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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear UA Parents and Family Members,

Welcome to the spring 2016 edition of the Parents & Family Magazine which you are receiving because you have made a donation to the UA Parents & Family Association for which I thank you! We also send the spring edition of the magazine to all incoming freshman and to the families of current freshman with the generous help of the Freshman Fee which funds the mailing of the magazine.

One of the goals of Parent & Family Programs is to provide resources and support for our families so that you can support your student. I hope you find the Parent & Family Magazine a useful and informative resource and invite you to check out our website: uafamily.arizona.edu for more information. If you are on social media, you can find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and on Pinterest. You can find the links to all of these on our website. If you are interested in getting involved, we have many opportunities regardless of where you live, so please let me know of your interest.

Spring is an exciting time especially for the families of our graduating students. If your student is graduating please accept our Congratulations for this wonderful accomplishment! If your student has a few more years to go before graduation, I encourage you to pay special attention to the article on Supporting Your Student on the Path to Graduation on page 13 where some of our campus experts are offering advice on how you can help guide your student in getting ready for life after graduation.

I want to thank all the parents and families who have volunteered their time with us this year on the PFA Board, at Summer Send-Offs, Coffee Chats, recruiting events, and UA Parents Day at the State Capitol. We greatly appreciate your time and commitment to Parent & Family Programs, the Parents & Family Association and to the University of Arizona!

With Wildcat Pride,

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Spring has sprung at the University of Arizona. At our spring board meeting there were some pretty interesting subjects on the table, one of the most important was how can we better represent and serve you, the PFA members and help as many U of A students as we can? How can we make you, the family members, feel better acquainted with such a major university and keep that small university feel?

Many ideas were put on the table and will be put into action real soon, so please be on the lookout. The Board Members are made up of parents just like you with students and situations just like yours and we’re all in this together, so get ready for a more personalized PFA.

The spring sports are going into full swing. The basketball programs are always among the best in the Pac-12, but let’s not forget about the outstanding volleyball, tennis, golf and hockey programs. Baseball, swimming, track & field are just around the corner. There are theatrical plays and concerts happening on campus as we speak. Don’t forget to check out the Mirror Lab, observatory and the art museum on campus. Spring Fling and the Festival of Books are also wonderful events. These are just some of the things going on this spring season, so there’s always something to do at the U of A!

Parents, we know, realize and appreciate you entrusting the U of A with the education of your students and we don’t take this opportunity lightly. We want them to have a fantastic college experience and be successful in anything they put their minds to do. The PFA is here for you. We’re that bond between the families and the university, so if you feel the need to help and volunteer, come on-board, there’s always room for one more! We’ll take all the help we can get, whether it is your time, finances or experience, we can use it all.

In closing, I would like to say that we are honored to represent you the parent, and as a Board, we will do our best to give as many students the college experience they so richly deserve, and the parents the peace of mind you so richly NEED!

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2016 SUMMER SEND-OFFS

BY JILL HALL, VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE UA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

For more than 15 years, the University of Arizona Alumni Association and the Parents & Family Association have partnered to celebrate the UA’s incoming freshman class by hosting summer send-off celebrations across the country. National alumni chapters and current UA parents host send-offs to welcome incoming UA students. The send-offs also have the mission of educating students about the transition to college and help to create the feeling that these students are a part of the Wildcat Family, and now, Wildcats for Life! These events also are a chance to educate parents and family members about campus resources including the Parents & Family Association and the Alumni Association.

Hosted by alumni, friends and families of the UA, summer send-offs begin in early July. Incoming freshmen get the chance to meet other incoming students attending the university from their area and ask current students, staff, and alumni questions about life at the UA. Parents also connect with alumni, staff members and each other for questions and answers. In 2015, more than 24 national alumni chapters and UA families hosted summer send-off events. A comprehensive lineup also is scheduled for 2016.

For more information about 2016 summer send-offs, or to find out about what is happening in your area, please visit the UA Alumni Association website www.arizonaalumni.com or the UA Parents & Family Association website at www.uafamily.arizona.edu.

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In 2015, the office of Academic Success & Achievement at the University of Arizona launched the Bear Down Summer Bridge Program, a four-week early start program that was designed with the needs of out-of-state students in mind. Building on the successes of the New Start Summer Program, which has a 47-year history on campus, Bear Down Summer Bridge allows students to take a general education course while living in a residence hall and working with Peer Advisors, Resident Assistants, and Tutors. By getting this early start, incoming freshmen can experience life as a UA student, so when their freshman year actually starts they already feel like an expert.

“I feel like a super-freshman. I feel like I should technically be called a sophomore even though I’ve only been here four weeks,” said Nyarah, a 2015 participant from California.

