Fall Commencement

Fall Commencement will take place Saturday, December 13, at the Ted Constant Convocation Center. The ceremony for the Darden College of Education, Batten College of Engineering and Technology, and College of Sciences will be at 9 a.m., while the ceremony for the College of Arts and Letters, Strome College of Business, and College of Health Sciences is scheduled for 2 p.m. All guests must have a ticket to enter the Constant Center. Children 2 years of age and younger are not required to have a ticket if they can sit in a parent’s lap. If you do not have a guest ticket, auxiliary viewing is provided in the multipurpose room of the Constant Center. Parking will be available in the 43rd Street Parking Garage. Plan to arrive 30-60 minutes before the ceremony is scheduled to begin.

The ceremony will last approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours. It will start with a processional that will enter the arena at the ceremony start time. This will be followed by speakers, the confirmation of degrees, and then personal congratulations where each graduate’s name will be read as he or she walks across the stage. Guests are welcome to photograph or videotape the ceremony so long as they are not disruptive. Plan to meet your graduate outside the arena following the ceremony. There will not be an opportunity for after-ceremony photos in the arena, but there are many locations around campus that make for great photo opportunities, such as in front of Constant Center and around Kaufman Mall.
Summer Class Registration

By now, ODU students should have registered for Spring courses, but did you know that they can also register now for Summer classes? When your student is home for break, take the opportunity to talk about whether or not he or she plans to take Summer courses. Students should register now so that the courses they want to take don’t fill up. However, it’s also important to remember that summer courses have tuition and fees attached to them, and discussing your students’ plans now can help them to be better prepared to handle these bills when summer arrives.

Math and Science Resource Center

If your student wants to get ahead of the curve for a hard math or science course this Spring, he or she can make a visit to the Math and Science Resource Center (MSRC). The MSRC offers tutoring for select math, chemistry, and psychology courses. They also offer supplemental instruction for courses in these areas, as well. Remember, tutoring isn’t only for students who have already fallen behind in class; it also helps students who want to be proactive and get a head start on their success.

Healthy Habits

With all the food we make during the holiday season, it’s easy for students to gain a few pounds. Encourage them to stay healthy with these tips:

- Take the focus off food with fun activities like crafts or games.
- Eat a light snack before a party to be less tempted to over-indulge.
- Get a free consultation with ODU’s registered dietitian.

Numbers to Know

Advising and Transfer Programs  
academic advising, continuance  
757.683.3699

Housing and Residence Life  
on-campus housing  
757.683.4283

Peer Educator Program  
tutoring, mentoring  
757.683.6396

Student Health Services  
flu shots, dietitian  
757.683.3132

Student Transition and Family Programs  
Parents' Association, orientation  
757.683.3428

University Registrar  
graduation certification  
757.683.4425

University Events  
commencement  
757.683.5759

Preview Counselor Applications Open January 5

Does your student plan to take summer classes at ODU and need a summer job? Encourage him or her to apply for one of the most coveted jobs on campus—Preview Counselor. Preview Counselors represent the best of ODU as they welcome new students and their families to campus during orientation. Applicants should have strong communication, leadership, and teamwork skills, as well as a positive attitude and a lot of campus pride. Click here to learn more about the position. Students can apply beginning Monday, January 5, on the CMC website, and applications will remain open through Monday, February 2. Encourage your student to apply for this rewarding opportunity.