ODU
FAMILY CONNECTION
September/October 2017

Though the semester may have just begun, it’s not too early to think about visiting your student on campus, and there’s no better time to visit than during Monarch Family Weekend. This year, Monarch Family Weekend will be held October 20 and 21. Throughout the weekend, you can chat with President Broderick over brunch, bike across campus, take in a football or soccer game and check out some of ODU’s hidden gems, such as the Gordon Art Galleries—there is something for every family at Monarch Family Weekend! Registration is open through October 13, with football tickets available until October 8 or when tickets sell out, whichever comes first. Find out more, view the schedule and sign up on our website. We hope to see you there!

- ODU Student Transition & Family Programs

EXPLORING NORFOLK

When students head off to college, they gain a new home away from home, but many students hesitate to venture off-campus and really explore their new city. Norfolk, however, has a lot to offer if students know where to look—the city has even been recently named one of “15 Charming Cities in the American South You May Have Overlooked.”

Students don’t have to wander far from campus to have an afternoon of fun at the Chrysler Art Museum or the Norfolk Zoo (where students get in for free with a student ID). Sports fans can take in a hockey game at the Scope or a baseball game at Harbor Park, while arts-minded students can check out a Broadway show at Chrysler Hall, improv at Push Comedy Theater, or even a Virginia Opera performance at the Harrison Opera House. There is plenty to do (and even more to eat) in Norfolk. Check out the Norfolk Visitor’s Guide for more great ideas.
PRESIDENT’S LECTURE SERIES

The President’s Lecture Series offers you the opportunity to engage in lively dialogue with bestselling authors, Nobel Peace Prize winners, and other interesting and diverse speakers. This year’s first lecture will feature Roz Chast, a cartoonist for the New Yorker since 1978 and author of the first graphic novel to win the National Book Critics Circle Award for autobiography. Attendance is free and open to the public. To find out more about this lecture and others in the series, visit the President’s Lecture Series website.

CENTER FOR CYBERSECURITY EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Created in 2015, ODU’s Center for Cybersecurity Education and Research (CCSER) serves as a multi-disciplinary hub of expertise in the international fight against internet-based crimes. CCSER uses an interdisciplinary approach that brings together experts from across the University, including faculty from a variety of disciplines, such as computer science, engineering, information technology, philosophy, criminal justice and psychology, as well as staff from administrative areas such as Military Affairs.

Cybersecurity and cybercrime are fast-growing fields. In 2016, there were more than 60,000 victims of cybercrime. Job postings in cybersecurity grew 74% between 2007 and 2013—a growth rate more than double that of overall IT jobs; furthermore, salaries for these positions are $15,000 higher on average than the salaries for all IT jobs overall. CCSER is working to prepare ODU students to enter these in-demand fields through two bachelor’s degree programs. The Cybercrime bachelor’s degree is one of the first available in the U.S. in this area, and the online Cybersecurity bachelor’s degree program has recently been ranked #6 in the nation. These programs prepare graduates to protect computer systems, networks and online data from attack and compromise, as well as to collect forensic evidence used in the prosecution of cybercrime or maintenance of network security.

Students who are interested in majoring in these high-demand areas can find out more on the CCSER webpage.
MONARCH FAMILY CONNECTION
Monarch Family Connection is an organization for parents and family members of current ODU students which provides opportunities to be actively involved in your student’s education. For more information and to join, visit the Monarch Family Connection website.

ACCESSING STUDENT RECORDS
Your student can grant you Proxy Access which will allow you to view their student records, including their address, schedule, and transcript. You can find detailed instructions on how your student can set up Proxy Access by clicking here.

SAVE THE DATE
❖ FAFSA submissions open
   October 1
❖ Fall Break (no classes)
   October 7 - 10
❖ Course pre-registration
   For Spring/Summer 2017 courses
   November 6 - 10
❖ Last day to withdraw
   With instructor’s signature
   November 7

QUICK UPDATES

ADVISING APPOINTMENTS
It’s not too early for students to start preparing to register for their Spring and Summer 2018 courses. Remind your student to make an advising appointment early so that they will be ready to sign up for classes when pre-registration opens during the week of November 6.

FAMILY CALENDAR
Our 2017 - 2018 Family Calendar is available online here. The calendar includes all of the dates from ODU’s academic calendar, as well as a list of highlighted campus resources you may need during your student’s time at ODU.