, the Department of Student Activities, provides students who stay on campus over the summer with opportunities to participate in fun and exciting events all summer long. While each year incorporates a different summer theme many of UConn's traditional summer events continue to make their appearance.

One of our most popular events is “Tons of Fun Tuesday!” This event is held every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Students can purchase a 32 oz. ice cream bucket, and fill it with their desired flavors. For UConn students the buckets cost $1.00 while non-UConn students pay $2.00. What a deal for UConn Dairy Bar Ice Cream! During “Tons of Fun Tuesday” the Student Activities, Summer Program department sponsor an activity, ranging from live music, to making custom hats and other novelties. The Student Activities department plans four excursions each summer, known as “Tours Away from Storrs.” These road trips offer students an opportunity to get off campus and explore the surrounding area attractions. Some past trips have brought students to Boston, New York City, or they can participate in zip-lining, rock climbing, and swimming. Students are also able to purchase discounted Six Flags New England admissions tickets, to use on their own. A variety of events are offered throughout the week, some during the afternoon, and others in the evening. Barbecues, a variety of competitions, arts and crafts, relaxation evenings and free food are just a few examples of what events are offered.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Men and Women’s Basketball & Field Hockey Teams for their National Championship Victories during the 2013/2014 season. GO HUSKIES!

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I’m not one to be unprepared, I just live in the moment. In my time at UConn, I wanted to experience as much as possible without thinking about what comes next. Yet when my senior year rolled around way too fast, I wasn’t happy that I hadn’t thought about what my future held. I was involved in First Year Programs, Residential Life, and had just come back from studying abroad in London. What I didn’t realize is that all these experiences led me to a career path in Higher Education and Student Affairs.

After hearing about a position through my many mentors on the UConn campus, I knew I wanted to spend the year between undergraduate work and graduate school by working in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. This position sounded perfect: I would get to travel all over the country, talk to perspective students and their parents, and enhance my résumé. The only problem was that I didn’t really have a résumé…or know how to write a cover letter…or know what kinds of questions I would be asked in an interview. By my senior year I was kicking myself that I hadn’t gone to the Center for Career Development (CCD).

Despite my lack of résumé, the CCD was more than willing to help me draft and redraft, (then redraft a few times more) a résumé that I could be proud of to present to potential employers. I had all the experiences; I just didn’t have a beautifully worded, evenly spaced log of my time at UConn. After that, I had a cover letter that I wrote with the supervision of the CCD staff that specifically targeted the job description perfectly. Then, I traveled to Illinois, Ohio, New Jersey, and New York recruiting for the university that I love. I am so happy that I discovered the Center for Career Development before it was too late.

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UConn Alumni Association’s Top 10 List for Graduating Seniors
Jessica L. Sokol ‘12 M.A., Manager of National Alumni Relations, UConn Alumni Association

Once your student walks out of that graduation ceremony with a diploma in hand, their connection to UConn continues through the UConn Alumni Association. In addition to connecting graduates with a network of more than 217,000 alumni worldwide, we provide career services as well as mentoring and networking opportunities. Here’s a Top 10 List of how your graduate can stay connected with us:

1. **Update contact information with the UConn Alumni Association.** This way, your student will always have the most up-to-date information about great events and opportunities in their area as well as exciting campus news.

2. **Meet fellow Huskies through an affinity group, school/college society, or local alumni chapter.** Whether they move to a new state or stay in Connecticut, there are several groups ready to welcome new alumni. These groups host all sorts of events — from game watches to networking nights.

3. **Become a member.** If your student is already a member, that is great! Joining the UConn Alumni Association is a great way for graduates to maintain a longstanding relationship with the University and to show their continuing pride in the institution. Seniors can sign up for a special Senior Year Access Pass membership, and young alumni enjoy a special rate for the first five years after graduation.

4. **Sign up for free online services, including the Alumni Career Network and career webinars.**

5. **Stay connected via social media.** The UConn Alumni Association is active on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, and Flickr.

