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University Parent Media works closely with institutions around the country to bring together the most relevant, timely information into one all-inclusive resource.

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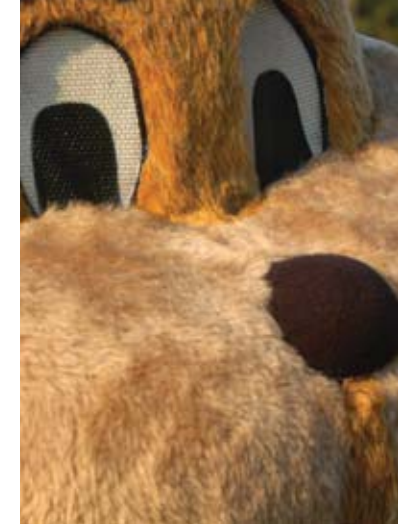
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# Welcome to the U of M...

## BECAUSE FAMILIES MATTER

We're pleased to welcome more than 5,000 families of new students to the University of Minnesota this fall, and we welcome back the families of thousands more returning students. This year, freshmen and their families will share the exploration of campus and the community with a new U of M president and his wife, Eric and Karen Kaler.

As the 16th University of Minnesota president is inaugurated this September, we acknowledge the role of the family in supporting student success. Although the responsibility for academic achievement falls on the student, the transition to the University and on-going support is shared by the entire family. The University

of Minnesota Parent Program is your link to campus, to help you understand the college experience, know about the resources for you and your student, and promote an appropriate role for parents in the University community.

We invite all families to come to campus

Parents Weekend is planned by a committee of students, led by Parents Weekend Coordinator, Emily Lammers. Take a look at the Parents Weekend schedule and check out the articles throughout this guide written by Emily and the coordinators, and register for the weekend before September 12th.

At any time during the year, when you have questions or concerns about your student, you're encouraged to contact the University Parent Program, (612-626-9291 or email [parent@umn.edu](mailto:parent@umn.edu)). If you're on campus, please stop by and visit us in 109 Appleby Hall. Although we may not be able to provide you with information related to your student's academic records, we can work with you to guide your son or daughter through the college experience.

Once again, welcome to our community of parents and family members at the University of Minnesota.

for Parents Weekend on September 30 to October 2. Parents Weekend is designed to give family members a chance to spend time with their students while exploring campus and the community.

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## Parents Weekend...

**BECAUSE THEY GROW UP SO FAST**

**By: Emily Lammers**  
*College of Liberal Arts, English Major, Class of 2013*

**In elementary school, you adore your parents; in junior high, you are embarrassed by your parents; and in high school you ignore your parents. So what happens when you get to college? In college, you appreciate your parents because you realize how much they have done for you.**

The summer after my senior year of high school, I was obsessively listening to Meatloaf's "I'd Do Anything For Love", focusing on the lyrics, "Will you get me right out of this Godforsaken town?" It wasn't that I didn't like my hometown or that I was fighting with my parents, I was just ready for the next chapter in my life. Though the University of Minnesota is a seven-hour drive from my home, I didn't anticipate missing my parents. After the first month of college, however, I realized how much they had influenced my life. Parents Weekend offers students and family members the perfect opportunity to reconnect after the first month of classes, spend time

together, and make the most of their students' college years, because after you know it, they will be graduating.

Parents Weekend is jam packed with events such as The Great Campus Quest, in which parents and their students explore campus and compete against other families to master the clues. Other events, such as the Elmer L. Andersen Library tours and the performance by Physics Force, provide families with fascinating, yet educational experiences. The main goal of Parents Weekend is to create fun-filled memories between family members and their students, because education isn't just for students. ■

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**Is our student invited to participate in Parents Weekend events such as workshops, The Great Campus Quest, and campus tours with me?**

It is highly recommended that your student attend events with you. You must buy a Parents Weekend Package for each family member other than your student. Students will have to show their valid student ID to participate in activities and events. Payment is required for students attending the Junior-Senior Dinner and Saturday Lunch.

**How much does Parents Weekend cost? What are the funds used for?**

A Parents Weekend package is \$20 per person, and includes admission to all programs and workshops. For each family's registration, your U of M student may attend at no charge. The two meals during the weekend have an additional fee for each person—including students—who will be dining. Parents Weekend is a self-supported event, and fees cover space and equipment rental, materials and supplies, marketing, registration costs, and entertainment.

