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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.

We have published this guide with the mission of helping you easily navigate the university and its surrounding community. Ultimately, we hope these resources help nurture your connection and involvement in your student's college years!

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Welcome to the VU Family



Dear Parents and Families,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Vincennes University family. Our President Dr. Richard Helton, the faculty, staff, and students of Vincennes University share your excitement and anticipation as this new chapter unfolds.

experience. Please take the time to sign up for our special e-newsletters designed to help parents and families. Each e-newsletter is chocked full of timely information and resources that will help you help your student be successful. It is easy to do. Simply go to vinu.edu/parents and select e-newsletters. Additionally, visit our WebPages designed especially for you. They are a great way to stay on track – and stay connected.

Vincennes University is a place where your students have the opportunity to learn, grow, and realize their dreams. It is important that they seek help and search for answers to their questions. Resources abound from academic tutoring labs, individual tutoring (in almost every subject), to other special offices such as our Counseling Center and our Center for Career and Employer Relations. The VU community stands ready with information and encouragement for your student. But we are also here to help you, the family, through this next chapter.

Please accept this University Parent Guide as a piece of a campus-wide effort to provide excellent service to you and your student. But also know that I am here to assist anytime you have a question or concern. VU values your input and insight. Please contact me if you have questions, concerns, or issues. I eagerly await the opportunity to serve you.

Best Wishes!

Cindy A. Beaman

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VU FIRST celebrates VU's rich heritage while looking forward to new accomplishments in the lives of students and the University community.

Founded in 1801, Vincennes University is Indiana's first college. VU is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. VU maintains its accreditation with the Commission through participation in the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP).

Educating students from across the country and all over the world, VU is known for its academic strength. VU helps students prepare for well-paying jobs in just one or two years through associate degree and certificate programs.



Students may even choose to stay at VU to pursue specific baccalaureate degrees in nursing, homeland security, education, and technology. Another option is to invest in two years of study at VU and then transfer to a four-year college program. Starting at VU first can save thousands of dollars in tuition and housing costs.

VU's 160-acre campus is located in the agricultural heartland of Southwest Indiana. This quiet, peaceful, and safe campus provides students with all of the elements needed for a complete college experience: 6 residence halls, student recreation center, multiple dining facilities, library, clubs and organizations, sports and intramurals, and more — all at the most affordable residential college in the state.

VU's motto is "Learn in Order to Serve" and VU provides students with an ideal environment to achieve their academic goals. Small classes allow students

to have the personal attention that is often only found at more expensive private colleges. This focused teaching environment seeks to nurture and mentor students to achieve their potential.

Vision

Vincennes University is a premier learning institution, widely recognized for leadership in innovation and delivery of successful educational experiences. A breadth of program offerings and a commitment to quality service ensure the University's role as an important link in Indiana's economic and cultural vitality. VU is a diverse community whose members all share responsibility for supporting the University mission and are respected for their contributions.

Mission

Vincennes University, Indiana's first college is the State's premier transfer

institution and leader in innovative career programming. The VU community ensures educational access, delivers proven associate and baccalaureate programs, and offers cultural opportunities and community services in a diverse, student-centered, collegiate environment.

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Get Involved at VU

Student Center

The Student Center Office located on the second floor of the Beckes Student Union is the place to come and Get Involved.

The Student Center Office houses:

- Dean of Students
- Student Activities
- Student Government
- Campus Activities Board
- Student Development /Activities
- Student Volunteer Service Program
- Multicultural and International Student Affairs Office

The Student Center offers students opportunities to meet new people and develop leadership skills. For many students, the office serves as a “home away from home” by providing students with a familiar atmosphere and open door policy to assist our students through the transitions of college life. Although we may not always have the answers to their questions, we are always willing to find the person(s) who can.

From Guest speakers to Open Mic

Nights, there is something for everyone. Many events, rich in tradition include Family Weekend, the Blazerfest, and our Student Leadership series.

Multicultural Student Affairs Office

The Multicultural Student Affairs Office supports underrepresented students in achieving their goals at Vincennes University by encouraging their academic, cultural, and professional development. The office staff helps students in their transition at Vincennes University and continues to provide support throughout their academic careers.

Multicultural Student Affairs is home to the following clubs and organizations:

- Black student Association (BSA)
- Black Male Initiative (BMI)
- Essence of Worship Gospel Choir
- Embracing Latino Heritage (ELH)
- Today’s Black Women (TBW)
- VU PRIDE (GLBT-Straight Alliance)
- Women of Essence (WOE)

Clubs & Organizations

Each semester the Student Center host a Club & Organization fair where students have the opportunity to meet other students and advisors from over 60 campus clubs and organizations. It is important that students get involved in at least one club or organization. Involvement is a great way to build resumes as well as make new friends. Being connected helps students both academically and socially. If your student is interested in something we don’t currently offer, encourage them to let us know. We’d love to help them start a new club!