6. **Tap into the power of our alumni network and link with Huskies worldwide through networking events and personal connections.**

7. **Come back to Rentschler Field for this year’s Homecoming football game on Nov. 1, 2014.**

8. **Get involved through volunteering.** Alumni can be mentors, Workplace Ambassadors, career fair representatives, Admissions representatives, international ambassadors, and much more.

9. **Participate in our global alumni book club, A Novel Group of Huskies.** This virtual club allows graduates to participate whenever they can, from wherever they are.

10. **Travel to exotic places with fellow Huskies.** From the stunning landscapes of Japan to villages in the heart of Europe to the snowy Canadian Rockies and beyond, several tours each year offer the chance to experience different cultures firsthand alongside UConn alumni and friends.

Find more information online at UConnAlumni.com. Email us at ucaa@uconn.edu or call toll-free at 888-822-5861.
Family Weekend 2014 - Save the Date!
Melissa Arroyo, Program Coordinator, Student Activities Programs Office

Friday September 19 to Sunday September 21, 2014

While summer is just beginning, it will be time to pack your students up to head off to Storrs before you know it! Often times seeing a loved one go can be a hard transition, both for the family and the student.

No matter what year your student is, brand new to campus, or beginning their 7th semester with us, it is always nice to get a visit from their family, to connect, and be able to show off how they are living, learning, and succeeding as a part of the UConn community.

The Family Weekend Committee is already hard at work, getting prepared to host an amazing weekend packed with fun, education, and community building events for all to enjoy!

Friday evening, September 19 join your student for dinner followed by some free fun at Late Night, or a movie in the Student Union Theatre. Saturday we will have the traditional outdoor BBQ, along with our annual “Cultural Explosion”, a celebration of the diversity on campus, showcasing just a few of UConn’s many student organizations. Finish up your day at the Family Weekend Dinner, and then a show at the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts, or head out to one of the many restaurants around campus; then join us for another movie and Late Night in the Student Union. Finish off your weekend with Sunday brunch, and then visit “Cornucopia” and the “Festival on the Green.”

If getting outdoors and exploring is more your style, take a Campus Tour, check out what downtown Storrs has to offer, or head over to Horse Barn Hill for a hike. This is just a sampling of the amazing activities and programs we have in Storrs for you. There really is something for everyone! We hope to see you in the fall!

A detailed program of events for each day of Family Weekend will be on the Family Weekend website in June. www.familyweekend.uconn.edu

UCPA Listserv

The UConn Parents Association has a LISTSERV in case there are important messages that we need to communicate to parents and guardians. Parents/Guardians can sign up at parents.uconn.edu. It is a self-serve listserv which means that parents sign up and remove their email addresses from it when they no longer wish to receive messages.

Important: UConn e-mail

Please remind your student to check their UConn e-mail over the summer frequently. UConn’s offices and departments correspond with students by e-mail only.

Cut & Save

UConn Calendar
Fall 2014/Winter 2015

Friday, August 1
Fall semester undergraduate fee bill deadline.
For more information visit
bursar.uconn.edu or financialaid.uconn.edu

Friday, August 22
Freshman and Transfer students move into residence halls

Saturday, August 23 through Sunday, August 24
Continuing and Campus Change students move into residence halls

Monday, August 25
Fall classes begin

Monday, September 1
Labor Day (No Classes)

Friday, September 19 through Sunday, September 21
Family Weekend

Sunday, November 23 through Saturday, November 29
Thanksgiving Recess

Friday, December 5
Last day of fall semester classes

Monday, December 8 through Sunday, December 14
Final Exams

Thursday, January 8, 2015
Spring semester undergraduate fee bill deadline.
For more information visit
bursar.uconn.edu or financialaid.uconn.edu

Sunday, January 18, 2015
Anticipated re-opening of residence halls

Tuesday, January 20, 2015
Spring Classes Begin
Making a Successful Transition With Your Student
Christine Wilson, PhD, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs & Director of Student Activities

This article is dedicated to our new first time college parents.

When we took our daughter to college, we were excited for her. Both her father and I have worked on college campuses. She grew up going to lectures and programs and talking with me as I prepared my class lessons. We were confident she was prepared for college, and that she would thrive. We would not be so-called “helicopter parents.” We would give her time and space to find her own way through her education.

