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Dear Parents and Families:

It has been a long, snowy winter here in Boston but spring will soon be upon us. We are all certainly looking forward to the warm weather!

This academic year at Northeastern has had many highlights. We opened our newest residence hall, East Village, which is the second tallest building on campus and houses over 700 students. We also opened the new Center for Financial Independence to assist our students with making educated financial decisions.

New beginnings are around the corner for our graduating seniors. I would like to congratulate all of our parents and families who have a student graduating on May 8, 2015. It has been a long journey and I know how proud you are of your student’s accomplishments. If you will be attending Commencement this year, visit northeastern.edu/commencement for more details.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful spring. Please contact the Office of Parent and Family Programs and Services should you have any questions or concerns. You can also connect with us on Facebook at facebook.com/ParentFamilyProgramsAtNortheasternUniversity.

Sincerely,

Susan Brown
Associate Director
Office of Parent and Family Programs and Services
The Center for Financial Independence was created to support all Northeastern students in the pursuit and achievement of financial literacy. Ultimately, the center hopes to help all of our students achieve independence and confidence in managing their personal finances during their college tenure and beyond. A student idea incubator, Thrive, is a part of the Center for Financial Independence. The group offers presentations, programming, workshops, seminars, technology, and more—all created and delivered by Northeastern students with the intention of providing their peers with the core competencies necessary to make educated and sensible financial decisions. To learn more, please visit us online at northeastern.edu/cfi.
Save the Date:
Parent and Family Weekend 2015

The date for Parent and Family Weekend has been set! Mark your calendar for Friday, October 16 through Sunday, October 18, 2015.

During Parent and Family Weekend, you will have the opportunity to learn more about campus resources available to you and your student and have the chance to explore campus and the city. A full schedule of events will be mailed in early September. Please remember that hotels in Boston fill quickly, so be sure to make your reservations early. We look forward to seeing you in October! A list of hotels may be found on our website at northeastern.edu/parents.

Would You Be Interested In Hosting A Summer Send-Off Reception?

Summer Send-Offs are receptions for new students who will be entering Northeastern University in the fall.

Each summer the Office of Parent and Family Programs and Services hosts receptions to allow new students and their families the opportunity to meet other families from their area. These receptions will be held through July and August.

We would like to invite you to serve as a host for this program. As a host you will work with the Office of Parent and Family Programs and Services to secure a date, location (hosts often do provide their homes), and coordinate the food and beverages. You will be provided with a budget for refreshments.

We hope you will consider hosting a reception. If you have questions or would like to serve as a host, please email s.brown@neu.edu by April 15, 2015.
Important Information from Housing and Residential Life

We are committed to keeping both our students and their parents fully informed. With this goal in mind, we would like to share the following key housing information for Spring 2015.

Move-Out for Students in Classes: Within 24 hours after your student’s last final or by 7:00 p.m. on May 1.

Move-Out for Students on Co-op: By 9:00 p.m. on May 1.

Move-Out for Graduating Seniors: By 11:00 a.m. on May 9.

Move-out Procedure

Students must complete the following prior to being checked out of their bed space by a member of the Housing & Residential Life staff:

- Remove all belongings
- Throw away all trash/food
- Clean their bed space

Once everything has been removed from the room, the students must check out of the space with a member of Housing & Residential Life on date previously coordinated with the Residence Director.

We encourage you to visit the housing website for more information at northeastern.edu/housing

facebook.com/northeasternuniversityhousing
twitter.com/nuhousing
Information on Commencement

Commencement will be held on Friday, May 8, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the TD Garden. Students who have a graduation year of 2015 must complete their graduation application (available through their myNEU Admitted Student Portal) and note their attendance as “yes” in order to participate in the ceremony. Students must arrive by 8:00 a.m. (late arrival will impact their place in the student line-up). Doors open at 8:00 a.m. for guests and the student procession into the arena will begin at 9:25 a.m.

We understand this is a momentous occasion that you may wish to share with many, but we must allocate tickets based on the number of candidates attending the ceremony and the number of seats available in the venue. Therefore, qualifying degree candidates will be given access to four electronic guest tickets in the beginning of April and each guest must have a valid ticket for entry to the ceremony. We invite those family members and friends who are unable to attend to join our graduates via the live webcast of the ceremony.

Please note that each ticket will be printed with a unique bar code that allows a single entry for general seating. Tickets must not be duplicated or copied as there is only one admittance per scanning of each individual bar code. The Commencement Office does not approve the selling of guest tickets and the purchase of such tickets is done so at the buyer’s risk.

Students participating in the ceremony, excluding military personnel in uniform, are required to wear a cap and gown at the commencement ceremony. The regalia is provided by Northeastern at no cost, and may be kept as a memento of the occasion.