Student Government Association

Helping provide improvement of higher education within the University, the SGA Board creates a venue to promote diverse ideas, values, cultures, and experiences within the VU community.

Campus Activities Board

CAB selects, plans, and produces many of our campus events and activities. Students may apply to be on the CAB in the Student Activities Office in Beckes Student Center. Interviews are held in the spring and fall each year. In addition, CAB is always looking for volunteers.

Student Ambassadors

Ambassadors assist the University in welcoming our new students during STARTVU (registration) and New Student Orientation. Ambassadors are highly motivated, energetic student leaders. This is a wonderful student leadership opportunity and a great way to meet new people.

International Friendship Families Program

This program gives an opportunity for people in the vicinity to become friends with a Vincennes University international student, and in the same token, it gives the opportunity to an international student



to become friends with a local family.

International Club

This club helps promote cross-cultural awareness, communication, and cultural learning opportunities through programs and activities. Activities and events include international dinners/culture nights, special lunch programs, social activities, and opportunities for community service.

Student Volunteer Service Programs

Volunteering not only offers students the opportunity to help on campus, but in the Vincennes Community as well. Aside from the personal benefits of getting involved in a volunteer service, employers and educational institutions look favorably at those who are actively giving back to the community in which they reside. ■

Learn More

Please visit vinu.edu/studentscenter or contact the Student Center at (812) 888-4301 or fax: (812) 888-5572

Office hours: M-F 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



The VU Honors Program

Learning on Campus and Beyond

Students who work hard and do well may be recognized in many ways, from honor societies and the Dean's list to special awards and participation in the Honors Program. The goal of the Honors Program at Vincennes University is to create a learning community for qualified students with diverse majors who accept the challenge of Honors courses to fulfill their general education requirements.

Prospective Students accepted into this program will be enrolled in an Honors course each semester for four semesters. A capstone project, an independent study

course in the fourth semester, allows students to pursue a research topic with a faculty mentor, beyond the scope of the courses generally required for graduation.

Honors Program students have special advantages including additional Honors advising, travel opportunities, scholarship opportunities and international study options. ■

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Labs and Tutoring

Our professors are always willing to help their students. However, sometimes students need help outside the classroom with their academic studies. Vincennes University wants your student to succeed and that is why we offer a broad range of academic labs and study areas for our students. In addition to our many subject specific academic labs,

the Kirkwood Academic Skills Center provides free academic support campus wide to all students. If your student is struggling, encourage him or her to seek help early. Furthermore, the Shake Learning Resource Center (library) also offers a large bank of computers for our students to use as well as special study tables for students to work in groups. ■

Lab and Study Areas

Kirkwood Academic Skills Center	Humanities, Room 136	Monday – Thursday 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. Friday – 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Writing Center	Humanities, Room E132	Monday, Wednesday 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. Friday – 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Math Learning Center	Science Center, Room G7	Monday – Thursday 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. Friday 7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Chelsea Lawlis Learning Center	Social Science Center, Room 117	Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Reading Lab	Humanities, Room D109	Monday 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Tuesday 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Business Computer Lab	Business Building, Rooms 219-222	Monday – Thursday 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Science Tutoring & Study Lab	Science Center, G1-3	Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 10 p.m. Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Vigo Residence Hall (Open to all students)	Room 296	Tuesday and Wednesday 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Library & Computer Commons	Learning Resource Center	Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. – midnight Friday 7:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. Sunday 2 p.m. – midnight
Accounting Lab	Business Building, Room 219	Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Times may vary from semester to semester.

Student Resources

Counseling

Vincennes University provides comprehensive counseling for students. The center is staffed by licensed mental health counselors and a clinical psychologist. Therapeutic services are confidential, and most services are free of charge.

Office of Disability Services

The Office of Disability Services (ODS) provides equivalent educational opportunities to students with disabilities by making the Vincennes University campus, programs, and services accessible. ODS maintains disability related documents, certifies eligibility for services, and determines reasonable accommodations.

Academic accommodations and services are provided on an individual basis determined by documented need.

Documentation completed by a qualified professional, must be on file in the Office of Disability Services. Students are encouraged to send documentation to the Office of Disability Services prior to the start of classes for review. In addition, students should request accommodations early in the semester to receive the optimum benefit. Vincennes University offers additional support programs for students with special needs.