It did not turn out that way. After the first week, she hadn’t been to the dining hall. She said she felt shy, and she just didn’t know how to join a group or how to ask folks if they wanted to go. After I talked her through a few scenarios, her friends started calling for the same help. Mostly they just needed a few examples of phrases to get conversations going. I was glad to help, but I was shocked to hear how hard the adjustment to college was for her friends. She called, upset, every weekend. We talked to her about being homesick and pushed her to go to the counseling center. We told her she had to join a student organization or volunteer, and she had to work out to manage stress. She volunteered in an animal shelter and pushed her to go to the counseling center. We told her she had to join a student organization or volunteer, and she had to work out to manage stress. She volunteered in an animal shelter and a mentoring program. We never asked “how are you?” or “are you feeling better?” because we didn’t want to focus on her problems, but on the things she was doing to improve. We asked her what she was studying in her classes, how the animals were at the shelter, and how her workouts were going.

She told me that one important thing her father and I did was to listen to her on her own terms, uninterrupted, for a long while each time we talked, and we didn’t give advice right away. When we gave advice, we explained why, and didn’t try to talk her into things. When we gave directives (“join something!”) we didn’t tell what to do specifically; we just gave broad parameters. And then we followed up broad questions until she gave specifics. For example “What progress have you made toward joining a group?” to “I am volunteering at an animal shelter” to “Tell us about the animals.”

Teaching conversation starters and focusing on positive actions was somewhat helpful. Other challenges proved more difficult to manage, such as a roommate in an abusive relationship. One day, the roommate’s partner pushed his way into the room and hit my daughter. She called campus security and the residence hall staff. Later, she called us. We broke our own rule and immediately gave advice: move out. She said she didn’t want to, because she liked her roommate and she didn’t want to move. We collected our wits (i.e. shut up) and told her to call us back with a plan. She did. She said that she was going to tell her she was a good roommate, but given what the partner did, he was not allowed back in the room. The roommate agreed. Unfortunately, the situation didn’t end. The partner and some of his friends behaved terribly towards our daughter. They publicly called her names and threw garbage at her door. Her roommate turned a cold shoulder and eventually moved out. During this time, our daughter told us about her visits to the resident assistant to discuss a new roommate and to the hall director about the damage to her door. We noticed that she had changed her focus during our conversations: from her trying to understand her emotions to her telling us about her positive action.

I realized that while she was prepared for the technicalities of college (academic organization, campus resources), she was not ready for social realities. Students need information on both. I thought working on a college campus would make me a great college mom, but it turned out that learning from my daughter’s college transition made me a better college worker. Some students talk freely about their experiences, and some need more encouragement and more questions. Parents and families need to help students get through whatever realities new students are experiencing (and each student is different) by listening patiently, giving advice sparingly, and assuring that students have the space to define their own paths. And this applies to those of us who work with college students, too. If we all get down to the business of challenging our students in a supportive environment, they have the best chance to succeed on campus, and after graduation.

PS. Our daughter survived that first difficult year, and graduated a few years later. She still calls to talk things through, but she definitely learned how to work through problems during those challenging times.
After enduring a long, cold and snowy New England winter, spring is finally here. On the UConn Storrs campus, the grounds are thawing, and planting has already begun in our Spring Valley Student Farm heated greenhouses, bringing the promise of local, organic, and nutritious produce to our Farm Fresh Market.

Dining Services Farm Fresh Market began in July 2012. Dennis Pierce, Executive Director of Dining Services, said the idea for a farmer's market was a natural progression in the University's efforts to provide healthful, locally grown foods in its dining facilities and cafés on campus. And it certainly has! John Smith, a Dining Services manager, shares his enthusiasm for the market. “We're very lucky to have a relationship with a great student run farm, Spring Valley Student Farm, located several miles off campus in Mansfield, CT. The farm provides us with much of the locally grown fruits, vegetables, flowers, and honey we sell at the market.”

Open one day each week from May through October, about 80 to 100 customers, primarily UConn students and staff, visit the outside market located on Fairfield Way near the Student Union. Some stop by for a quick purchase of a crisp, fresh apple or a juicy, ripe tomato. Others purchase just a single bakery item. Still others bring their own recyclable bags and fill them up with kale, lettuce, peppers, and other seasonal vegetables.