**Who is invited to Parents Weekend?**

All family members—brothers, sisters, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors and friends—are invited to be part of Parents Weekend. We do need to charge for each package, however, because of the expenses involved with planning and implementing Parents Weekend.

## Register for Parents Weekend by September 12

Completed forms and payment are due no later than September 12. Registration form is on page 39. Note: There is a \$10 cancellation fee per order, if cancellation is received before September 12; no refunds available after September 12.

**Why isn't Parents Weekend scheduled for a home football weekend?**

We polled parents to find out what was most important during Parents Weekend. The number one answer: Spend time with my student. The second most important factor: Receive information on supporting my student. When Parents Weekend was previously scheduled on a football weekend, parents said that their students were involved with other activities before, during, and after the game, and there was no family time. This year's program is planned to allow families to be together. If students need study time, however, parents can still enjoy all activities with other families. ■

## Events for Registered Guests

\*Note: The schedule is tentative and subject to change. Check the Parent website, [www.parent.umn.edu](http://www.parent.umn.edu), for updated details. Admission to the following events is included with the Parents Weekend Package unless otherwise noted.

### Friday, September 30<sup>TH</sup>

Spend the afternoon learning about University of Minnesota resources available to you and your student.

#### 1:30pm-5:30pm

##### CHECK-IN, APPLEBY HALL

Pick up the final Parents Weekend schedule and maps. (Check-in is mandatory to participate in Parents Weekend activities and events.)

#### 2:00pm-4:00pm

##### SMART LEARNING COMMONS TOURS

Tour the SMART Learning Commons in Walter Library (Room 204) and explore how your student can take advantage of the Peer Learning Consultants available to help them with any school subject.

#### 2:30pm-3:15pm

##### SHERLOCK HOLMES TOUR, ANDERSEN LIBRARY

The University of Minnesota Elmer L. Andersen Library has been building its Sherlock Holmes Collection for more than thirty years and has one of the largest and most comprehensive collections in the country.

#### 2:30pm-3:15pm

##### MINNESOTA ROOTS OF THE GREEN REVOLUTION

The exhibit in Andersen Library will feature rare and unique agriculture records from the University Archives' Green Revolution collections, including items from the Norman Borlaug and E. C. Stakman papers. ►

### 2:30pm-3:15pm WORKSHOPS

Workshops will be based on a first come first served basis until the room capacity is reached so make sure you arrive early to the ones you want to attend.

- **Orientation Review**  
A discussion of issues students and families typically face in the first months of college—time management, study skills, homesickness, and more.
- **Career Planning**  
Learn how career centers on campus help students explore careers and graduate programs, as well as search for internships and jobs.
- **Learning Abroad**  
Studying, volunteering, interning, or working abroad enhances the student experience, but it requires forethought and planning. Learn how students incorporate international opportunities into undergraduate programs.

### 3:30pm-4:15pm WORKSHOPS

- **Housing 101**  
Everything you need to know about housing on and off campus, renters' rights, and leases and responsibilities.



- **Commuter Connection**  
Learn about the campus resources available to students who commute to the University, as well as discussing common challenges faced by commuters and ideas for helping students succeed.
- **Career Planning (See above)**

### 4:30pm-5:15pm WORKSHOPS

- **Housing 101 (See left)**
- **Learning Abroad (See left)**
- **Commuter Connection (See left)**

### 5:15pm-7:00pm SAMPLE STUDENT FARE

Parents can dine with students (who have a meal plan) for a discounted price in the Middlebrook, Centennial, and Sanford residence hall restaurants, or take your student to dinner at a local eatery.

### 6:00pm-8:00pm JUNIOR-SENIOR DINNER

Enjoy dinner in the Mississippi Room in Coffman Memorial Union while learning what it takes to prepare for the 21st Century job search. (Space is limited. Registration is limited to families of juniors and seniors. Pre-Registration is required, and there is an additional cost of \$18 per person. U of M students must be registered for and pay for this event.)

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

**1:30pm-1:00am**  
**GOLDY'S GAMEROOM, CMU**  
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**1:30pm-11:30pm**  
**GOPHER SPOT, STP STUDENT CENTER**  
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**3:00pm-7:00pm**  
**CLIMBING WALL, ST. PAUL GYMNASIUM**  
Enjoy the sport of climbing at the St. Paul Gym.