COPE Student Support Services

COPE offers a complete package of direct services to promote retention, graduation, and transfer to four-year institutions. Students may qualify if they are a first generation college student (neither parent graduated from a four-year college), meet income guidelines, and/or have a learning or physical disability.

Contact Information

VU Website
Vinu.edu

Campus Operator
(812) 888-8888
(800-742-9198)

Campus Police and Safety
(812) 888-5555

Academic Advising Center
(812) 888-4459

Alumni Relations
(812) 888-4354

Athletic Ticket Office
(812) 888-4511

Dean of Students
(812) 888-4301

Dining Services
(812) 888-4365

Library
(812) 888-4423

Parent and Family Services
(812) 888-5004
(888) 852-3940

Registrar's Office
(812) 888-4220

Red Skelton Performing Arts Center – Ticket Office
(812) 888-4039

STEP Program

STEP offers an academic support program providing comprehensive services for learning disabled students in the university mainstream. STEP is designed to help students be more successful in their college courses.

Summer Bridge

The Summer Bridge Program offers students a “preview” of what college life is really like through a highly-structured and supportive atmosphere. Students live in the residence hall, enroll in 6 to 9 credits, and participate in social and recreational activities. The overarching goal of the Summer Bridge Program is to provide students with a successful transition and positive college orientation experience.

International Student Affairs Office

The office of International Student Affairs provides advising and immigration support for VUs international student population. The office also serves as a coordination hub for campus cultural programming throughout the school year and promotes opportunities for global learning for all VU students, including the International Friendship Program. The office provides international student support for issues such as:

- US immigration
- Visa/I-20 questions
- US income tax
- Housing
- Banking
- Personal issues/culture shock
- Finding resources on campus
- Campus employment
- Obtaining a driver's license
- Medical insurance
- Application for Optional Practical Training (OPT) ■



Learn More

Counseling Center
Vinu.edu/counselingcenter
(812) 888-4374

Office of Disability Services
Vinu.edu/disabilityservices
Phone: (812) 888-4501
Fax: (812) 888-2087

COPE Student Support Services
Vinu.edu/COPE
(812) 888-4515

STEP Program
Vinu.edu/STEP
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Summer Bridge
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Campus Police and Safety

At Vincennes University, we understand your concern for the safety and security of your student while they are away at school.

We take seriously our responsibility to promote a campus environment that is safe for all. VU emphasizes crime prevention programs, victim advocacy, improved security measures and enforcement as tools in creating an ideal academic environment conducive to education and personal growth.

We believe that safety is everyone's responsibility. If anyone sees something suspicious, he or she should report it immediately. Many safety tools are already in place and VU continually assesses crime prevention programs and new technologies to keep your student safe. Resources include camera security systems outside buildings and inside residence halls, emergency call boxes with direct links to campus police, an escort service 24/7, an anonymous reporting tool (Silent Witness) from the homepage (vinu.edu), and the E-Text Alert System. E-Text is available those with a MyVU web account. Text messages include occasional test messages, emergency notifications including weather-related information, including class cancellations or delays. Students need to register their cell phone number on MyVU. An on-line

property registration for valuable assets can be accessed from vinu.edu/police.


Furthermore, crime prevention presentations are available upon request and safety tips may be found at the university website or the campus police department. VU publishes crime statistics in an annual VU Campus Police and Safety Report and on the university web site at vinu.edu/studentrighttoknow. Visit vinu.edu/police for more information on all of our safety resources.

The university police, appointed by the University Board of Trustees are empowered through the Indiana Code, and has jurisdiction on any real property owned or occupied by the University or on any streets through or adjacent thereto. The department shares jurisdiction in the city of Vincennes through a Memorandum of Agreement. ■

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The mission of the SHO is the promotion of the physical and emotional well-being for students and staff through healthy life style education. The dedicated nurses are available for assessment of illnesses and can provide over the counter medications and interventions, initial and follow-up care for injuries, tetanus/diphtheria boosters, tuberculosis screening and referrals for acute and/or chronic medical conditions.

Students should visit the SHO for assessment when not feeling well. If necessary, your student will be referred to the Medical Center of Vincennes. Residence Hall students are enrolled in the University medical program and off campus students may enroll in the program for a per semester fee. Physician office fees at the Medical Center for treatment of acute illnesses are covered under the program with a \$5.00 co-payment. After hours care is available at the Good Samaritan Hospital Emergency Room. Charges for this care are the responsibility of the student and family.

In addition, ill students may request a sick tray by contacting his or her Residence Hall front desk.

