

PARENT AND FAMILY RELATIONS

## Buckeye Family

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## Off-Campus Housing Network

If you or your student are looking for a place to live off-campus, the Ohio State Off-Campus Housing Network is here to help you make an informed decision about where you want to live and who you want to rent from. Property owners that commit to meeting certain criteria involving safety and ethical business practices will be considered in-network, and only those properties will be included in Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement department materials and events.

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## Department Debrief

### Discount Tickets (D-Tix)

*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 office met with staff from Discount Tickets (D-Tix) to learn how students can purchase tickets to Columbus-area shows, museums, concerts, sporting events and more at a discounted rate.

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### Sibs, Kids and Family Day Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to assist with check-in during our upcoming Sibs, Kids and Family Day on Saturday, March 25 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If you would like to assist with check-in, please email [parentandfamily@osu.edu](mailto:parentandfamily@osu.edu) with the hours that you would be available to help.



## First-Year Family Members: Remind Your Student to Confirm their Participation in STEP

The Second-year Transformational Experience Program (STEP) is a one-of-a-kind opportunity created to enhance the success of second-year students at Ohio State. Participants will:

- Develop a meaningful relationship with a faculty mentor and small group of peers.
- Identify ways to enhance personal, academic, and career goals.
- Strengthen communication and networking skills with support from peers and a faculty mentor committed to your student's success.
- Be eligible for a fellowship of up to \$2,000 to engage in a STEP Signature Project in one or more of the following areas: service-learning, education abroad, internships, leadership, undergraduate research, or creative/artistic endeavors.

Now is the time when current first-year students confirm their participation in STEP. We encourage you to discuss the program with your student and remind them to confirm their participation by March 24, 2023. Students will select their fall semester STEP cohort meeting time in summer 2023.

- If your student already expressed interest in STEP during the Housing Reselection process, they were recently emailed a link to review the [STEP Participant Requirements](#) and [confirm their participation](#).
- If your student did not express interest in STEP, it's not too late! Please have them email [step@osu.edu](mailto:step@osu.edu) to request to participate in the program.



## Supporting Student Academic Excellence

*A note from SpringForward:*

When students mention time-management as a challenge, we begin by asking them how they spend their time. What we usually find is that students have less of a time-management issue and instead have a commitment issue.

A definition of Commitment: the state or quality of being dedicated to a cause, activity, etc. There are two ways a student might lack commitment. They may have the time to devote to academics, but they choose not to, or they do not have the time to devote themselves, due to other commitments and obligations. Both result in less time committed to academics, which might be described as a time-management issue. The reality is, college is difficult, and requires more time than students are often willing to commit. If they have not committed to college and the challenges it creates, they will not be successful in school and will struggle to gain the most out of their education. If your student is in their first year, learn how the SpringForward summer scholarship program can help using the link below (deadline is March 27). All students are eligible to meet with the Dennis Learning Center for 1:1 academic coaching which can address time management and academic commitment as well.

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## Graduating Class Gift COUNCIL

### Class Gift

Is your student graduating soon? Encourage them to check out the Class of 2023 gift! Class gifts have a long tradition at Ohio State, which began in 1878 when students donated a new entrance and gateway to campus. The Class Gift Council is continuing this storied legacy by encouraging graduating students to give back to their Buckeye community. This year, the Class Gift Council chose two funds to highlight: Scarlet & Gray Advantage program (need-based scholarships) and student emergency funding. However, students can give back to any area of campus as a part of the class gift!

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### Cost Saving Summer Storage Options!

Parents: are you wondering what to do about everything in your student's residence hall room or apartment over the summer vacation? Let Zippy Shell save you time and your travel costs, so students can simply fly home!

For the 8th consecutive year Zippy Shell's ZippyU storage program will be at Ohio State to make move out easy! Whether your student lives on or off campus, ZippyU supports storage for the whole summer with one easy payment.

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