**1:30pm-8:00pm**  
**UNIVERSITY RECREATION CENTER**  
Use the gyms, courts, pools, and workout machines. (Must be at least 18 years old to use exercise equipment.)

**7:00pm and 9:30pm**  
**FREE FILM, COFFMAN MEMORIAL UNION**  
Enjoy a free movie at Coffman Union.

**9:00pm-11:00pm**  
**GOPHERS AFTER DARK**  
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**9:00am-10:30am****CHECK-IN, COFFEE AND PASTRIES, GREAT HALL (COFFMAN UNION)**

Pick up the final Parents Weekend schedule and maps; have a breakfast snack.

(Check-in is mandatory to participate in Parents Weekend activities and events; the check-in desk will be staffed all day Saturday, October 1.)

**10:00am****WELCOME! GREAT HALL**

Come mingle with other Parents Weekend participants, meet the Parents Weekend committee, and listen to a welcome from Vice Provost for Student Affairs, Jerry Rinehart, and Parent Program Director, Marjorie Savage.

**10:15am-11:45am****STRENGTHS QUEST, GREAT HALL**

U of M students are focusing on their strengths and leadership skills as they work toward a college degree and a future career. Learn how families can support their student's strengths--and consider taking the Gallup StrengthsQuest assessment yourself. Over a million students have learned about their strengths through this program based on research of the highest performers in hundreds of different roles.

**Noon-12:45pm****U OF M PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY, ERIC AND KAREN KALER**

Come meet the new president of the University of Minnesota, Eric Kaler, and his wife, Karen Kaler.

**1:00pm-2:00pm****SATURDAY LUNCH, GREAT HALL**

Enjoy lunch while mingling with University administrators and staff. Saturday's Lunch requires an additional fee which students, as well as other Parents Weekend attendees need to pay for.

**2:00pm-3:00pm****PHYSICS FORCE, GREAT HALL**

Physics Force is a group of Physics and Astronomy teachers who put on a physics circus of entertaining demonstrations. Physics Force goes above and beyond to educate and entertain with their blend of slapstick, prop comedy and science.

**3:15pm-4:30pm****THE GREAT CAMPUS QUEST, GREAT HALL**

Teams of parents and students will explore campus solving clues, finding treasures, and completing fun challenges while discovering the University in a new way. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers.

**4:30pm-5:00pm****VICTORY DESSERTS, GREAT HALL**

Celebrate victory! There will be an award ceremony for the scavenger hunt winners; dessert for all.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES****Noon-4pm****RAPTOR CENTER, ST. PAUL CAMPUS**

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**10am-5pm****JAMES FORD BELL MUSEUM**

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**GOLDY'S GAMEROOM, GOPHER SPOT, FREE FILM, GOPHERS AFTER DARK**

(See Friday Description)

**10am-2pm****CLIMBING WALL, ST. PAUL GYMNASIUM**

(See Friday Description)

**8:00am-5:00pm****UNIVERSITY RECREATION CENTER**

(See Friday Description)

**9:00pm-11:00pm****GOPHERS AFTER DARK**

There will be Family Feud and Bingo for families who want to let their competitive side come out along with the option to decorate your own picture frame to commemorate the weekend. ▶

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Discover Downtown, Uptown, Dinkytown and St. Paul, or just spend time with your student. Maps and suggested destinations will be included in your Parents Weekend package.

**Time To Be Decided****MEN'S HOCKEY, MARIUCCI ARENA**

Exhibition game with British Columbia. With multiple National Championships Golden Gopher hockey continues to be one of the most exciting events in town. (Visit [gophersports.com](http://gophersports.com) to purchase tickets.)

**11:00am****WOMEN'S SOCCER, ELIZABETH LYLE ROBBIE STADIUM**

Gophers host Penn State. The 2010 Minnesota women's soccer season saw one of the Golden Gophers most successful seasons in program



history, making its second appearance at the Sweet 16 tournament. (Visit [gophersports.com](http://gophersports.com) to purchase tickets.)

**OTHER ACTIVITIES****3:00pm-10:00pm**

**CLIMBING WALL, ST. PAUL GYMNASIUM**  
(See Friday Description)

**8:00am-5:00pm**

**UNIVERSITY RECREATION CENTER**  
(See Friday Description)

**Community Events****ARTS AND CULTURE**

With the Guthrie Theater, Walker Art Center, Orpheum Theatre and many other stellar venues and groups, the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul are arguably the premier arts center between the East and West coasts.

