

PARENT AND FAMILY RELATIONS

Buckeye Family

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The Buckeye Family Connection

Parent and Family Relations, in partnership with CampusESP, is excited to share information about The Buckeye Family Connection, a new communication tool that will allow you to personalize the content that you receive to keep you connected to events and opportunities that you and your student find interesting.

The Buckeye Family Connection will launch in January 2024 and will replace our current e-newsletters, including the *Buckeye Family* monthly newsletter, *onCampus Weekly for Families* and *Buck-I-Briefs*.

When the platform launches, families already on our mailing list will receive an email invitation to create an account on The Buckeye Family Connection. Families not currently on our e-mail mailing list will be able to navigate to the portal and create an account directly through our website once it launches.

Please see the full article on our website for more information about The Buckeye Family Connection and learn more about how it can enhance the communications you receive from our office.

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Department Debrief



Buckeye Careers

Department Debrief is a monthly article from the Parent and Family Relations office dedicated to helping family members and supporters better understand the services, opportunities and support offered by particular offices for students.

This month, our team met with Buckeye Careers to discuss the resources and opportunities available to assist students in figuring out their career path.

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Autumn Commencement

Believe it or not, the autumn semester is coming to a close, meaning that commencement is just a few days away!

Is your student participating in The Ohio State University's autumn commencement this Sunday, December 17? Make commencement a stress-free celebration by visiting Ohio State's commencement website for ceremony details, parking and more.

Congratulations to you and your student!

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Don't miss out on financial aid!

File the FAFSA and apply for scholarships at ScholarshipUniverse by **February 15.**



2024-2025 FAFSA Changes

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is changing due to the FAFSA Simplification Act.

What does this mean for you?

- The FAFSA - usually available October 1 each year - will be available by December 31, 2023.
- Ohio State's priority filing date for the 2024-2025 FAFSA is extended to February 15.
- The FAFSA will be simplified by including fewer questions and eligibility for federal financial aid is expected to expand.

For more information about what changes to expect, please visit the Student Financial Aid

website.

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How to Support Your Student's SFL Experience

There is a lot that goes in to being a member of a sorority or fraternity. Join Sorority and Fraternity Life on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 7 p.m. for a webinar to learn how to help your student get the most out of their membership experience.

Registration is required.

[Register](#)



Spring 2024 Important Dates

As the seasons pass and the years roll on campus, spring semester will be here before you know it. To help you and your student start the semester strong, below are a few important dates to keep in mind for spring 2024. For a full list of dates and deadlines, please see the University Registrar's full academic calendar.

- **Sunday, Jan. 7:** Residence halls open, dining service begins
- **Monday, Jan. 8:** First day of classes*
- **Monday, Jan. 15:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no classes, offices closed)
- **March 11-15:** Spring break (no classes, offices open)
- **Monday, April 22:** Last day of classes*
- **April 24-30:** Final examinations*
- **Wednesday, May 1:** Residence halls close at 2 p.m.
- **Sunday, May 5:** Commencement

* Please note that these dates are for full semester courses. If your student is enrolled in a Session 1 or Session 2 class, they may have different start/end and final examination dates for those courses.

[Academic Calendar](#)



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