

Parents CONNECTIONS



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President's Welcome

As the parent of a University of Evansville student, you are an important member of our campus community. We are committed to providing you with useful information about campus events and student life, as well as offering a variety of ways for you to volunteer and participate in the Evansville Experience. Your opinions, reactions, suggestions and participation in your son or daughter's academic activities at the University are vital as we strive to provide life-transforming educational experiences that prepare your student to engage the world as an informed, ethical and productive citizen.

We encourage you to become involved in our campus community and our mission by using the resources provided in this newsletter, visiting campus often to participate in activities and events with your student, and volunteering in Parents Association events whenever possible. You are encouraged to explore ways to use your interests, talents and enthusiasm to contribute to your son or daughter's college experience.

If you have any ideas, comments or concerns that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact Jesika Sanders in our Office of Alumni and Parent Relations. Jesika will be happy to answer your questions and concerns, listen to your ideas, and offer opportunities for you to become fully involved with our thriving University community.

No matter how you choose to get involved, you and your student will benefit from becoming an active member of the University community. Your student's Evansville Experience will be enhanced by your participation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stephen G. Jennings'.

Stephen G. Jennings
President



Residence Life

Siblings on Campus for Lil' Sibs Weekend

With a superhero theme based on the Disney/Pixar film *The Incredibles*, the Resident Students Association has set April 1 - 3 for its annual Lil' Sibs Weekend. This is a great opportunity for younger family members to visit their cool college sibling. Registration packets are available at the main desk in the Office of Residence Life.

New Campus Housing Choices



New Apartment Housing

A new 86-bed, apartment-style student residential facility is under construction at the University of Evansville. Approved by the University's Board of Trustees at its May 2003 meeting, the facility was proposed as a way to meet the housing needs of today's students. The apartments are being constructed between Weinbach Avenue and Frederick Street, north of Walnut Street.

The building will contain 21 four-person apartments which include four single bedrooms, two full baths, a small kitchen and dining area and a living room. In addition, one two-person apartment will be available for a residential coordinator. The 31,115 square foot facility will also have two lounge areas and a multi-person laundry facility.

This new residence hall, which is expected to be completed by July, will be open to upper-class students, which will open other attractive on-campus housing options to freshmen.

Honors Program Floors

Located in Powell Hall, this themed living option offers Honors Program students the opportunity to live with other students seeking similar academic challenges. As an honors learning community, students share study sessions, honors seminars and discussion sessions led by faculty.

Fall Housing Registration

The process to reserve a room, apartment or house for the fall semester begins in early March. Several information meetings will be held across campus to explain the process and describe new living options. Be sure to encourage your son or daughter to attend these meetings.

Halls Closing

The residence halls and village housing will close Friday, May 6, for the summer. All students are requested to move out within 24 hours after their last final exam. There is very limited summer storage space, so it is a good idea to have your son or daughter begin to bring things home early. Each student needs to make an appointment with his or her resident assistant (RA) to check out of his or her room. The room must be put back into its original condition. Remember, RAs have finals too; so we ask that check-out appointments be made 48 hours in advance.

Summer Housing

Students taking classes or needing to reside in Evansville over the summer may stay on campus for an additional fee. Contact the Office of Residence Life for more information at 812-479-2956.

UE on eBay Helps with Your Move

Do you need an idea for those unwanted, still-usable items and furnishings that your students do not want to bring back home? Those white elephants can become tax-deductible donations to UE!

Have your student deliver his or her items to the Igleheart Building on campus. UE's eBay auction trading assistant, David Beghtel, will pick up the items and sell them on eBay to the top bidder. UE receives the sales proceeds, and you receive a receipt acknowledging the tax-deductible donation for an amount equal to the price paid for the donated items.

For answers to questions about the auction program, contact David Beghtel at ue@insightbb.com, or call the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 812-479-2586.



Giving Back

Does your family participate in a volunteer program in your home community? Consider encouraging your student to become involved in a similar program while in college, or offer encouragement to your son or daughter to try volunteering for the first time. The University of Evansville's Center for Student Engagement makes it simple.

The Center for Student Engagement matches student volunteer interests with community service projects. Volunteer opportunities range from programs for the elderly at local care facilities to youth programs and humane society work with county organizations. By volunteering, students share their educational and cultural resources with the community and gain a new perspective on their role in our interconnected global society.

UE students' enthusiasm for volunteering is strong, and the numbers from this academic year alone prove it.