As the growing season changes, so does the selection of produce available at the market. If certain produce is not available from Spring Valley Farm, such as apples or strawberries, the University's produce vendor, Fresh Point, will provide fruits and vegetables from other Connecticut farmers. If necessary, Fresh Point will reach out to other states in the northeast to fill UConn's order.

Regarding produce availability, manager John Smith states, “We encourage our customers to let us know if they're interested in something we don't normally offer. If it is available locally or within the region, we will try to get it for you.”

(A great sidebar fact: UConn's Department of Dining Services is the largest consumer of Connecticut grown produce in our state, purchasing from over 30 local farms.)

Generally throughout the season, the market will sell a variety of greens, squash, beets, cucumbers, peas, okra, tomatillos, spinach, broccoli, cauliflower, corn, eggplant, strawberries, blueberries, herbs and more. The Farm Fresh Market also sells several products that are made locally in Connecticut.

Sodas from Hosmer Soda, based in Willimantic and Manchester; flavored pumpkin seeds from SuperSeedz out of North Haven, hot sauces from Dragon's Blood Elixirs, based in Woodstock, and UConn honey harvested from our own hives, are just a few. For those with a sweet tooth, Dining Services “Not Just Desserts” Bakery always provides the perfect pies, cookies, and breads, with new offerings each week.

Staffed by UConn students who live and work at Spring Valley Student Farm, a visit to the Farm Fresh Market not only provides nutritious produce and local products but an educational experience as well. These students come to the market with their expertise in sustainable agriculture and organic farming and are eager and excited to share their experiences and expertise with customers.

One student customer shared, “A lot of the veggies are right from the UConn farm and you generally get a chance to meet and speak with someone who has a connection with the food itself. I appreciate that.”

For those interested in visiting Spring Valley Student Farm, tours are given each Tuesday beginning May 20th from 12 noon – 8:00 pm. Contact farm manager Julia.Cartabiano@uconn.edu for more information.

The 2014 Farm Fresh Market will begin on May 22nd and run every Thursday through mid-October, rain or shine, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Sales are cash only, and although plastic bags are available, consumers are encouraged to bring their own recyclable bags.
Student Parking Permits
Available Online
Dawn Conklin, Parking Services Administrative Specialist

Starting July 1, 2014, student parking permits for the Storrs campus may be purchased online using a credit card. Your son or daughter will need to know their vehicle’s year, make, model, plate number and color to complete the form. The parking permits are sold on a first-come-first-served basis by class year. The student demand for some of our parking permit types exceeds their supply. Waitlists are established once the supply of a particular permit type is exhausted. Permits purchased by August 2nd can be mailed to off-campus addresses only.

Permit options and eligibility information can be found on the Parking Services website at www.park.uconn.edu. Any additional questions can be emailed to Parking Services at parkingservices@uconn.edu. Your student may also call us at 860-486-4930. Please be aware however that our phone lines are typically very busy at the start of each semester. Email may therefore be preferable during those times.

Storrs Center: Open for Business
Kathleen M. Paterson, Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc.
*Adapted from the 2013 article for this issue by the Orientation Services Office

The Mansfield Downtown Partnership, a 501 (c) (3) organization formed by the Town of Mansfield and the University of Connecticut, invites you to add a trip to Storrs Center with your student during your next visit to campus. Many new restaurants, shops, and services are open for business downtown.

In One Dog Lane, hungry visitors can choose from Moe’s Southwest Grill, Dog Lane Café, Subway, or Mooyah Burgers & Fries. Satisfy a sweet tooth with a stop at Froyoworld or Insomnia Cookies. Swing by 7-Eleven for a coffee on the go or for that item you forgot to pack.

Next door, two more restaurants are cooking up delicious meals: Geno’s Grille and Husky Pizza. Their neighbors at The Flower Pot, Travel Planners, Body Language, Head Husky Barber Styling Shop, Select Physical Therapy, and Storrs Automotive are open and ready to serve you with a smile. And, no visit to Storrs Center would be complete without a trip to Sweet Emotions Candy Shop!