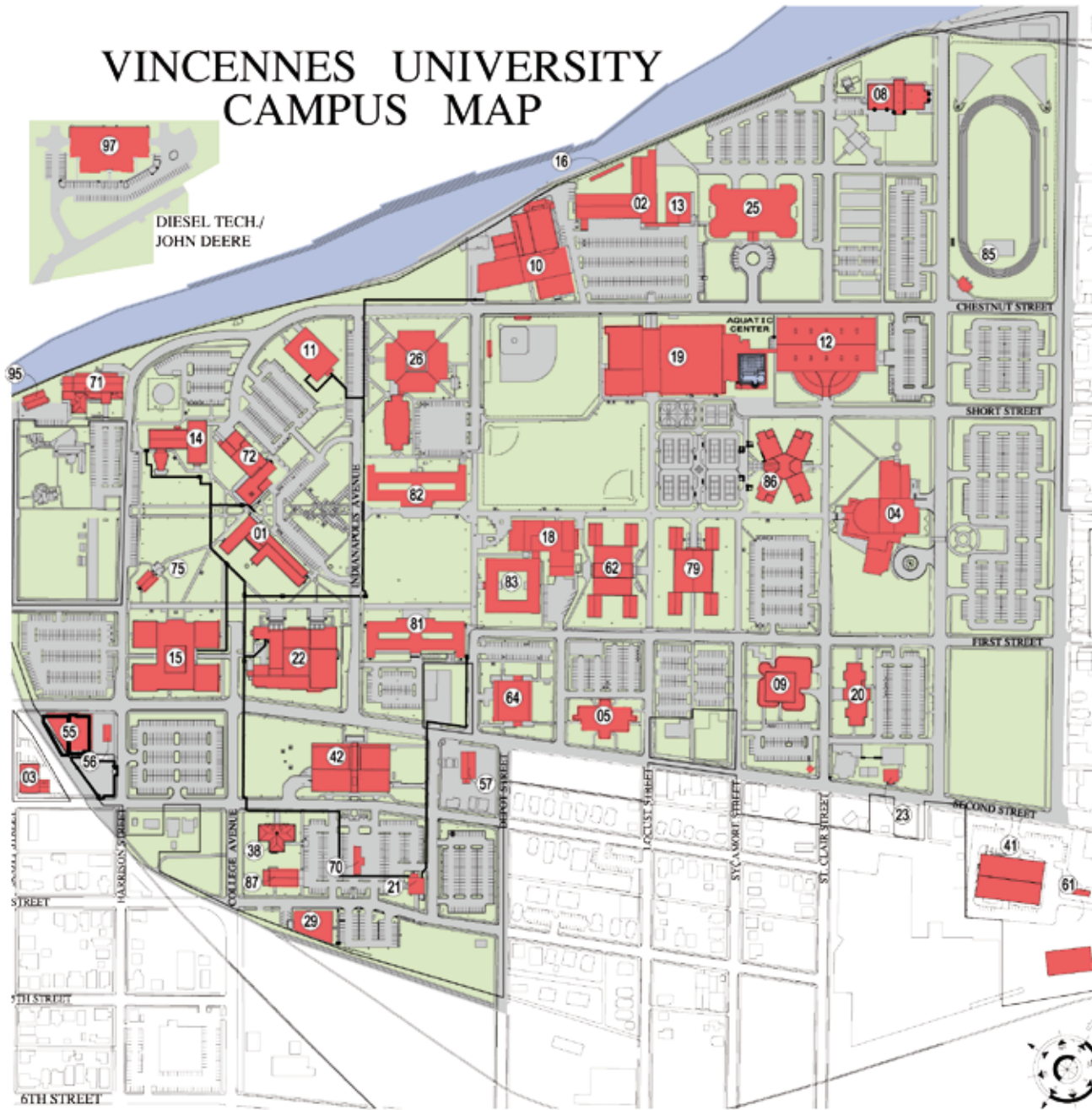
Immunizations

Immunization data is required by the law under the Indiana College Immunization law and must be submitted to the SHO prior to the beginning of the semester. Students receive the physical/immunization forms by mail, or they may be printed from the SHO page on the Vincennes University website. Failure to complete the immunization requirements will make the student ineligible for registration for subsequent semesters, until the complete immunization records are submitted. ■

Learn More

Health Office hours: Monday – Friday
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Vinu.edu/health
 Phone: (812) 888-4277
 Fax: (812) 888-5524.