**HISTORY AND SCIENCE**


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**AMUSEMENT PARKS AND ZOOS**

Minnesota includes a wide variety of amusement parks, theme parks and zoos. Places for fun in the Twin Cities area include Nickelodeon Universe; Valleyfair; and the Como Zoo in St. Paul.

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# Junior-Senior Dinner...

## BECAUSE GRADUATION IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

By: Brittany Dugan

College of Design, Architecture Major, Class of 2014

Once you become a junior or senior, it seems life passes very quickly. Graduation will be here before you know it, which is a great reason for you and your student to prepare for the 21st Century job search. During the Junior-Senior Dinner, you can learn about what your student can be doing to prepare for life after graduation while enjoying great food and entertainment. You and your student are welcome to join us for dinner in the University's Mississippi Room during Parents Weekend. Enjoy a great view of the Mississippi River while listening to informative and helpful presentations from recent graduates and representatives from businesses who will present tips on finding internships and jobs in today's employment market, writing a resume, and successful interviewing tips. Dinner includes a delicious pasta

buffet with a variety of dishes, such as oven baked Florentine lasagna, and roasted vegetable pesto primavera with cheesecake for dessert. Enjoy your dinner while visiting with the speakers who will be seated at the tables to address individual questions. The University's own student group, The Enchantments, will provide live entertainment. We hope you will join us in this great opportunity to learn about career planning and to spend time with your student!

This event will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 30. Registration is limited to families of juniors and seniors. Preregistration is required and there is an \$18 cost per person. U of M students must be registered and pay for this event. ■



# Because Living Like a Student Now Means You Won't Have to Later

By: Sarah Healy

College of Liberal Arts, Communications Major, Class of 2012

College is a great time for students to learn important money managing skills that will prevent you from getting the "please send money" phone call. Below are several ways in which your student can get the most bang for their buck.

**Job Opportunities.** It's important for students to start working in order to start saving money. There are many student jobs on campus that your student can apply for, which can include working in the residence hall dining rooms, the campus bookstore, or refereeing club sports. This is a great way for them to meet other students, get involved on campus, and make money at the same time.

**Food.** Socializing means sitting with friends over coffee or pizza, but going out to eat can add up. Many campus organizations will offer free food at meetings and events. This is an opportunity for students to learn more about what's going on around campus, join a club, and get a free meal. Another alternative to eating out is to make use of the student kitchens in the residence halls. The front desks provide pots and pans so students don't have to worry about supplying their own. ►

**Transportation.** A student bus pass can be purchased for under \$100 per semester. With this U-Pass your student can get to downtown St. Paul and Minneapolis on the bus or to the airport or the Mall of America on the light-rail. If you are visiting for a weekend and don't feel like driving around the city, you may want to purchase a Metro Transit day pass. For more information, please visit the U-Pass website: [www1.umn.edu/pts/busing/passes.html](http://www1.umn.edu/pts/busing/passes.html) and the Metro Transit website: [www.metrotransit.org](http://www.metrotransit.org)

**Fun.** The University offers many free and inexpensive activities students can participate in. Gophers After Dark is a student group that puts together fun and free activities every weekend that include indoor and outdoor games, food, and free movies at the Coffman Theater. If your student is looking to get away from campus for a bit, there are plenty of destinations that have free admission at least once a week. These include the Como Zoo, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, and many more.