- Over 283 students volunteered for the University's largest annual day of service in the community, Make A Difference Day, held October 30, 2004. Students, faculty and staff joined together to make a difference in the community.
- During Welcome Week, 541 students took part in the freshman service project. Groups of freshmen were sent to several agencies in the community to help however they could for four hours. The experience connected students with the greater Evansville community, and many students went on to volunteer more frequently because of their exposure to local agencies during the service project.
- Thirty-nine student organizations, faculty members, departments and individuals provided for 45 families in the Evansville community through the Adopt-A-Family program this holiday season.

For more information and a list of available community and one-time volunteer opportunities, contact Kate Miller, assistant director of the Center for Student Engagement, at 812-479-2371.

Parents Association News

From the Editor

Are you looking for a few great ideas to keep active in the University community? At the University of Evansville, we encourage parent involvement and offer several ways for you to share in your student's Evansville Experience.

Cheer on the Purple Aces at an athletic event; upcoming scheduled events can be found online at gopurpleaces.com. Enjoy a special performance or cultural event on campus; a full spring and summer calendar is provided in this newsletter, or you can visit the campus calendar link on www.evansville.edu. Attend Family Weekend, a fun family event held each fall; this year, Family Weekend is scheduled Friday, September 23, through Sunday, September 25. Be sure to volunteer on campus or in your home community as an active member of our University of Evansville Parents Association.

As the parent of an undergraduate student, you are already a member of our Parents Association. Led by the Parents Council (an advisory board of parents from each class), the Parents Association strives to promote an understanding of UE among parents, provide an opportunity for parents to express opinions, ideas and suggestions, and support the University through direct involvement in student recruiting, fund-raising, career services and communication projects.

Parents Association members may contribute in many ways. As a member you can become a LEAGUE volunteer and attend or host regional get-togethers to recruit and welcome new students and parents. You can assist with parent communication such as this newsletter or encourage other parents to contribute to the Parents' Fund. Or you can join PIEE and offer internships and cooperative education experiences to students at your place of business. All of these activities add to the vitality of our campus community and to our students' success.

I invite you to be involved as much as you like or are able; I will work with your availability and interests to pair you with matching opportunities. Any contribution of time and participation will be useful and appreciated.

If you have questions or want more information about the Parents Association, call me at 812-488-2900 or e-mail me at js379@evansville.edu. I look forward to hearing about your interests and helping you contribute to the Evansville Experience!

Jesika Sanders

Assistant Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

An E-as-y Option

Would you prefer to receive the Parents Connections newsletter via e-mail? We welcome the chance both to conserve valuable paper resources and to help you stay in touch with parent news, events and opportunities more efficiently with an electronic version of this newsletter. Simply send an e-mail from your preferred e-mail address with "e-mail option" in the subject line to js379@evansville.edu. We'll do the rest.

Honors and Achievements

Sesquicentennial Art Competition Winners

Several University of Evansville students received awards for work they submitted for the University's recent "Celebrate the Sesquicentennial through Art" contest. Awards of \$300 each were presented to the winners.

Award winners were: **Michelle Reed**, a junior from Clinton, Indiana, for her ceramic, picture-covered vase, "Images of Experience"; **Labeed Assidmi**, a junior from Springfield, Virginia, for his computer-generated self-portrait, "Thinker"; and **John Barnes**, a senior from St. Paul, Indiana, and **Scott Carpenter**, a junior from Gansevoort, New York, for their collaborative mixed media sculpture, "Hand Cube." This competition was open to all UE students regardless of their majors; Reed and Assidmi are art majors, Barnes a marketing major and Carpenter a theatre design and technology major.

Finalists included: **Julia Budke**, a junior from Moores Hill, Indiana; **Leah Busse**, a senior from Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky; **Jeremy Grimes**, a sophomore from Greencastle, Indiana; **Ellen Prasse**, a freshman from Nicholasville, Kentucky; **Sara Robbins**, a senior from Baltimore, Maryland; and **Lisa Thompson**, a freshman from Spottsville, Kentucky.

Undergraduate Mathematics Competition

Several University of Evansville students participated in the recent Undergraduate Mathematics Competition on UE's campus. The competition was part of the Tri-Section meeting of the Mathematical Association of America and the Midwest History of Mathematics.

Jeremy Funk, of Boonville, Indiana, received second place in the senior division of the competition; **J.D. McKeel**, of Hercules, California, won second and **Kimberly Fessel**, of Depauw, Indiana, won third in the sophomore division.