One of the goals of the program is to get students to feel at home at the university and in their new city. Through social and educational programs in the residence hall, group discussions and one-on-ones with their Peer Advisors, and off-campus events, program participants are immersed in the UA campus and the city of Tucson. This includes events that get participants onto the SunLink Streetcar so that they know how to get around town, and excursions to popular Tucson destinations.

In its first year, Bear Down Summer Bridge welcomed 76 incoming freshmen from 23 different states, allowing students coming to UA, knowing no one from their home town, to start the academic year off with a network of friends. Max, from Albuquerque, told us “I think it’s going to be good going into the year knowing a few people, so you’re not completely alone.” In fact, not only do participants meet a number of other incoming students who they can connect with, they also have the opportunity to continue working with their Peer Advisor throughout their freshman year.

To make a seamless transition into their freshman year, students in Bear Down Summer Bridge get to move directly from their summer housing into their academic year housing, eliminating the need to move back home or find storage for their belongings. Once they do, each participant gets connected to one of five other programs on campus, helping them develop an even bigger network. These include Panhellenic or Inter Fraternity Council recruitment, Bear Down Camp, Hall Involvement Team, a wilderness experience in the Catalina Mountains, and a student wellness retreat.

For the second year, the staff is planning to grow the program to over 100 students and will be adding a one-unit leadership course, meaning students will be 4 units closer to their degree when they start their freshman year. To learn more about the Bear Down Summer Bridge Program, visit bdsummerbridge.arizona.edu. Students interested in participating for 2016 should apply by June 29.
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‘I WILL’ CAMPAIGN

BY Ava Garcia ('19)

Thanks to the efforts of a pair of dedicated student leaders, support from nearly 20 University of Arizona departments and student organizations, and the backing of UA administrators and professional leadership, the “I Will” campaign against sexual assault kicked off this past spring with a week of programming featuring resource fairs, workshops, discussions and more.

The weeklong, early-February event – a program that included hours of tabling, 12 unique events and also resulted in more than 3,000 signatures for its pledge to end rape culture – was the culmination of the efforts of co-directors Tatum Hammond, a junior majoring in English and graphic design and the administrative vice president of the Associated Students of the University of Arizona (ASUA), and Matthew Lubisich, a sophomore majoring in economics and political science and an ASUA senator. The two had been working on the campaign since early last summer and, inspired by a similar campaign at the University of Michigan, developed their ideas into a focus on education and involving students from all facets of campus, Hammond said.

From there, they reached out to “pretty much anyone that would listen” and worked to involve various UA entities, ranging from the University of Arizona Police Department to the Women’s Resource Center.

“Our goal, first and foremost, was to be as inclusive as possible, and we did that by making sure that every group was a part of the conversation,” Hammond said. “We reached out to different departments to make sure that it wasn’t just one group that was stating its opinion, but that we were having all voices together. We felt like that was really powerful.”

With studies showing that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 20 men report being the survivor of an attempted or completed sexual assault while in college, according to the “I Will” campaign, more than 3,000 individuals took the step toward reversing those trends by signing the “I Will End Rape Culture” pledge as well.

“There were a lot of [students] that signed up [for the pledge] and they just seemed really into it and really spirited and I felt like they could make a difference,” said Genevieve Wahlert, a freshman majoring in biomedical engineering who signed the “I Will” pledge. “I think if you just inform people and get the conversation going that makes a big difference.”

Both Lubisich and Hammond stressed the importance of creating a conversation about rape culture through the “I Will” campaign. One of the ways they set out to accomplish this was through an emphasis on education.

“The main goal would be to actively educate the student body on what rape culture is and how they can combat it in their everyday lives,” Lubisich said.

To further this goal, both co-directors hope to make the “I Will” week an annual program on campus. Hammond also said she wants to try to incorporate the campaign into new student orientation.

“The reality is that rape culture doesn’t end after one week of great programming,” Hammond said, adding that there are future events in the works to keep the conversation going. “We’d really like to have the presence of consent education at incoming student orientation because sadly consent education isn’t something that is ingrained into our educational system prior, and I think it’s really important for students to be able to have that information accessible to them before experiencing college.”

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› I may be interested in graduate (or professional) school after I graduate. What steps should I be taking now to get ready for the application process? How do I go about exploring graduate program options?
› Can you recommend professors I meet with to discuss research (or career or graduate school) options?
› What questions should I be asking you about my future in this field?

› Career Services
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> Provide emotional support during this very exciting time as they near graduation and transition out of school into the “real” world. They are likely to experience stress and disappointments along the way. Be there with encouragement and reassurance.

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When Paulo Goes left his job and home country of Brazil, his family didn’t quite understand. Now, he says, his family – particularly his mother – is very proud.

The Eller College of Management’s newest dean, and the most recent department head of the UA college’s highly-ranked Management Information Systems program, left what he described as a comfortable career as a civil engineer to pursue a new path in the United States – one that would ultimately bring him to Tucson and the UA.

