Dear Parents:

Happy New Year!

Welcome to the first edition of Northeastern’s Parents Pack, an e-newsletter created by the Parents Leadership Council (PLC). In order to better serve and understand our parent community, the university established the PLC two years ago. Comprised of 38 members, it connects Northeastern parents to the university, facilitating communication and increasing parent engagement and support. We strive to enhance the experience of every undergraduate student and parent, and serve as regional contacts, offering advice and guidance to Northeastern families.

As parents, you are part of the Husky family. We will keep you informed of all essential information concerning your students throughout the year. We sincerely appreciate your confidence in Northeastern as we work to provide your students with the knowledge and skills they need for a life of personal and professional fulfillment. For more information about the PLC, questions, or topic suggestions, email parentsleadershipcouncil@neu.edu.

Best,
Mary Ann Janigian
Chair, Parents Leadership Council
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Parent Spotlight

Snell Library

Maureen and Paul Petracca, PNT'16, are a wonderful example of how parents can have a direct impact on Northeastern's students. Their gift to Snell Library will fund 100 new seats on the library’s fourth floor, creating a more productive learning and study environment. Snell is a heavily trafficked space, welcoming over 1.9 million visits per year, and it is relied on by Northeastern's faculty and students who aim to produce work that enriches the world. The fourth floor is a designated silent study floor, and provides a space to complete academic work independently.

School of Nursing

Ketan and Janki Sharma, PNT'17, and Thomas and Mary Stangl, PNT'16, have made a commitment to support the School of Nursing's 50th Anniversary celebration. This momentous occasion celebrated 50 years of nursing education and brought together alumni, parents, and friends of the school.

Cooperative Learning

In September 2013, the PLC sent an email communication about how parents can use their personal and professional networks to expand the Northeastern inventory of cooperative learning opportunities. As a result, we received 20 leads from parents for co-ops around the world.

The renowned co-op program helps companies across all industries address critical workforce needs, and strengthen their talent bench with skilled and motivated student-employees. Now is the time to act if you're interested in becoming a co-op employer or know of an organization that might find this program beneficial. Recruitment for the July-December 2014, six-month co-op cycle is underway! Contact Jim Boyle, director of employer relations, in the Department of Cooperative Education and Career Development (617.373.3772 or j.boyle@neu.edu) to learn more.

Don't want your kids sleeping on your couch after graduation? On Thursday, January 23, 2014, Career Development is hosting the Senior Career Conference (SCC) to help seniors transition from college to career. The SCC is a full day of career related workshops and panels including both alumni and employer-partners. Topics will include: Interviewing Strategies, Business Etiquette, Salary Negotiations, Money Management, Managing Stress during the Job Search, and more! Seniors may attend one or all sessions and customize their day as they see fit. Employers will be available to offer advice about resumes and cover letters, and students will also be able to get a photo taken for their LinkedIn profile.

This conference is specifically designed for seniors. Don't let your soon-to-be graduate miss out on this opportunity! We hope you will encourage them to attend and are looking forward to a fun and interactive conference.
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Sue Welch, PNT’16, PLC Communications Chair and member, is EMPOWERING by example! Read about how she is volunteering at the university here.

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Ins and outs of Northeastern housing

It is that time of year for your students to focus on submitting their housing applications for the 2014-2015 academic year. An email was sent from Northeastern Housing and Residential Life to both students and parents. Copies of each message can be found here. Your student's application must be submitted by 11:59pm, January 15, 2014. Students who do not submit applications by January 15th may be placed on a waitlist and not be guaranteed a room or be a part of the room selection process (unless they are required to live on campus).

What to do? Get your application in!

Current first year students are required to live on campus during their second year, so simply applying by the deadline will satisfy the requirement. Deposits for current first year students have been waived because they are required to live on campus, so no deposit is necessary this year.

For any current transfer or student in his/her second year or more, submitting an application for housing by the January 15 deadline enters your student into a random lottery process. After the application has been submitted, students will receive a lottery or waitlist number in mid-February and will have the opportunity to attend info sessions and tour buildings prior to the online selection process. If during this time your student's plans change because of co-op, study abroad, or they have secured an off campus apartment, they must notify Housing and Residential Life and their deposit will be refunded. The deadline to cancel without penalty is May 15, 2014. The same is true for Spring 2015. For spring housing, students have until October 1, 2014 to have their deposits refunded.