Other UE students who participated include: freshman **Patrick Blandford** and junior **Matthew Phillips**, both of Evansville, Indiana; junior **Mandir Helms** and freshman **Amanda Watkins**, both of Newburgh, Indiana; freshman **Tera Walters** of Boonville, Indiana; freshman **Andrew Bradley** of Tennyson, Indiana; junior **Meagan McKinney** of Lynnville, Indiana; junior **Rebekah Musselwhite** of Lamar, Indiana; junior **Sarah Bocking** of Huntingburg, Indiana; sophomore **Beth Buechler** of Jasper, Indiana; sophomore **Travis Goudreau** of Lebanon, Indiana; sophomore **Megan Mast** of Middlebury, Indiana; senior **Beth Krofcheck** of Westerville, Ohio; and junior **Mallory Walker** of Albion, Illinois.

Ashley Henke Receives Trent Zuehsow Memorial Scholarship



University of Evansville student **Ashley Henke** received the Trent Zuehsow Memorial Scholarship for 2004. Henke is a mass communication and psychology major from Holland, Indiana.

This is not Henke's first honor while at UE. This past summer, she competed in and won Evansville radio station Hot 96 FM's

"Apprentice" competition. At UE, Henke is a member of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and is pledge educator for the academic honor society Phi Eta Sigma. She also plays intramural sports, serves as an Admission Ambassador, is a Morton and Brentano Residence Hall Council member, and volunteers for Habitat for Humanity.

The Trent Zuehsow Memorial Scholarship was created in memory of **Trent Zuehsow**, a UE student who was killed by a drunk driver in 2003. A resident of LaOtto, Indiana, Zuehsow was studying mechanical engineering at the University. While a UE student, he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. The scholarship was established by that fraternity and the University.

Do you know someone who might be interested in attending UE?

Spring Open Houses

Saturday, March 19, 2005

Saturday, April 23, 2005

For more information, please contact the Office of Admission at 812-479-2468.



www.evansville.edu/alumni/volunteer/league.asp

Assist with new student recruitment by becoming a LEAGUE volunteer. LEAGUE is a worldwide network of alumni, parents and friends who serve as goodwill ambassadors for the University of Evansville and assist with student recruitment.

Visit our Web site to find more information and to register.

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Career Services

The University of Evansville Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education is dedicated to providing the best possible individual service to UE students, alumni and employers. Our staff has a deep commitment to the University core purpose: to provide life-transforming educational experiences that prepare students to engage the world as informed, ethical and productive citizens.

As an active partner in facilitating the Evansville Experience, our staff will:

- Serve as a critical interface between campus and the employment community to promote experiential education, professional employment and matriculation to graduate and professional schools
- Partner with the UE learning community to assist students in developing self-awareness and obtaining educational and career information
- Facilitate the process of experiential education and assist students in selecting appropriate programs
- Encourage all students, beginning in their first year, to manage their career growth actively through the development of effective job search skills and a career development plan
- Foster students' active engagement of their personal career goals to obtain professional employment or admission to graduate or professional schools

The interface between students and the career world begins early. Starting in the freshman year, we support students on their path toward a successful career by directing them in the use of University career resources. The primary services we offer are:

- Career guidance, assessments and academic major decision-making
- Facilitating internship and cooperative education experiences (experiential education)
- Full-time job search assistance
- Graduate school application processes
- Part-time and summer employment
- Campus recruitment and career fairs
- Web-based job and résumé listing service for students and employers

Please encourage your student to interact with our office early and often. Would you like more information or a personal contact from our staff? Please e-mail Gene Wells, director of career services, at gw5@evansville.edu to find out more about how your student can take full advantage of career services. You may also call 812-479-2663.

Would you like to serve as a volunteer mentor? Do you or your company have internships, co-op jobs or full-time positions you would like to post with the University of Evansville? Contact career services at career@evansville.edu.

Career Development

Leadership

Mentorship

Networks

Professional Support

Service



PIEE News

Parents can help promote experiential education opportunities through Partners in the Evansville Experience (PIEE), a joint effort of the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations and the Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education. PIEE is a network of UE alumni, parents and other University friends who assist undergraduates with career development. PIEE directly connects students to professional and career support opportunities.

Why get involved with PIEE?

- You will have the opportunity to mentor students.
- You will have access to a network of UE alumni, parents and friends.
- Your participation elevates UE's education to a level that sets its graduates apart from their peers and is valuable to students for the rest of their lives.
- You will become an integral part of what it means to be a UE graduate.