A branch of the UConn Health Center has now opened in Storrs Center. Medical services are provided by licensed, board-certified health care professionals who provide health and wellness care to UConn students, staff, and the surrounding community.

The Partnership and Storrs Center master developer LeylandAlliance are in the midst of planning fun community events for all ages to take place downtown throughout the summer and fall. Be sure to check www.storrscenter.com for events, sales, and specials before you head downtown.

Many of the businesses on Royce Circle are now open, and more will be opening this fall!

Storrs Center is an easy walk or bike ride from campus. If you drive, park free for two hours in the Dog Lane lot behind Husky Pizza. The Storrs Center parking garage is perfect for longer stays; the first two hours are free, and it’s just $1 an hour after that!

For more information, please visit the Mansfield Downtown Partnership’s website, www.mansfieldct.org/mdp, or contact the Partnership at 860-429-2740 or mdp@mansfieldct.org. Information is also available at www.storrscenter.com.
The academic year is ending and although it may feel like you just loaded all those belongings to bring your student to UConn, it’s time to pack them up and move them out. Did you know that students move out up to 40% more belongings than they moved in? Planning the move-out process can cut down on time and stress. Below are some suggestions to help make the process go smoothly.

When Do Your Students Need To Be Out of Their Rooms?
Students must vacate the residence halls no later than 24 hours after their last final exam. Those students participating in the undergraduate graduation ceremonies must move out by 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 11.

Follow Check-Out Procedures
Residence hall staff will instruct students on how to vacate their rooms properly. Please be sure that your student follows proper instructions when moving out, such as cleaning the room, assembling furniture correctly, and handing in the key. Checking out with a staff member also allows them the opportunity to discuss any damages and who is responsible.

Consider Renting a Moving Van or Truck
Depending upon the quantity of items your student has at school, it may be convenient to rent a moving van or truck. If you are thinking about doing this, arrange to do so early. The month of May can be a busy time to rent a truck since many colleges are closing at the same time.

Bring Moving Supplies
Start saving those boxes! Boxes, tape and even Ziploc bags are very helpful on move-out day. Large garbage bags are one of the best ways to get clothes and blankets home. You may also want to consider packing items that your student needs for school into separate boxes. Label these boxes and put them aside for storage. Hand trucks are a great way to move boxes so be sure to bring one along if you have one.

Does Your Student Have Unwanted Items?
As students begin packing, they often come across items they no longer want, or that you cannot fit into your car to take home. The “Give & Go Program” encourages students to take action by donating their unwanted books, clothing, electronics, kitchen utensils. In the past the program has collected over 10,000 lbs. of goods and coordinated their delivery to homeless shelters, food pantries, and men’s/women’s support organizations throughout the state. As always, we love the support of our awesome parents! As the car is being loaded, and that bag cannot fit, we will gladly take it and find it a home! Other unwanted belongings must be removed from the room or building. Large dumpsters will be located in areas around the residence halls for disposal of large unwanted items such as rugs and broken furniture. Do not leave large items in the student’s room or near trash receptacles in the residence hall as your student may be charged for improper disposal of his or her belongings. We greatly appreciate your assistance!

Please Keep Vehicles Off the Grass and Sidewalks
Upon your arrival to campus for move-out, please park in a designated parking space or loading area near the residence hall. Please help to keep our campus beautiful by not driving or parking on grass, sidewalks or landscaped areas.

Consider Renting a Local Storage Space
If your student has many large items that they will not need during the summer, consider renting a storage space. Often, a group of students will share a storage space. Personal belongings cannot be stored at the University over the summer and any items left in a room or building will be disposed of after students check out of the residence hall.

Travel Safety
As you are packing up your vehicle, be sure to maintain visibility for safe driving. Please tightly secure any items on roofs or trucks to ensure a safe drive home.

Prepare For Your Student to Return Home
Over the past few months, your son or daughter has changed and matured. Having your student back at home will be somewhat of an adjustment for both the student and the family. Patience and good communication help to make this transition smooth and enjoyable.