VINCENNES UNIVERSITY CAMPUS MAP



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02 ATB	AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY BUILDING
03 ADA	ART DEPARTMENT ANNEX
04 RSPAC	RED SKELTON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
05 BB	THOMAS W. WATHEN BUSINESS BUILDING
08 CTB	CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY BUILDING
09 PTB	PRINTING TECHNOLOGY BUILDING
10 TB	TECHNOLOGY BUILDING
11 RBG	RAY C. BELESS GYMNASIUM
12 SRC	DONALD G. BELL STUDENT REC. CENTER
13 ABB	AUTO BODY BUILDING
14 HOB	HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BUILDING
15 SHC	SHIRCLIFF HUMANITIES CENTER
18 TDC	TECUMSEH DINING CENTER
19 PEC	PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMPLEX
20 PMSC	PHILLIP M. SUMMERS CENTER
22 LRC	SHAKE LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER (LIBRARY)
25 ICAT	INDIANA CENTER FOR APPLIED TECH.
26 MSC	MCCORMICK SCIENCE CENTER
29 YB	COMMUNITY SERVICES/ ZELLA YOUNG HALL
38 DC	LOUIE O. DAYSON FOUNDATION & ALUMNI CENTER
42 BSU	ISAAC K. BECKES STUDENT UNION
55 WTC	WELDING TECHNOLOGY CENTER
57 SIB	CAMPUS POLICE / INFORMATION BUILDING
62 VH	FRANCIS VIGO RESIDENCE HALL
64 DH	WALTER A. DAVIS HALL
71 GA	ROBERT E. GREEN ACTIVITIES CENTER
72 GVH	GOVERNOR'S HALL/ADMISSIONS
75 MCC	MARIA CREEK CHAPEL
79 GH	MARIE ELIZABETH GODARE RESIDENCE HALL
81 CH	GEORGE ROGERS CLARK RESIDENCE HALL
82 HH	WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON RESIDENCE HALL
83 MH	JOHN MORRIS RESIDENCE HALL
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Center for Career & Employer Relations

The career development process can be exciting, trying and life-changing: sometimes all at once. We encourage you to support, and participate in the process with your student.

The Center for Career and Employer Relations offers career counseling, career guidance tools and career support services to facilitate the career planning process. Workshops focusing on career planning, employment skills, personal financial management, and job search strategies, including assistance with resume development and interviewing, are also available.

An additional service of the Center is the facilitation of job shadowing opportunities. We facilitate internships, part-time jobs, and career counseling as well as other tools and resources such as:

- Career Cruising — provides occupational links, related program majors, and college profiles.
- Do What You Are — personality profile for career development and academic advising.
- PEPS Learning Style Inventory assists students in creating productive and successful learning environments.
- Transfer Information

Be a partner

We are always looking for ways to better serve our students. If you or someone you know is interested in offering our students summer employment, an internship, or if you are potentially hiring recent graduates, please contact the Center for Career and Employer Relations.

Students are always welcome

We look forward to serving your student's career planning needs. Encourage them to visit the Center for Career and Employer Relations in the south entrance to Vigo Hall. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. ■



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Parenting a College Student

One of the greatest challenges parents and guardians face is how to support their children once they enter college. How can you help? Here are some suggestions from veteran parents:

- Listen to your student and provide supportive encouragement (this usually is accepted better than unsolicited advice)
- Encourage self-reliance (but be a safety-net when things are really rough)
- Praise accomplishments soundly and attempts enthusiastically
- Keep them informed about life back home and family events
- Encourage active involvement with on-campus activities and groups
- Stay connected — email or Facebook may work better than phone calls in many instances. By the same token, try to lessen over-reliance by decreasing contact when over-dependency may be an issue
- Discuss your expectations for your student before they start college and continue the conversation as they progress — grades are posted to their MyVU at midterms and after final exams.
- Help your student connect to resources when needed. They may need urging and assistance locating and accessing counseling, advising, and special services
- Provide balance — students may not realize that while their transition may be uncomfortable, it is temporary and they will likely flourish with time

As you know, your son or daughter is facing the challenges of a new chapter of life, but don't forget, so are you. Expect that it might be a little rough for you to adjust to the changes as well. Give yourself permission to feel the emotions that come when a child goes to college. Maybe now is the time to re-connect with friends, interests, hobbies, maybe even your spouse or partner. ■



Connecting Commuter Students to Campus

Commuter students are juggling a lot, including making a place for themselves academically, socially, and involvement-wise on campus. Connecting to campus life can be challenging, and if not successfully addressed, leave a commuter student feeling isolated from the rest of campus. However, campus life is not just for residential students! It's for commuters and their families, too.

You can help your student find his place and get the most out of college life by trying the following:

Encourage involvement

Engaged students tend to stay and finish their degrees. So, encourage your student to attend that special event during his lunch break or get involved in a club or organization. Trying things outside the classroom can help students feel more a part of campus life – a sense of belonging.

