Greetings fellow UE parents and welcome to a new academic year!

We are the co-chairs of the University of Evansville Parents Council, Mairi Winslow and John Epperson. Our daughter, Laura, is a senior theatre major. We live in Indianola, Iowa, where John teaches political science at Simpson College and Mairi is a data warehouse administrator for Pioneer, a DuPont Company. We’ve had three great years as UE parents and hope this last one will be the best yet!

As our daughter begins her last year of undergraduate study, we all look anxiously toward what she’ll do when she graduates. Let’s face it: the economy is still pretty scary and we all hope the investment of money, time, and effort that we have put into college will pay off in terms of employment (or graduate study and then employment). Fortunately, the University of Evansville has a number of people and programs that can help. This edition of Parents Connections focuses on ways UE works with students to position them to begin their careers.

The Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education and other departments offer help and advice to students at all stages of their college experience, and it is never too early to start. Encourage your child to start taking advantage of this help now. Fill out the Do What You Are (DWYA) assessment, start building a résumé, line up internships, and try new things. Your student will be establishing a good base for a future career search and will find that self-exploration, internships, taking risks, and having mentors can be fun!

While your student explores these opportunities, go to the career services website (careerservices.evansville.edu) and click on the “Parents and Visitors” tab to find ways that you can share information about potential internships and job possibilities, read articles for parents about career planning, and help your son or daughter develop a life-long career guide.

Another way to be involved is to meet some of the University’s staff and faculty members yourself at Family Weekend, September 23 - 25. Family Weekend provides many opportunities to experience bits of the UE life your child lives. Take advantage of the opportunity to see a play, listen to a concert, or watch a game. Take your son or daughter out to dinner and listen to his or her stories. Have fun at UE!

As the 2011-12 year begins, the Parents Council is looking for more ways for parents to be involved with UE. Do you have any suggestions or ideas? Do you have questions about the Parents Council or other parents associations? We’d love to hear from you! Please e-mail Mairi at Mairi.Winslow@pioneer.com, John at john.epperson@simpson.edu, or Angela Williams, assistant director of alumni and parent relations, at aw162@evansville.edu.

Have a great year!

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Career Services
Information, Connection, Transformation

The Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education provides personalized professional development assistance to students and alumni. The office is committed to:

- Maintaining a creative, flexible, and welcoming career exploration and recruiting environment
- Supporting and collaborating with faculty to deliver transformative educational programs
- Bringing excellence to all constituent relationships

The following are real stories from recent graduates regarding their experience.

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Career Services (continued)

The versatility of career services
Graduating senior, Psychology

“The Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education staff is welcoming, friendly, and knowledgeable; they know my name and say hello to me when they see me around campus. My journey with career services began as a freshman completing the Do What You Are (DWYA) assessment, which confirmed my desired career path of psychology. DWYA is an instrument used to assess career paths and personality strengths. It can also be an excellent tool for those who are undecided. During my years as an RA, I referred many of my residents to their office for career exploration.

My next step was building a résumé. Through a résumé workshop and personal appointments with the career services staff, I learned how to tailor my résumé to highlight my strengths for the job or internship I was applying to, which helped me land two research/internship experiences.

Applying to graduate school is an overwhelming experience; career services and the psychology department have aided me in reworking my résumé to compose a curriculum vitae, and I received assistance in perfecting my personal statement. I also attended a graduate school forum to learn more about the application process, financial aspect, and tips for success. My academic department and career services were an indispensable team.

Career services assisted me with a mock interview, preparing for the intense graduate program interviewing process and how to find a summer job prior to graduate school. As an RA they helped me deliver several educational programs to my floor and Moore Residence Hall on topics such as résumé development, job/internship searching, and applying to graduate school. Advice that I have given to every incoming freshman is that they need to work with career services as they are an essential part of the University of Evansville Experience.

The faculty/career services team
Graduate, cognitive science, philosophy, and psychology

“Throughout your undergraduate career you will likely find that most, if not all, of your personal or professional relationships begin with a question: What are you studying? If your answer is not engineering or education or one of the other majors where someone could easily infer a future career, you will often get a follow-up question: What do you want to do with that? My answer to the former is cognitive science, philosophy, and psychology, which made it difficult to answer what I wanted to do after graduation.

During my four years as a triple major, I acquired a lot of course credit, research, and tutoring experience, and even some internship activities as a teaching assistant and a technician in a neuroscience lab. I was also fortunate enough to be involved in some professional conference presentations and publications. All of this activity was meant to satisfy the cognitive science major’s default answer to the second question: I am going to go to graduate school. However, due to a string of confounding situations, continuing my education was going to have to wait, and all of these application-building endeavors I had completed now had to help me find a job. So, second semester senior year, with more than a bit of trepidation and naiveté, I began my job search.