Parking availability in the TD Garden area will be very limited due to the ceremony being held on a Friday and regular workday for the city. We highly recommend that, if possible, you use public transportation for travel to the TD Garden. Should you choose to drive, take into consideration the traffic patterns typically experienced in the morning. If you or another guest have mobility issues, it is advisable that you provide a wheelchair and/or drop off
your guest with an escort prior to parking. TD Garden has specific seating locations that are designated for wheelchair access; they will allow one escort to accompany each wheelchair-bound guest. Additional seating in that area may not allow for seating for your entire party.

Grad Images photographers will be available to take graduate portraits during the cap and gown distribution on campus and at the ceremony. Photo proofs and purchase information will be emailed to the graduate’s Husky account shortly following the ceremony.

Please encourage your graduate to read all emails directed to their Northeastern account related to commencement. The 2015 Commencement Newsletter has been mailed to students’ home addresses. The Commencement website provides complete details regarding deadlines, venue security policies, ticket and cap/gown distribution schedules, hotel booking, and other important details.

For more guest information, our current newsletter, and other important information, please visit northeastern.edu/commencement.
Students Spotlight: Loving the Adrenaline Rush

Journalism student Olivia Hesslein, CMD ’15, says that working behind the scenes for two national news networks while on co-op has defined her career path. Now she wants to be a television news producer.

“Many of the interns I worked alongside wanted to be reporters and anchors, but I discovered that I really enjoy working on the back end of television news,” Hesslein said. “There are so many opportunities to grow and I find it really fascinating.”

Her passion for producing took hold during her first co-op, at MSNBC in New York City where she worked in the booking department, collaborating with producers to schedule guests to appear on the network’s daytime news shows. She also conducted research for news segments while on this co-op, which ran from July through December 2012.

Hesslein’s co-op coincided with the network’s coverage of the London Olympics and the 2012 presidential election. “I loved the adrenaline rush of working in a live, day-turnover news environment,” she said. “You don’t always know what the big story will be that day before you come in to work. I enjoyed the suspenseful environment.”

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Little did Hesslein know at the time that her next co-op would be located in the same building, Rockefeller Center, the home of NBC Nightly News. That co-op, which began in May 2014, provided her myriad hands-on experiences researching stories, pitching ideas to producers, and helping to coordinate and facilitate television shoots in the field. Her work ranged from helping research medical news pieces—“I think I know everything there is to know about Ebola now,” she said—to helping produce NBC Nightly News’ “Making a Difference” segments, which focus on everyday people’s efforts to improve their communities.

In addition to her pair of New York co-ops, Hesslein has interned at Boston’s NBC affiliate WHDH-TV on the assignment desk, worked for NUTV and The Huntington News, and is now interning two days a week on the news desk at WBZ-TV, CBS’ Boston affiliate.

Back on campus, Hesslein has seen a huge overlap in the skills she’s honed both on co-op and in class.

“You learn things firsthand on co-op that you later learn more about in the classroom, and vice versa.”

Hesslein transferred to Northeastern after her freshman year, in large part due to the university’s co-op program. “It’s made a huge impact on my college career,” she said. “I wanted the chance to have work experience and I got that—and so much more. One of the biggest things I got out of my co-ops was that my co-workers really gave me the space and trust to learn on the job. They didn’t hold my hand.”
Stay Connected

Office of Parent and Family Programs and Services

The Office of Parent and Family Programs and Services has a number of ways for you to stay connected to the university, in addition to contacting us with any questions or issues your student may be having. We encourage parents and family members to take an informed, supportive role in their student’s educational success.

Parents’ Corner Message Board

Visit our Parent Message Board to post questions for other parents and join in the discussion. Get started at northeasternparents.proboards.com.

Parent Portal

Stay up to date on university news and announcements, important upcoming events, and happenings specific to your student’s college. Access to student account information such as your student’s academic transcript and Husky Card balance is available through your portal. You may also review and pay tuition bills through the Parent Portal. If you have not yet created a Parent Portal, we encourage you to do so. Learn how to create your account by visiting northeastern.edu/parents.

Visit us on Facebook:

facebook.com/parentfamilyprogramsatnortheasternuniversity
Blogs

There are a number regularly updated blogs that are great resources for you to stay connected. You can stay up to date by following the blogs of The Office for Student Affairs and of numerous students, including many who are blogging while on co-op. Explore these blogs by visiting northeastern.edu/admissions/campus-life/student-blogs.

Contact Us

The Office of Parent and Family Programs and Services is committed to helping you participate in your student’s experience at Northeastern. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have. You may reach us in any of the following ways:

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