Don't expect to see a lot of your student

Chances are that your student has a full plate with school, work and other involvements. So, if she doesn't come home for dinner, maybe it's because a classmate invited her to the dining hall that night. It is important that all students make connections.

Consider adapting current household rules

Consider collaboratively determining new household rules. Adapting rules related to curfew, chores, meals and visitors might afford him more freedom to stay longer on campus to study, catch dinner with a friend or feel free to bring a study group home.

Promote an on-campus job

If your student currently has a job, or is looking for one, you might encourage her to consider an on campus job. It will ensure regular engagement with staff and students; involve her in the campus communication loop; and create a natural and safe "home" for her on campus. The first place to start is by attending the Job Fair held each semester or by visiting the Career Exploration Center.

Provide a quiet, comfortable study space

College studies require much more time and effort than high school studies ever did. So, your student may be spending several hours of study time for every hour that he is in class – that's what most professors suggest. He'll need time and space to study effectively, without interruptions.

Suggest that your student connect with another adult on campus

Finding an adult mentor, whether it's a coach, advisor, professor or some other staff member can help your student feel more connected to campus.

Stay involved

Get to know more about VU. Read the literature that comes from campus, check out the website and sign up for the Parent & Family e-newsletter (vinu.edu/parents). Show your support and get involved by attending events and activities with your student. Don't miss our Family Weekends – a great time to visit campus with **your** student. ■

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Tips for a Stress-Free Move-In Day

- Vincennes is on EASTERN TIME, so adjust your plans accordingly.
- Residence halls begin receiving students on Thursday prior to the start of classes on Monday, August, 22. Move-in information will be included in your student's back-to-school letter that will arrive around the first week of August. Also included will be information about Freshman Orientation.
- When you arrive on campus, watch for directional signs. There will be carts available for unloading. After you unpack, leave the final decorating to the roommates... after all, they are the ones who will be living there. Be patient. Lots of people will be trying to do the same thing all at once. And yes, there are elevators!
- Take time to eat lunch. It seems like a little thing, but no one enjoys a cranky person—especially when they are hungry!
- Stay hydrated, visit the water stations, grab a bottle of cold water, and BREATHE. Everything will be alright!
- Keep track of the time so you and your student do not miss the Orientation activities. The welcome ceremony begins at 1:00 p.m. (ET) and all freshmen are requested to attend. At 3:00 p.m. family members are invited to attend a special College 101 for parents and families in the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center.
- Remember: Vincennes University is a Smoke/Tobacco Free Campus. Please check our website for a listing of designated tobacco areas. ■

Learn More

For a list of suggested items to bring to campus, visit vinu.edu/housing. All financial aid requirements must be completed in advance to moving into the residence halls. Students using the payment plan must make their first payment prior to residence hall check-in. Housing vinu.edu/housing housing@vinu.edu (812) 888-4225

Financial Aid – Don't Let It Intimidate You!

If you have a college-bound student, you are probably feeling a little overwhelmed about paying for a college education. You're not alone. The good news is that you can get help – all you have to do is ask (and fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid - a.k.a. the FAFSA).

Filing the FAFSA is the key to helping families manage the cost of college, and anyone who might be concerned about paying should apply. Never assume you won't qualify because there are options for everyone. It's free to apply, so you have nothing to lose. The Financial Aid Office maintains a strong commitment to assist our students as they progress through the financial aid process. We are available to help during our regular hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There are computer workstations in the lobby to assist students. One of our staff will be happy to work with students if there are any problems.

Saving Money

As we navigate new financial waters we hear the frequent comment that everything is more expensive. It is taking increasing talent to stretch incomes. VU offers a few suggestions to help students save money in these tough economic times.

Textbook Rental Program – could result in savings of up to 60%. Remember: Books are an out-of-pocket expense.
Purchase Used Books – these go fast so purchasing early is a good investment
Book Buy-Back Program – turn books into cash at the end of each semester
Enroll in Personal Financial Management – teaches students to be good financial decision-makers (ECON 208)



Additionally, Vincennes University has partnered with two bus services to help students travel to Indianapolis and northern Indiana during breaks. Our schedule changes each year so be sure to contact us for current information at parents@vinu.edu. ■

Learn More

Financial Aid
Vinu.edu/financialaid
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The Blazer OneCard: Official ID and More



In addition to the Blazer OneCard being VU's official ID, it can also be a debit card. From receiving financial aid refunds to purchasing course materials, it's a necessity. Have your student follow the steps below for a stress free transition. For more information visit BlazerOneCard.com.