I would not have been successful were it not for my supportive professors and the capable and dedicated staff at career services. Just a week into my job search, I received an e-mail from one of my psychology professors and one of my academic advisors directing me toward a recent job posting in UE JobLink. The job seemed perfect, a research coordinator position in the Evansville area. So help from career services, I began compiling all of my experiences into a curriculum vitae. It took me about a week to have a résumé and cover letter I was comfortable with, and several mock interviews followed. The company contacted me! After a series of interviews and thank-you notes, I became the new research coordinator! The job search process was far more involved and complex than I knew; career services and helpful faculty members gave me lessons on professionalism and business communication etiquette that really paid off. All of this happened in about 30 days.

I did not know that UE faculty worked so closely with career services, sharing job postings, making referrals, and supporting me in navigating uncharted waters. There are systems in place at UE I knew nothing about, and I easily accessed those services quickly and effectively. However, it was the faculty/career services relationship that helped me land a job related to my interests. So, my advice to current students is to try everything you can and take advantage of all the services offered on campus.

Examples of academic department support of career development

Support is provided to students in numerous ways and there are three primary means of delivery: curriculum, faculty relationships, and academic advising. The following are four examples of how academic units integrate career development into their program.

Department of Theatre

All theatre majors are required to participate in the departmental auditions/interviews that are held once each semester; these include résumé and portfolio updates. All Performance majors are required to audition. All design/technology, theatre management, stage management, and theatre education majors are required to interview. Students who were accepted into the department in the generalist category are expected to rotate between the audition and interview procedure.

The auditions/interviews are designed to give theatre students an opportunity to experience the prepared audition/interview situation. The audition/interview may vary from time to time in order to prepare students for as many different situations as possible. Students are seen by the faculty members of the Department of Theatre and invited respondents. The auditions/interviews enable the faculty to check student progress, evaluate degree program placement, and assist the individual student with future presentations. The department strives to assure each student receives the necessary training and skills to procure job/internship/graduate school placement after graduation. This audition/interview process greatly aids in this goal.
Hotel Information for Family Weekend

The following hotels are offering discounted rates for UE Family Weekend 2011. Please ask for UE Family Weekend rate to receive the advertised rate. Additional hotels, restaurants, and an events calendar may be found by visiting the Evansville Convention & Visitor's Bureau website at www.evansvillecvb.org.

Hampton Inn East
8000 Eagle Crest Boulevard
Evansville, Indiana 47715
812-473-5000
Fax: 812-479-1664
www.evansville.hamptoninn.com
group code: UFF
Lyn Morehead, sales manager
Lyn.morehead@hilton.com
$79/night by September 9
Mention Family Weekend block.

Holiday Inn Express
301 Circle Front Drive
Evansville, Indiana 47715
812-473-2500
Fax: 812-473-5021
Kendra Hines
$84/night by September 1

Hilton Garden Inn
220 Eagle Crest Drive
Evansville, Indiana 47715
812-476-4000
Fax: 812-476-4002
Ashley Dunn: 812-471-4328
$109/night by September 5

LeMerigot at Casino Aztar
615 NW Riverside Drive
Evansville, Indiana 47708
812-433-4770
Michelle Horry, sales manager
$169/night

Please Give to Parents’ Fund Today

This academic year, the UE Parents’ Fund has a goal of raising $45,000 in unrestricted funds. Gifts to the Parents’ Fund bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost of operating the school. While most Parents’ Fund gifts at UE are used to meet student scholarship needs, they also help fund essentials within the operating budget, including faculty salaries, professional development, art supplies, technology, and even heating, lighting, and food in the Café Court. These unrestricted gifts are applied wherever the need is greatest, and they are essential to the school’s excellence and financial strength.

How much you give is totally up to you. A gift of $10, $25, $50, or more would certainly help! Remember, your gifts to the Parents’ Fund are tax deductible and help provide scholarships to students who might not be able to enjoy the same quality education your son or daughter is already receiving.

To make a gift to UE, simply visit www.evansville.edu/give. Thank you!
Major Discovery Program

Lora Becker, Director of Major Discovery Program

We are in an interesting time. The economy is uncertain, what our fathers knew as job security is hard to find and the markets for goods and services seem to change daily. The best career track for students entering college is hard to pin down. It is easy to feel confused in this environment. What major should a student choose to be positioned for the future?

A high quality liberal arts education may be the best course for many students exiting high school. When striving for the bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degree, the breadth of experiences associated with a liberal arts degree serve our graduates in incalculable ways. UE upholds high standards as you may have read in the core purpose: To provide life-transforming educational experiences that prepare students to engage the world as informed, ethical, and productive citizens. Success in achieving these goals can be found in the career paths of many of our alumni.

