



Family connections

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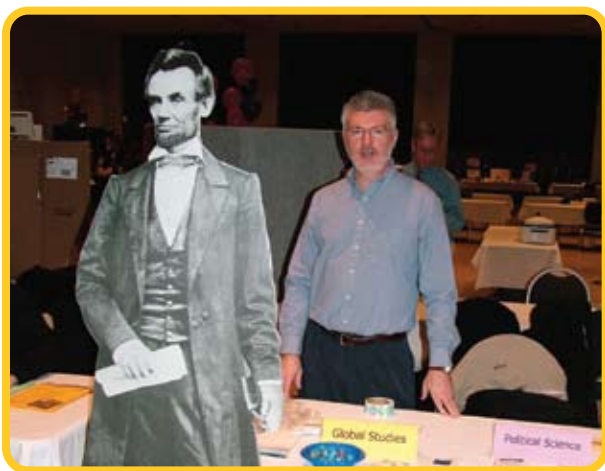
Family Connections is an e-newsletter presented by the Division of Student Affairs and UT Learning Collaborative Office of First Year Experience for the family and friends of UT students.

Welcome

This e-newsletter is designed to give parents, family members and guardians of UT students information on important dates or programs that you may want to know about, just in case your student forgot to tell you. You are welcome to contact our office and we will help you find answers to any questions you may have. If you have questions, email us at parentinfo@utoledo.edu.

Major Palooza!

Wed. February 4 * 12-4 pm
Student Union Auditorium



grams in a relatively short time frame. Major-Palooza, co-sponsored by Career Services and Gateway Programs/QUEST, typically has around 500 students and 50 departments representing over 75 majors attend this event, which is held annually in February. All undecided students from the Gateway/QUEST program are required to attend. Based on completed student evaluations, over 50% of students tell us that after Major-Palooza, they are ready to declare a major! Furthermore, over 90% of students indicate that advisers, faculty, and/or student reps are the most helpful in helping them make a decision!

Family Involvement The Key to Student Success

by Tracci K. Johnson

Jane or Johnny is now a student at the University of Toledo. You've given them all the tools they need to succeed and now it's up to them. Your job is done! Guess again.

Your role as a parent or family member might drastically change on that glorious day when you drop off your anxious UT-grad-to-be, but it should by no means end. The parents' role is vital to their children's chances of having a successful and enriching college experience. According to recent studies of students between the ages of 18 and 25, parents still have a major influence even after their child leaves for college.* Of course, many of you don't need a study to verify the obvious—parenting is a life-long commitment.

Students who specifically stated that their fathers were involved also had a lower rate of involvement in risky behaviors. For dads, that translates to sending an email or better yet, a text occasionally just to check in. Ask about their classes, parties, or new friends.

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← Major Palooza 2008

We are looking for participation from all undergraduate and some graduate students. Major-Palooza is a great opportunity for students to learn about majors and programs

From the Dean...



As a parent, we all want the best for our children and that includes a good college education. The majors and programs and faculty at The University of Toledo have been providing that for over 125 years.

In addition to a good education, it's our mission to also provide your student with a great college experience; one that offers opportunities for personal growth and fulfillment, and a safe and supportive environment in which to study and live. There are many programs and services, as well as over 250 student organizations, available for students.

We hope that this newsletter will help you to become familiar with everything that UT has to offer you and your students!

And as always, if you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me at (419) 530-5323 or by sending me an email at michele.martinez@utoledo.edu.

Sincerely,

Michele Martinez
Interim Dean of Students

Fellowship application deadline nearing

Deadline: Feb. 1, 2009

The UT Chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi (PKP) reminds students of two upcoming deadlines for national PKP scholarship applications. The deadline for submission of an application for the Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship Program is February 1, 2009. To be eligible for this award you must currently be a full-time student who is graduating this year, be a member of Phi Kappa Phi or eligible for membership this spring, and have applied for or been accepted into a full-time graduate program for the 2009-2010 academic year. The UT chapter will select one student to be forwarded on to the national competition from all UT students who apply. Those selected nationally are eligible for scholarships to support graduate education ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

The submission deadline for the PKP Study Abroad Grant Competition is February 11, 2009. Recipients are also awarded \$1000 to support study abroad.