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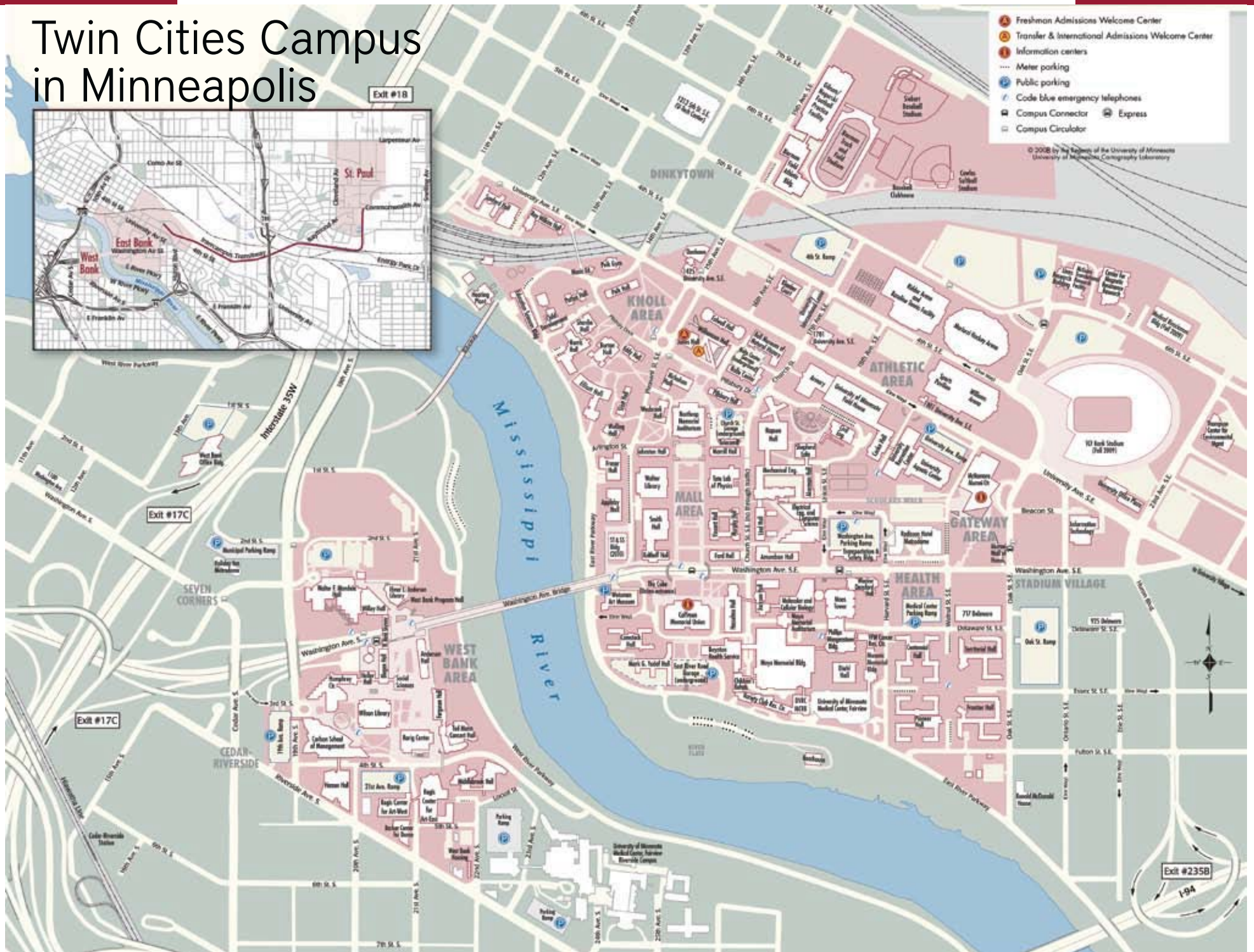
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# I Wish I Would Have Known...

**BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE MADE THE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE EVEN BETTER**

By: **Alyxandra Svatek**

*College of Liberal Arts, Advertising and Design Major, Class of 2014*

Many people look back at college as one of the best times of their lives. Be sure to help your student make this statement true by encouraging him or her to explore and discover the possibilities the University of Minnesota provides to each and every one of its students. Whether a first year student or an experienced senior, there are always going to be things your child wishes they would have known to make life a little easier!

**I WISH I WOULD HAVE KNOWN...**

...how to work the bus system. Whether it's going from West Bank to East Bank or going downtown, the system is easy to operate and well worthwhile.

...joining a club in the beginning of the year is important. Not only will your student be involved on campus, but will also make friends right from the start.

...deciding on a major immediately isn't required or even suggested. As a parent, you may feel the need to pressure your student into picking a major immediately, but allowing your son or daughter to explore their interests will make deciding on a major easier.

...which dining halls supply specialties. Residence hall restaurants all serve similar foods, but many offer special ▶

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meals on certain days. When it comes to residence hall dining rooms there are many options available to students.

...approaching a professor isn't as intimidating as it seems! Let your student know that introducing himself or herself at the beginning of the semester and keeping a close relationship with the professor will only positively impact their educational experience.