“My father was a civil engineer, so I didn’t think much about doing anything else,” Goes said. “(But) I started to like computers as a tool to do the project planning, the project management.”

For two years Goes worked in the field managing construction sites. But his passion for technology grew. Eventually, “I decided to quit my job. My family thought I was crazy. It was a good job.”

Goes left to pursue a master’s degree in production engineering from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. While studying there he became more and more involved with computer information systems and eventually began teaching classes. Through this experience, he “fell in love with the academic profession.”

This ultimately brought him to the University of Rochester (N.Y.) and then the University of Connecticut, where he served for nearly two decades before Eller and the UA came calling in 2008.

Under Goes’ leadership, Eller’s MIS department has continued its run as one of the nation’s best – with its graduate MIS program ranked third and undergraduate MIS program fourth in the nation by U.S. News & World Report (Eller as a whole is No. 12 among public business schools and No. 22 overall). Eller is in such company on the MIS list as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Carnegie Mellon University.

Additionally under Goes’ direction, the department increased enrollment, launched an online master’s in MIS program, and co-founded the INSITE research center, which focuses on big-data analytics programs for health care and other large data-driven industries. The department also generated more than $85 million in grant funding under Goes’ leadership – helping Eller’s position as one of the leading business schools in externally-funded research.

During his eight years leading Eller’s MIS department, Goes’ focus began to shift more to the administrative side of his role.

“I’ve always liked the administrative side, but I began to like it more and more – the idea of building programs, and helping students, and mentoring faculty and putting things together.”

So when former dean Len Jessup left to become the president of University of Nevada at Las Vegas, Goes tossed his hat in the ring – although not immediately.

“I have to confess, it took me a while … to decide whether I wanted to leave this very comfortable job and challenge myself with something new.”

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After a year-long national search, Goes was selected out of the roughly 50 candidates vying for the opportunity. He took over the reins of the college on March 14.

“Paulo has demonstrated considerable skills as a thoughtful and effective leader and is widely respected for his collaborative leadership style,” Andrew Comrie, the UA’s senior vice president for academic affairs and provost, told UA News. “He is also a big-picture thinker who has developed many creative relationships to grow successful programs.”

Marc Miller, dean of the UA’s James E. Rogers College of Law and chair of the Eller dean search committee, said the process was difficult due to Eller’s complex nature.

Eller’s departments span a wide range of business-oriented concentrations and expertise. Miller said the committee realized it needed a candidate who could be a sort of academic jack-of-all-trades. This turned a would-be quick search process into one that spanned over a year.

“He was clearly a respected candidate from the beginning, but there were other very strong candidates throughout the entire process,” Miller said. “And at each stage, what happened was that Paulo Goes emerged as the strongest person.”

It was Goes’ peers – the reviews of those who had worked with him in the past – that moved him to the top of the list, Miller said. Goes was described as a modest and thoughtful leader – capable of taking a college shining on nearly all fronts and pushing it toward even further excellence.

Miller described Goes’ “thoughtful, cerebral and engaging” nature as what convinced him and the rest of the committee.

“I always marvel to look at our students and how they develop and how they do well,” Goes said of transitioning into his new administrative role. “So, I think from the students’ perspective, we are in this business of transformation. We take the students and we help them improve themselves. So that’s probably the most rewarding and exciting part of this job.”

This transformative attitude is not purely sentimental; it also translates into the transformation the business world is going through. Business has become a more digitally-inclined realm, and, to Goes, it is essential that students are prepared for it.

The digital revolution, as Goes calls it, requires a curriculum across all departments that will make sense of a more digitally-oriented world. Departments from finance to entrepreneurship are updating programming and the way they teach classes.

Other significant Eller projects already underway include the new Professional Development Center – a $3 million infill project that is transforming the existing south-facing courtyard at McClelland Hall into a two-story enclosed space.

Goes is excited to be a part of it all.

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Family Weekend 2016 will take place October 14th-16th. There will be a variety of scheduled events taking place each day allowing family members an opportunity to experience the campus and the city. Saturday is your chance to show your Wildcat Spirit and cheer on our Pac12 football team to a victory against the USC Trojans.

Tucsonans are proud to share the culture and rich history of Southern Arizona, so be sure to catch an event off campus and explore the Old Pueblo. This small town promises to fill up quickly with family and friends visiting from around the world. If you are interested in joining us, please make your reservations early.

From our perspective, the word family has many definitions, and it no longer identifies itself with one meaning or a “blood lineage.” A great definition found in the dictionary is: “a group of people united by certain convictions or a common affiliation.” So however you identify your family, we invite you to join us and share in the Wildcat Spirit, meet other family members, and Bear Down, you won’t want to miss it.