For more information on both scholarship programs, please contact Dr. Thomas Barden, UT PKP Scholarship Chair, at 419.530.6033.

Important Dates

Monday, January 12
Wednesday, January 14
Monday, January 19
Monday, January 26
February 22 - 28
March 7 - March 15
March 20 - March 22
Friday, March 27
Saturday, March 28
Saturday, April 4
Sunday, April 5
Friday, April 17
May 4 - May 8
Sunday, May 10

Spring Classes Begin
Student Activities Fair
MLK Holiday, No Classes
Last Day to Add/Drop
Greek Week
Spring Break
Lil Sibs Weekend
Last day to Withdraw
NPHC Step Show
Songfest
FYE UnCut Film Festival
Dance Marathon
Semester Exams
Spring Commencement



Collegiate Employ- Net Virtual Job Fair

Career Services would like to bring your attention to an upcoming online job fair. Full- and part-time employment, plus internship positions are available for students. Students can register and view employers by visiting www.utoledo.edu/utlc/career. Register and upload your resume now at www.collegiateemployenet.com. Encourage your student to begin forwarding his/her uploaded resume to employers for review between Feb 2 - 20. For more information contact jean.baker@utoledo.edu

uncUT Film Festival to take place April 5

Is your UT student the next Steven Spiegel, Matt Damon or Angelina Jolie? Come find out! This spring, our students all across campus have the opportunity and all necessary equipment to write, produce, direct and act in their own movie about Frosh life here at UT by entering the FYE film festival. If you know you have a budding filmmaker be sure they enter.

In its 4th successful year, the event is sponsored by the University of Toledo's First Year Experience Office. First year students will have five weeks to write, shoot and edit movies that capture the experience of college freshmen. "Sort of the trials and tribulations of finding your way when you're a first-year student" said Jennifer Rockwood, Director of the First-Year Experience Office.

Take a stroll down the red carpet and attend the uncUT First-Year iMovie Film Festival on Sunday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. in Doerman Theater. Come see the funny, poignant and reality bits of the first year experience at UT. All attendees are eligible for door prizes, such as tickets to Toledo Mud Hens games and gift certificates for restaurants, businesses and hotels.

For more information on the free, public event, contact the First Year Experience Office at 419-530-2330. Also check out past films and find more information at <http://www.utoledo.edu/utlc/fye/filmFest.html>

Family Involvement (cont. from p.1)

Encourage them to get involved in an intramural team or club related to their major. Just keep in touch.

Mothers, don't feel left out! The study also shows that when a student feels close to their mom, they were less likely to be involved in negative activities. This doesn't translate into overbearing or protective mothers, but mothers who are interested in their student's wellbeing. The students want to include the mom on what's going on as opposed to being interrogated about their activities.

This is a time of transition for students into adulthood and for parents and family members into acceptance, but both transitions are usually slower and more incremental than either party realize. At this age, students do assume a lot of responsibility. You may have some negative assumptions about a "lack of maturity". They are not "fully" responsible adults. Technically, 18 is considered an adult but they are still discovering who they are, their passions, career paths and possibly life direction. This study shows that support and involvement during this maturation process can result in choices that are more positive.

Your new parental role is to find new ways to continue to stay involved and remind Jane or Johnny that you are there for their support and encouragement! The likelihood of a student enjoying a successful and enriching college experience is increased exponentially by the continual, albeit distant, support of their family.

** ScienceDaily (Feb. 11, 2008)*

For more information go to sciencedaily.com



Parents &
Family
Weekend
2008

COMING SOON: A parent's website that will provide more family resources as well as upcoming family events. For more info, contact the Office of Dean of Students at parentinfo@utoledo.edu.