...checking the U email account at least twice a day is crucial. Professors and University staff will often send emails throughout the day about homework assignments or special events occurring on campus.

...to do laundry before you absolutely need it, rather than when there are no clean clothes left! It will be important to teach your son or daughter how to do this chore so their white t-shirts don't turn red the first week of school!

...doing homework even when it won't be collected is important. It's up to the student to complete any optional homework assignments or attend extra review sessions so they can benefit from it. ■



# U of M Slang You Should Learn...

**BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO BE AN OUT-OF-THE-LOOP PARENT**

**By: Rebecca Blomquest**  
*College of Liberal Arts, Advertising Major, Class of 2014*

As a parent of a college student you must prepare yourself to call your student and receive a response like this: "My day has been crazy, I was going to get breakfast at UDS in the SuperBlock, but couldn't find my U Card because I think I lost it while I was walking through The Mall, but later found it and used my FlexDine at Coffman." If you are unfamiliar with the language of this statement you're not alone. A lot of parents aren't keyed in on the terms thrown around the U of M on a daily basis, but the list below explains the most commonly used terms by students who attend the U. ►

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**Coffman or CMU:** The University's student union is usually one of the busiest places on campus where students have access to the campus bookstore, bank, Starbucks, food alternatives, and student activities.

**East Bank:** One of the three regions that make up the University of Minnesota campus, this area is located on the east side of the Mississippi River and is home to Coffman.

**West Bank:** This area is located on the Minneapolis side of the Mississippi River, connected by the Washington Avenue Bridge to the East Bank. It is home to the Carlson School of Management, the Arts Quarter, and some of the University's professional programs.

**St. Paul Campus:** The third area at the University of Minnesota is home to the College of Biological Sciences, part of the College of Design, and College of Food, Agricultural, & Natural Resource Sciences. It is just a short bus ride away from East and West Bank.

**The Mall:** This refers to Northrop Mall, the area on campus that extends from Northrop Auditorium to Coffman Union.

It is a grassy area where students can sit, relax, and study (using free wi-fi service) between classes.

**SuperBlock:** The SuperBlock is a 4-city-block space housing four adjacent residence halls—Centennial, Frontier, Territorial, and Pioneer—that are located on the East bank.

**UDS:** Name for University Dining Services, which includes campus dining services located in the residence halls of Centennial, Pioneer, Middlebrook, Comstock, Sanford, and Bailey.

**CA:** Abbreviation for a Community Adviser, a highly trained student who lives on each floor in a residence hall and provides information and support for residents.

**U Card:** A student ID card that provides identification and allows access to a student's residence hall, the Recreation Center, and other buildings around campus.

**FlexDine:** An electric form of money on the student's U Card that works like a debit card and can be used at many on-campus restaurants. ■

# Places to Visit During Parents Weekend...

## BECAUSE YOU WANT A MEMORABLE VISIT

**By: Anna Povolotsky**  
*College of Liberal Arts, Class of 2014*

### Coffman Memorial Union

This one building offers numerous activities to keep you occupied. Stop in the Bookstore for some electronics and get a t-shirt to show your school pride. Check out the Whole Music Club which features local bands and artists.

### The Bell Museum of Natural History

The Bell Museum was established with the intent to collect, preserve, and display Minnesota's diverse animal and plant life for public appreciation, so don't miss out on the outstanding art collections and environmental exhibits of our campus's own natural history museum.

### Explore Campus

Check out the new Science Teaching and Student Services Building on East Bank. This futuristic looking building houses the Center for Academic Planning & Exploration, Career Services Center, and One Stop Student Services.

### St. Paul

Stop by the Minnesota Capitol and see where the politics heat up or visit the Science Museum's Omnitheater for an exhilarating experience.

### Visit Dinkytown

Explore this area located north of the East Bank campus where plenty of restaurants, coffee shops, and retail shops are located.

### Downtown Minneapolis

Visit the Hennepin County Library, historical Orpheum and State



Theatres, or just walk around and enjoy the busy atmosphere.