Criteria for Card Production

Students must log onto their MyVU account and confirm their address. If the address is incorrect, students must notify our Records Office to make corrections. Due to Homeland Security laws, cards cannot be forwarded to new addresses. A \$20 fee will be charged for all replacement cards.

Get Your Picture Taken

All ID's must have the student's picture on the card unless he or she is a Distance Education student.

Watch for Their Card in the Mail and Activate Immediately

The card will not function for campus access & privileges until it has been activated, therefore it's important to do so as soon as possible. Activation is quick & easy – Just log on to www.BlazerOneCard.com to get started. If your student needs additional help click on the "Learn about the OneAccount" or call Customer Service at (800) 815-6109. Activating the Blazer OneCard also allows students to select a refund preference, which is the method by which they will receive any financial refund from VU.

Easy Refund to the OneAccount

The FDIC-insured OneAccount has no monthly fees or minimum balance requirement. With the OneAccount,

students can use their Blazer OneCard to make debit purchases wherever Debit MasterCard® is accepted. The OneAccount is the fastest way to receive a refund, giving access to money the same day it's released by VU.

ACH Transfer (To other bank):

Students may choose to have an electronic deposit of their refund money to another bank account. This transfer may take 2-3 days before funds are available.

Paper Check:

Students may also elect to have a paper check sent to them in the mail. This option takes the longest. Paper checks can take 5 or more days.

Take Advantage of the OneAccount

Even if students choose paper check or ACH transfer as their refund preference, they still have the option of opening a OneAccount. Many students find the OneAccount is a great way to manage school expenses separate from other expenses. Families can deposit money onto the student's account from any computer.

Using Their Card

It is not a credit card. Once their card is activated & they have money in their account, students can use it anywhere Debit MasterCard® is accepted. Students using the "Swipe and Sign" method will eliminate service charges associated with using their BlazerOneCard. ■

Learn More

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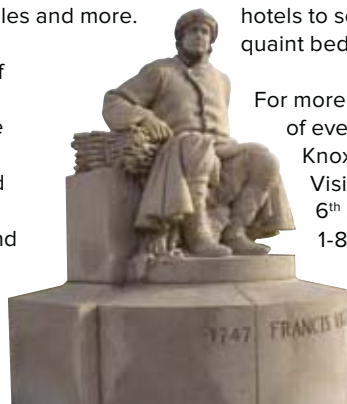
Welcome to Vincennes, Indiana!

In the heart of Indiana's first city beats the core Mid-western values of friendliness, hard work, and genuine community spirit. Steeped in history and enriched through agriculture, Vincennes is optimally located between the Indianapolis International and Evansville Regional Airports and near Interstate 64.

Vincennes is a progressive city which boasts a state of the art regional medical facility and a two year university which serves as the Midwest's technology training center. There are unique shops, antique stores and restaurants too. From charming Main Street storefronts to modern retail shopping plazas, Vincennes can satisfy the most selective tastes.

Savor the tastes of Vincennes at one our local restaurants or eateries featuring international fare such as Italian, Mexican, and Chinese and the best of traditional down home cooking. Local orchards and county growers provide the Vincennes Farmers Market with Knox County's famous melons, peaches, apples and more.

There are a number of festivals and special events throughout the year that celebrate Vincennes history and agriculture. During Memorial Day weekend Vincennes hosts



the largest battle reenactment at the Spirit of the Vincennes Rendezvous. Visitors can experience life during the Revolutionary War period with food, music and demonstrations. In August the Watermelon Festival celebrates the Knox County's watermelon industry with food, fun and entertainment.

In addition to the special events Vincennes has fabulous parks, fishing, golf courses, a modern YMCA, and a thriving community theatre group. There is something for everyone to enjoy.

We hope you will visit often. Our lodging ranges from top-notch hotels to scenic cabins and quaint bed and breakfasts.

For more information or a calendar of events, visit the Vincennes/ Knox County Convention and Visitors Bureau 779 South 6th Street or contact us at 1-800-886-6443 or www.vincennescvb.org. ■

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For more info about Vincennes, visit:

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History of Vincennes

Vincennes offers diverse options, including historical sites and outdoor recreation, everywhere you turn. Arts and Entertainment are a big part of the community. The local theatres host a variety of productions. The art galleries feature local and area artists work. Knox County also has a variety of agri tourism locations including orchards, berry farms, farm markets and a local winery.

History

The city of Vincennes is rich in history. As the oldest city in Indiana, previously a French fur trading post, Vincennes has been at the forefront of the development of Indiana and the Midwest. Founded in 1732, it was George Rogers Clark and his small army who took the largest land conquest in the revolutionary war away from the British in 1779.