How can you participate?

- Sponsor an internship or cooperative education experience at your place of business.
- Post full-time employment opportunities with the Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education.
- Participate in Career Days, Health Careers Fairs, A Major Affair (for undecided students) or on-campus employment recruiting.
- Serve as a resource person for students interested in your career.

We look forward to hearing from you! Please fill out a volunteer interest form online at www.evansville.edu/alumni/volunteer/piee, or contact Anna Newton, assistant director of alumni and parent relations for career development, at 812-479-2072. You may also send e-mail to piee@evansville.edu.

Campus Contacts

Office of Safety and Security

Emergencies: 812-471-6911
Non-emergencies: 812-479-2051

Crayton E. and Ellen Mann Health Center

812-479-2033

Center for Student Engagement

(Greek Life, Volunteer Opportunities)
812-479-2371

Office of Alumni and Parent Relations

812-479-2586

Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education

812-479-2663

Office of Financial Aid

812-479-2364

Office of the Registrar

812-479-2267

Office of Religious Life

812-479-2260

Office of Residence Life

812-479-2956

Office of Student Accounts

812-479-2565

UE Switchboard

812-479-2000

Athletics Ticket Office

812-479-2237

Shanklin Theatre Ticket Office

812-479-2031

University of Evansville Bookstore

812-479-2678

A Message from the Dean of Students

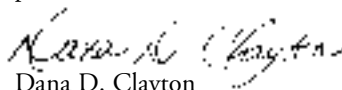
Parents,

This is an exciting time to be a parent of a University of Evansville student. Your sons and daughters are forming friendships with other students from 43 states and 40 different countries, sharing their culture and learning about the world.

We are committed to helping students become familiar with the University and the city of Evansville and to providing activities and opportunities that encourage them to grow and build a sense of community. About 85 percent of the students at UE participate in at least one extracurricular activity, and the majority belong to two or more groups. With over 160 organizations on campus, there is sure to be a match for every student whether his or her interest is academic, religious, social or recreational. As you have read in this newsletter, there are numerous opportunities for your student to volunteer in the community, explore internships, participate in intramurals, and embrace UE's international community.

As a parent, you are an important member of our UE family. Know that there are many people who care for and about your student during his or her time here. You can help by becoming an active part of the educational experience, as well. The UE calendar of events is full of musical and theatrical performances, art exhibits, lectures by renowned speakers and worship and fellowship gatherings of which students and parents are encouraged to take advantage. The academic calendar contains dates of campus breaks, final examinations and commencement.

Please, stay involved while your student is at UE, and visit us soon in person or online at www.evansville.edu!



Dana D. Clayton
Dean of Students

Area Accommodations

We would love to have you visit UE to attend a special event, to participate in a Parents Association activity, or to spend time with your student for any reason at all. We compiled the following list of hotels to help you plan your stay while in Evansville.

Many of the hotels offer special, discounted rates for families visiting UE, so be sure to mention you are a UE parent and inquire about special rates when making your reservation. All of these hotels will be happy to give you detailed directions to their locations.

Hotel/Motel	Telephone Number
Baymont Inn	812-477-2677
Drury Inn & Suites Evansville East	812-471-3400
Drury Inn Evansville North	812-423-5818
Executive Inn Evansville	812-424-8000
Fairfield Inn by Marriott Evansville East	812-471-7000
Hampton Inn	812-473-5000
Holiday Inn Conference Center	812-424-6400
Holiday Inn Express East	812-473-2500
Homelife Studios & Suites	812-475-1700
Lee's Inn	812-477-6663
Quality Inn & Suites	812-471-3414
Residence Inn	812-471-7191
Signature Inn	812-476-9626
Starkey Inn Bed & Breakfast	800-580-0305

Join Us Special Events and Performances

March 2005

Tuesday, March 1

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Faculty Recital, Anne Fiedler, Piano, Wheeler Concert Hall

Friday, March 4

8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Classical Guitar Society, Ana Vidovic, Wheeler Concert Hall, Tickets: \$15

Tuesday, March 15

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Faculty Recital, Douglas Reed, Organ, Wheeler Concert Hall

Wednesday, March 16

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Andiron Lecture Series presents Miguel Zapata, "Technology and Foreign Language Learning," Room 200, McCurdy Alumni Memorial Union

For more information, please contact the College of Arts and Science at 812-479-2589.