### Mall of America

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# Changes to One Stop's Parent Access

The University of Minnesota's online payment process is changing, and parents who have previously been signed up for guest access may need to have their access renewed. The authorized payer profiles within UM Pay expired in late May. To continue your access to view and pay bills online, your student will need to re-authorize your access to the "Student Account" through Parent/Guest Access. If you currently have Parent/Guest Access, you can review your guest settings by logging in at <https://onestop2.umn.edu/eproxy/login.do>. If needed, please contact your student to initiate the Parent/Guest Access invitation process. For contact information or to learn more about what is changing read our overview at [http://onestop.umn.edu/contact\\_us/update\\_pga.html](http://onestop.umn.edu/contact_us/update_pga.html).

# Minnesota Parents Association

The college years represent a new stage of family life. To help parents negotiate the college transition, all families will receive the University Parent newsletter by mail, have access to the Parent website, can sign up for biweekly email updates, and can contact the University Parent office with questions or concerns.

Parents who are interested in a higher level of involvement are encouraged to sign up for a joint membership in the Minnesota Parents Association and University of Minnesota Alumni Association and receive more communication from and contact with the University.

According to Dr. Jodi Dworkin of the University of Minnesota's Department of Family Social Science, "A community of parents provides support, ideas, and resources as families negotiate their 'revised' parenting role during the college experience."

The University of Minnesota Parent Program has developed the Minnesota Parents Association in collaboration with the University of Minnesota Alumni Association. The \$60 membership offers parents and their students all the benefits of the Alumni Association along with special communications and services

designed especially for parents.

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- Access to two extensive University Libraries online databases
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- Group discounts on arts programs and athletic events on campus
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playhouses to the Walker Art Center, hailed by *Newsweek* as "possibly the best contemporary art museum in the country," the entertainment options in Minneapolis are endless.

With dozens of international culinary traditions and options, our foodie scene bursts with offerings. Take the short drive to area orchards and farms for just-picked produce and local specialties. Sit down to a meal by James Beard Award-winning chef at a Minneapolis restaurant.

Experience the flavors of Sweden, Germany and Poland—or Somalia, Vietnam and Mexico—on Eat Street, just steps outside the downtown area.

Boasting nearly 200 miles of recreational paths winding through the metro area, you'll see how we prize the outdoors. With 22 city lakes and more than 170 parks, no Minneapolis resident lives more than 6 blocks from a park. Add Saint Paul's 160 parks into the mix and you've got one big urban playground. In the midst of a bustling city environment, a commitment to green space provides ample opportunities to enjoy the outdoors.

The Twin Cities literally invented shopping as it is known today, with the first enclosed mall, Southdale Mall; the country's trendiest discount retailer, Target; and the largest shopping complex in the country, Mall of America. Here, you'll find a combination of ambitious young designers, funky neighborhood boutiques, fabulous neighborhoods, major retailers and huge malls. And, with no sales tax on apparel and shoes, you can take advantage of it all! ■

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### Wirth the Wait

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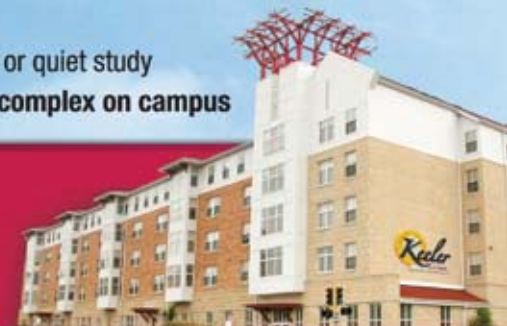
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## Parents Weekend – September 30-October 2, 2011

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- \_\_\_ Number of Parents Weekend Packages, \$20 per person (When parents register, their U of M students may attend workshops and programs at no cost by showing student ID)
- \_\_\_ Number of Saturday Saturday Lunch tickets, \$12 per person. Note: The Saturday Lunch is an *additional* cost for Parents Weekend registrants. You must be registered for Parents Weekend by purchasing a Parents Weekend Package and pay the \$12 Lunch cost. Each U of M student must pay the \$12 Lunch cost.
- \_\_\_ Number attending Junior-Senior Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Friday, September 30, \$18 per person (all attendees must purchase a dinner ticket, including U of M students). The dinner is for University Juniors and Seniors and their family members.

*Please indicate number of people attending workshops scheduled for Friday afternoon, September 30, including your student. Workshop attendance will be based on a first come, first serve basis, but indicating your interest will help us determine appropriate venues. Parents and non-U of M students much purchase a Parents Weekend package to attend workshops.*

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