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HELPING YOUR STUDENT TAKE THEIR NEXT STEPS

BY DAMIEN SNOOK, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, NEW STUDENT SERVICES

Welcome to the Wildcat family! The next few months will be very busy planning with your student for their upcoming transition to the University of Arizona. We hope to make that process a little bit easier through the Next Steps Center and New Student Orientation.

New Student Orientation is the time when your student will get their first chance to connect with the UA community as a student. They will meet with an academic advisor, talk with other new and current students, check in with, and learn more about, campus resources, and walk away ready for the first day of class. In short, Orientation is the time when your student outlines their path to becoming a Wildcat for Life.

You are also invited and encouraged to participate through our Family & Guest Orientation program, which is tailored to address the needs and concerns of parents and other family members. While your student registers for classes, you have the opportunity to learn more about services to help your student succeed, meet staff from across campus, and find out how to get connected and stay involved with the University. Come prepared with your questions and experience the University of Arizona firsthand!

There are a few things for your student to do in order to be ready for New Student Orientation. Luckily, the UA has you covered with the Next Steps Center (nextsteps.arizona.edu) to ensure they don’t miss anything. The Next Steps Center is the site wherein your student will pay their enrollment fee and register for an Orientation program. It is also where your student needs to complete important academic procedures to be ready for Orientation.

It is imperative that students complete their math, second language, and writing placement before attending

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Top: FAMILY MEMBERS are encouraged to attend Orientation and have programming designed just for them.

Right: ORIENTATION AND Welcome Leaders teach students how to register for their first semester of classes.
“The Ranch is the best place to live! It’s filled with fun activities and there is always a good laugh to have!! It’s really easy to make friends and the social life is really good”. - A. Palmer
NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION
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their Orientation program, and the only way to do so is through the Next Steps Center. The purpose of these placement activities is to help your student succeed in their first semester by ensuring they register for the level of classes that matches their current abilities and experience. All students should complete placement requirements at least seven business days prior to their Orientation session.

The math placement exam consists of one of two tests based on your student’s math experience: algebra or calculus. Students should read all instructions and dedicate three hours to testing. If your student has prior college or AP credit, this information will be accounted for in their placement. Students who do not complete their math placement will not be placed into math classes or subject-dependent courses such as science and statistics.

Through the Next Steps Center, your student should complete the placement checklist items to determine if they also need to take a second language or writing assessment. Students will be asked about their experience, provide information about prior and anticipated credits, and be prompted with further instructions if an exam is needed.

Please make sure your student utilizes the Next Steps Center on a regular basis, so they are prepared to attend and thrive at New Student Orientation. Through Next Steps, your student has the option to create a UA Essentials account for up to five family members. This account gives guests information about important offices and services on campus. Students can also choose to give family members access to view their student and financial information, and even make payments through Guest Center, which can be accessed with the UA Essentials account.

If you have any questions in regards to Orientation or Next Steps, don’t hesitate to contact us at (520) 621-5293. Once again, welcome to the Wildcat family, and we look forward to seeing you and your student this summer at Orientation!

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BY ABRAM MCANDREW, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, STUDENT ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES

Perhaps you’ve heard of the University of Arizona’s 100% Engagement Initiative during your student’s time as a Wildcat, during new student orientation, or in materials you’ve received.

What does it mean for your son or daughter? At its core, it represents the UA’s commitment to ensuring all undergraduate students have the opportunity to apply their classroom learning to real challenges through engagement experiences. These experiences can be as varied as an internship, undergraduate research, field work, preceptorship, senior capstone, study abroad, artistic performance, student leadership or service learning.

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they will face as UA alumni. Through these experiences, students integrate their knowledge of their academic discipline, of the self and of others and the world in ways that enhance self-awareness, wisdom, character and confidence.

How can your student participate in this initiative to make the most of your family’s investment in the UA experience? Here are few tips to consider:

Seek deep involvement beyond the classroom. Through this initiative, UA has become one of the first universities to officially recognize the importance of transformational learning beyond the classroom with a notation on the student transcript. Students can subscribe to our Engage Page biweekly email newsletter, visit the Office of Student Engagement website, or come to walk in hours with a mentor in our office to explore the co-curricular offerings. In addition to a transcript notation, when a student completes a course or non-credit UA experience affiliated with the initiative, the UA creates an entry to recognize and document the student’s experience in their Student Engagement Record within the UAccess student records system.

Encourage your student to think not only in terms of what job they might do after graduation, but also about what kinds of problems they would like to be involved in solving and then to seek undergraduate experiences accordingly. For example, the student engagement initiative is framed around a set of Activities and Competencies that focus students’ attention on framing their involvement in terms of higher order action and purpose such as Leadership, Sustainability, Entrepreneurship, Community Partnership, etc. Framing their interests in these terms can help a student expand their ideas about what kinds of projects will prove to be worthwhile.

Faculty drive this initiative, so encourage your student to reach out to a faculty member and ask for some time to discuss goals and seek advice about
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