Off campus housing, you ask?

The most frequently asked question by parents is: Which option is more cost effective when making the choice of living on campus versus off campus? Northeastern housing offers many different housing options (and rates) for upperclassmen, many of which include kitchens. It is best for your student to research on campus versus off campus options.

Your student can refer to the Off Campus Student Services website which helps navigate the following housing issues:

- Finding off campus apartments through an apartment database and list of approved realtors
- Helping students with renters' rights, questions, or concerns about living off campus
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• Connecting students to campus and the local community through programs and events
• Providing information on leases, city resources, subletting, realtors, and more

Dates to remember:

• January 15, 2014 11:59pm EST application submission deadline
• February 18, 2014 Lottery numbers and waitlist numbers released via HuskyMail to students
• February 24, 2014 Deposit deadline for students who receive lottery numbers
• February 24, 2014 - February 26, 2014 Housing tours and info sessions nightly starting at 5:00pm in Speare Commons
• February 27, 2014 - March 28, 2014 Online housing selection

we celebrate

Empower: The Campaign for Northeastern is about people empowering people. Fueled by the "power of we"-alumni, parents, friends, faculty, students, and staff, corporate and industry partners-our students and faculty will master and create knowledge that improves lives. To learn more about Empower and its November 2013 launch on campus, visit the campaign website.

Upcoming Events for Parents

Beanpot Hockey Tournament
February 3-February 10, 2014

Husky vs. Red Sox
February 27, 2014
jetBlue Park in Fort Myers, Florida

Sandy Butters, Director of the Parent Giving Program, and Staci Shea, Development Officer, are attending the Husky vs. Red Sox event. They will be organizing a parent reception in the area on Wednesday, February 26. Please let us know if you plan to be in the Fort Myers area. They would love to meet you!

Holocaust Awareness Week
Starts March 17, 2014

Northeastern POPS featuring Train
May 1, 2014
Northeastern's Matthews Arena

Message from Sandy Butters, Director of Parent Giving

This has been an exciting year of growth for the Parent Giving Program. One of our major goals continues to be enhancing opportunities for parents to make the most of their Northeastern experience. We've been thrilled to see and hear from many parents who are participating in campus events, and traveling to Boston to take advantage of all this great city has to offer-and perhaps stopping by campus to take their student to lunch! In addition, the Parents Leadership Council has nearly tripled in size and in the scope of services it provides in parent engagement, leadership, stewardship, and communications.
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To catch a sporting event visit GO NU!

For regional events, visit your Northeastern Chapter website and get involved!

Snell Library has a number of events planned on campus that are free and open to the public. >>Read more

Help at Snell Library

Snell Library's subject librarians are at the ready to provide students with discipline-specific research support and to help incoming freshmen become acquainted with collections and services. Our subject specialists are here to help your students with course-related assignments from their freshman year all the way through completion of their final year at Northeastern. Students can contact their librarian with questions about their research, new resources and databases, library policies and procedures, or the library in general. Librarians are available by appointment or by phone, email, and text.

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Identifying parents who are interested in partnering with us philanthropically continues to be of paramount importance to our team. It is thanks in large part to past parents and alumni that Northeastern has become the excellent institution it is today. If you haven't already pledged your support this year, please join those who have.

We thank you for encouraging your son or daughter to choose Northeastern. Our ongoing promise to you is that we will do all we can to ensure that your student, and those who follow, will enjoy a full and successful university experience.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2014!

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Student Organization Spotlight

Latino/a Student Cultural Center (LSCC)

For over 15 years, the Latino/a Student Cultural Center (LSCC) at Northeastern University has been a home away from home where students can share experiences, ask for advice, celebrate, and learn about the Latino culture. It inspires our diverse group of students to achieve greatness, and is available to give them the guidance necessary to do so from their first day on campus, to graduation and beyond. The LSCC offers programs and services that help guide students through a successful transition into college, while also giving them tools for a lifetime. At the LSCC, students can create healthy Latin meals, learn new dance styles, participate in community service, earn a scholarship, and meet successful alumni from many professional backgrounds.

If you have questions about the LSCC or the college experience at Northeastern, please contact us at lscc@neu.edu.

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