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A Clarion University Parent Council Newsletter



CLARION PARENTS COUNCIL

Transitions Services is here to not only make you and your students' "transition" into college easier and enjoyable but to provide you with the resources and tools for the entirety of your Clarion University experience. We believe that the most efficient and effective way to serve our Clarion parents and families is to get input from you. Who would be better to tell us what parents need than parents?

YES – I WOULD LIKE TO BE AN ACTIVE PART OF THE CLARION UNIVERSITY PARENT COUNCIL.

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We hope to see you at Family Day, September 19.

We're here to help your family make a smooth "transition" into college.



Parents socialize after the conclusion of a CUPC meeting in 2007.



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GETTING INVOLVED



ORIENTATION

Orientation sessions are held on Fridays in the months of March and April and on Tuesdays and Thursdays in June. At the end of every session, families experience our Resource Fair where they get information and questions answered. That is where you come in! At our Transitions table, parent volunteers help new Clarion parents by answering questions about their children's experiences at Clarion.



MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKERS

Parents appreciate hearing from other parents about their son or daughters' experiences at Clarion. We can use parents who are comfortable with speaking in front of large groups to volunteer. Talk about your move-in experience, or how it feels when your child leaves the nest. Parents want to know and who better than to tell them than you?



FAMILY DAY

On the morning of Family Day, all parents are welcome to attend our first Parent Council meeting of the year. Participants can ask questions, provide feedback, and sign up for executive board and committee positions on the council. It is a great opportunity to network with other parents and families.

FAMILY Day SCHEDULE

* Ticket required



10:30 a.m.	Opening Brunch/Ticket Pick Up <i>Location: Eagle Commons Dining Hall*</i>
11 a.m.	Welcome to Family Day <i>Location: Eagle Commons Dining Hall</i> -Performances by CU Marching Band and Dance Team -Brunch and ticket pickup continues
11:30 a.m.	Welcome from Clarion University President, Dr. Joseph Grunenwald <i>Location: Eagle Commons Dining Hall</i>
12 noon	Parent Council Meeting <i>Location: Eagle Commons Conference Room 107/108</i> All parents are welcome to attend
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Family Festival, Activities, Games, and Inflatables <i>Location: Outside Gemmell Student Complex (if rain, inside)</i>
2 p.m.-4 p.m.	Campus Academic Departmental Tours Meet faculty and staff while touring classrooms
2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.	Family Entertainment and Campus Performing Groups <i>Location: Gemmell Multi-Purpose Room</i>
4 p.m.	Picnic and Games <i>Location: Memorial Stadium*</i>
6 p.m.	Golden Eagles Football vs. Lock Haven <i>Location: Memorial Stadium*</i>

RECOGNIZED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

On the first day of class, students visited the courtyard located outside of the Gemmell Student Complex to find out more information about the university's Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs).

At Clarion, we have more than 140 RSOs. Recognized status, which is granted by the Clarion University Student Senate, allows student organizations to reserve space on campus for meetings and events, conduct fund-raising activities, have a campus mailbox, and have Clarion University Web space and e-mail.

RSOs are organized into 13 categories:

Academic, Club Sports, Fraternities, Honoraries, Media, Multicultural, Performance Groups, Political, Residence Hall Council, Service Organizations, Sororities, Special Interest, and Spiritual.

For a complete list of all RSOs at Clarion, you can visit www.clarion.edu/79842. For more information on RSOs, contact Kelly Ryan at kryan@clarion.edu, or 814-393-1688.



DISCOVERY WEEKEND

Each year during Discovery Weekend, orientation leaders put on a series of four skits which are both entertaining and educational. Topics include roommate interactions, drugs and alcohol, date rape, and the outcomes of sex. The skits are performed for the freshman class before the pep rally on Saturday afternoon.

FALL SEMESTER 2009

Registration for day and evening classes	Monday, August 31
Classes begin – 8 a.m.	Monday, August 31
Labor Day Holiday	Monday, September 7
Mid-semester break begins – 10 p.m.	Thursday, October 1
Mid-semester break ends – 8 a.m.	Monday, October 5
Thanksgiving holiday begins – 10 p.m.	Tuesday, November 24
Friday classes meet	Tuesday, November 24
Thanksgiving holiday ends – 8 a.m.	Monday, November 30
Classes end – 10 p.m.	Friday December 11
Final examination period ends – 10 p.m.	Monday, December 14
Final examination period ends – 8 a.m.	Friday, December 18
Semester ends – 10 p.m.	Friday, December 18
Winter Commencement	Saturday, December 19
Semester grades due – 12 p.m.	Wednesday, December 23



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

- Every enrolled student at Clarion University will pass through the doors of the new building and benefit from the project.
- The recently remodeled planetarium portion of the Peirce Science Center will be preserved.
- The placement of the new “green” building will open a sweeping, green campus quad area when the current structure, built in 1968, is razed.
- New sustainable design principles for lighting, heating, cooling, and ventilation are projected to bring 25-40 percent cost savings compared to the Peirce Science Center.
- Effective compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act is incorporated within the new building.
- The new building is designed for flexible laboratories and classroom configurations demanded in interdisciplinary studies.
- The design of the new building focuses on sustainability and will itself be a model for sustainable design.



RESIDENCE HALL SUITES

Two Residence Hall Suites—Valley View Suites on Wood Street and Campus View Suites on Ralston Flats—offer spacious units designed to house two or four students with a shared common living space. Each building is centrally located on campus. Units include full bath for every two residents; bedrooms that include two beds, two dressers, two desks, and two closets; carpeted living areas with a couch, end table, and chair; individually controlled centralized heat and air conditioning; and high-speed Internet, cable, and phone connections. In addition, each floor has a TV/study lounge, and each building has its own laundry facility.

THE NEST IS CHANGING

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