Thursday, March 17

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. English Coffee Hour, Wahnita DeLong Reading, Poet Rhina P. Espaillat, Bower-Suhrheinrich Room, McCurdy Alumni Memorial Union

Friday, March 18 - Thursday, March 24

8:00 p.m. UE Theatre, May Studio Production, *Months on End*
2:00 p.m. Sunday performance only

Sunday, March 20

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Jazz Guest Artist Series, Rick Simerly Quartet from Knoxville Tennessee, Wheeler Concert Hall, Tickets: \$10/\$5 with UE ID

Monday, March 21

Student Juried Art Exhibition, Krannert Gallery, through April 11

Tuesday, March 22

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Symphony Orchestra, Victory Theatre

Tuesday, March 29

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Faculty Recital, Renato Butturi, Guitar, Wheeler Concert Hall

April 2005

Sunday, April 3

Daylight Savings Time Begins

In Evansville, we spring forward one hour.

Tuesday, April 5

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. UE Opera, Victory Theatre

Wednesday, April 6

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Andiron Lecture Series presents Anthony Beavers, "Pedagogy and Situated Cognition: Technique and Technology in the Evolution of Intelligence," Room 200, McCurdy Alumni Memorial Union

For more information, please contact the College of Arts and Science at 812-479-2589.

Friday, April 8

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Classical Guitar Society Series, Jeffrey Van and Patricia Dixon, Wheeler Concert Hall

Saturday, April 9

5:30 - 10:00 p.m. Rite of Spring, Fund Raiser for Friends of UE Music, Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science, Reservations Required

Sunday, April 10

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Jazz Ensembles, Wheeler Concert Hall

Tuesday, April 12

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Wind Ensemble, Dunigan Hall

Wednesday, April 13

Noon - 2:00 p.m. University Bands Outdoor Pops, Memorial Plaza (Rain Location: Neu Chapel)

Thursday, April 14

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. English Coffee Hour Senior Readings, Bower-Suhrheinrich Room, McCurdy Alumni Memorial Union.

For more information, please contact the Department of English at 812-479-2963.

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Percussion Ensemble, Wheeler Concert Hall

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Religious Life Picnic, Neu Chapel Lawn

Friday, April 15 - Sunday, April 17

8:00 p.m. UE Theatre Production, *Our Town*

2:00 p.m. Sunday performance only

Saturday, April 16

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Men's and Women's Choruses, Neu Chapel

Sunday, April 17

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Faculty Recital, Elizabeth Robertson, Oboe, Wheeler Concert Hall

Monday, April 18

Senior Art Exhibition, Krannert Gallery, through May 7

Tuesday, April 19

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Symphony Orchestra, Wheeler Concert Hall

Wednesday, April 20

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Jazz Ensembles Outdoor Concert, Memorial Plaza (Rain Location: Wheeler Concert Hall)

Thursday, April 21 - Sunday, April 24

8:00 p.m. UE Theatre Production, *Our Town*

2:00 p.m. Sunday performance only

Tuesday, April 26

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Gumberts Award Recital, Wheeler Concert Hall

May 2005

Saturday, May 7

10:30 a.m. Baccalaureate, Neu Chapel

1:30 p.m. Commencement, Roberts Municipal Stadium

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Spring-Summer Academic Calendar

March 2005

Tuesday, March 1

Priority Deadline for Spring 2006
Harlaxton College Applications

Saturday, March 5 - Sunday, March 13
Spring Break

Monday, March 14
Classes Resume

Monday, March 21 - Friday, April 8
Advising and Registration for Fall 2005

Friday, March 25 - Sunday, March 27
Easter Break

Monday, March 28
Classes Resume (5:00 p.m.)

April 2005

Friday, April 1
Last Day to Withdraw with a W

Thursday, April 14
Last Day of Classes at Harlaxton College

Saturday, April 16 - Tuesday, April 19
Final Exams at Harlaxton College

Thursday, April 21
Students Depart Harlaxton College

Wednesday, April 27
Reading/Study Day

Thursday, April 28 - Wednesday, May 4
Final Examinations

May 2005

Saturday, May 7
Baccalaureate
Commencement

Monday, May 16
Summer Session I Begins
Harlaxton College Summer Classes Begin

June 2005

Thursday, June 16
Harlaxton College Summer Classes End

Friday, June 17
Summer Session I Ends

Monday, June 20
Summer Session II Begins

Friday, July 22
Summer Session II Ends

PLAN TO ATTEND

Family
Weekend
September 23-25, 2005