Greatly disadvantaged in number of troops compared to those inside Fort Sackville, Clark relied on the marksmanship of his troops and the ability to convince the British of a larger army to win the fort. Today, the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park in Vincennes is the site of the largest Memorial Monument west of Washington, D.C. which honors the heroic accomplishments of Colonel Clark and his men. The City of Vincennes is one of only 3 communities in the entire state of Indiana with a National Park within our city limits. In 1800, the Indiana Territory was formed and Vincennes, nestled

along the Wabash River, became its capitol. William Henry Harrison became its first governor and then went on to become the United States ninth president. Grouseland, the home he built and the first brick home in the territory, still stands today and is open for tours daily.

Vincennes was at the heart of many of Indiana's firsts including site of the first Catholic church in Indiana, first county, first newspaper, first Presbyterian church, first Masonic Lodge, first bank and first medical society. In 1801, the Jefferson Academy was founded. Eventually becoming known as Vincennes University, this is one of the oldest institutions of higher education in the United States. Vincennes history is also rich in architecture. Many French influenced homes and buildings dot the city.

Many of the buildings are built not only around pre-1900s but also closer to the beginning of the 1800s. For instance the Indiana Territorial Capitol Building, considered the oldest major government building in the Midwest, was built in 1805 as a tailor shop. ■



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2011-2012

Academic Calendar

Summer Sessions 2011

Summer II classes begin	Thursday, July 7 – Wednesday, August 10
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Fall 2011

Late Registration	Thursday, August 18
New Student Orientation begins	Friday, August 19
Classes begin	Monday, August 22
Drop and Add	Monday-Friday, August 22-26
Labor Day (no classes)	Monday, September 5
Family Weekend	Friday – Saturday September 16-17
Midterm Examinations	Monday-Friday, October 10-14
Midterm Break	Monday, Tuesday, October 17-18
Begin Advising and Registration for Spring	Monday, October 24
Gradfest	October 25
Graduation application Deadline – Fall	Friday, November 4
New students for spring semester Registration Day	Saturday, November 12
Thanksgiving Recess	Wednesday-Sunday, November 23-25
Midyear Commencement (Vincennes Campus)	Saturday, December 10
Final Examinations	Monday-Saturday, December 12-17


Spring 2012

New Student Registration	Friday, January 6
Classes begin	Monday, January 9
Drop and Add	Monday-Friday, January 9-13
Martin Luther King and Presidents Day (no classes)	Monday, January 16
Family Weekend	February 3-5
Midterm Examinations	Monday-Friday, February 27 – March 2
Midterm Break (no classes)	Monday-Sunday, March 5-9
Begin Advising and Registration for Spring	Monday, March 12
Gradfest	March 13

Graduation Application Deadline – Spring	Friday, March 23
Good Friday (No classes)	Friday, April 6
Commencement (Vincennes Campus)	Saturday, April 28
Final Examinations	Tuesday-Saturday, May 1-5

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Driving Directions

From the North on US-41

Continue onto US-41 South. Continue onto BUS US-41 S (IN-61 S). Turn right onto St. Clair St. Continue to the intersection of St. Clair and Second Streets. Turn left and continue to the next light. Turn right into campus and take the first left-hand turn into the circle drive. *

From the South on US-41

Continue onto US-41 North. Bear right onto the Hart St. Exit. Turn left onto Hart St. Continue to the intersection of Hart and Second Streets. Turn right. Continue to the next stoplight. Turn left into campus. Take the first left-hand turn into the circle drive. The Admissions Building is the second building. *

From the east on US-50

From US-50 W bear right on ramp to US-41 S (US-150 E, IN-61 S). Bear right onto US-41 S (US-150 E, IN-61 S). Continue onto BUS US-41 S (IN-61 S). Turn right onto St. Clair St. Continue to the intersection of St. Clair and Second Streets. Turn left and continue to the next light. Turn right into campus and take the first left-hand turn into the circle drive. *

From the East on I-64

From I-64 West (US-150 W) bear right onto off-ramp at exit 25B to US-41 N. Continue onto US-41 N. Bear right onto the Hart St. Exit. Turn left onto Hart St. Continue to the intersection of Hart and Second Streets. Turn left and continue to the next stoplight. Turn left into campus. Take the first left-hand turn into the circle drive. *

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Area Airports

Indianapolis International Airport (IND)
Drive time to Vincennes: 2 hrs. 15 min.
www.indianapolisairport.com

Evansville Regional Airport (EVV)
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in the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center and free movie nights in the Shircliff Theatre

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in Tecumseh Dining Center and the food court at the Beckes Student Union

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