But what if a student struggles with finding a career path, or even an academic discipline to major in? There are 80 majors at the University of Evansville. With so many options, how does a student decide? The Major Discovery Program was designed for just that purpose! Approximately 10 percent of freshman students begin in the Major Discovery Program. These students are bright, accomplished, and curious about their world. So curious, in fact, that it is hard for them to select one single academic interest to call their major. Thirteen dedicated faculty advisors and the faculty director of this program work with students on an individual basis, determining their interests, dreams, and hopes for the future. The Major Discovery Program encourages students to participate in the many outstanding opportunities available through the Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education, such as the Do What You Are assessment, alumni mentor connections and internship/summer job opportunities. A unique component of the Major Discovery Program is the Journeys and Discoveries course. Students who are thinking about changing their major or those who enter UE before choosing a major take this course for a guided exploration of UE majors and the campus. Fifty percent of students choose a major by the end of the course. The rest select a course or two to try out before filling out the change of major form. The director of the program insures that each student progresses into a major before the end of his or her sophomore year. In this time of economic uncertainty, it is good to know that UE has the Major Discovery Program to assist students in their search for how they will engage the world as informed, ethical, and productive citizens.

Parents Council Members as of July 1, 2011

Southeast
Ellen and Greg Bagwell
Clarksville, Tennessee
Cathlyn Samuel
Nashville, Tennessee
Donna and Tony Paulin
Bardstown, Kentucky
Joy and Michael Musselwhite
Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Tuomo and Julie Nykanen
Duluth, Georgia

Midwest
John Epperson and Mairi Winslow
Parents Council Co-chairs
Indianola, Iowa

Jim and Carol Miller
Ames, Iowa
Shelley Purcell
Bridgeport, Illinois
Gary and Cheryl Gorrell
Glen Carbon, Illinois
Suzette Schofield
Olney, Illinois
Denise Wathen
Steve Wathen
Boonville, Indiana
Janet Heldt
Mark and Debra Martin
Cynthiana, Indiana

Maria Ranola
Julie and Robert Reynolds
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Evansville, Indiana
Elizabeth and Paul Kohli
Hamilton, Indiana
John and Judy Sonderman
Jasper, Indiana
Andrea (Andy) Forrester
Mary Kay McCubbin
Madison, Indiana

David Jensen
Doug ’85 and Debra ’81 Kanet
Terry ’75 and Zenda ’80 White
Newburgh, Indiana
Rick and Bronda Simmons
Princeton, Indiana
Gary and Diane Kendrick
Washington, Indiana
Jerrold and Monique Ware
Cincinnati, Ohio
Daniel Kohn
Franklin, Wisconsin

To contact any of the Parents Council members, please call UE’s Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 812-488-2586. Visit www.evansville.edu/parents for more information on how to get involved.
Students are encouraged to commit to one of these specialties tracts by the end of the sophomore year. Then all are assigned an academic advisor in that specialty and encouraged to use the internship program to explore real-world experience. In their last year, students write a supervised senior thesis that must thoroughly review a topic supportive of their career selection. Throughout the academic process, the department integrates with career services in advising, personal assessment, identification of alternatives, graduate school application, and job search. Many of our seniors will directly enter a graduate program, others seek temporary or permanent employment.

The psychology and neuroscience departments provide a solid undergraduate education that prepares students for professional school. Consistently, the UE senior class scores in the top 5 percent on the ETS Major Field Test of Psychology, the main program evaluation used by 365 universities; indeed, the median average for the past 12 years puts UE in the top 3 percent, and the last two classes were in the top 1 percent.

What parents need to know

The Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education has three full-time career educators and had over 4,000 student interactions in the 2010-11 academic year. Encourage your student to get started as early as possible. They should:

- Evaluate their career development progress by accessing the following checklist: careerservices.evansville.edu/students/knowyourself/lifelongguide.html
- Develop a written career plan that they share with their advisors, faculty, and the career staff
- Include in their plan at least one internship, research, study abroad, or related experiential education opportunity; according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, students completing internships earn 20 percent more in starting salaries than their peers without that experience
- Fully engage all of the offerings of the Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education
- Come by the office and receive their free copy of the annual Career Guide or access it online: careerservices.evansville.edu/pdfs/CareerGde2010-11.HighRes.pdf
- Follow Career Services on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter accessed at: careerservices.evansville.edu

If you would like more information or want to contact the career services staff, please visit: careerservices.evansville.edu/contact.

Staff from left to right:
Dianna Cundiff, Assistant Director of Career Outreach
Monica Spencer, Assistant Director of Alumni and Parent Relations for Career Development
Kristen Cirino, Coordinator of Employer Relations
Diane Austin, Senior Administrative Assistant for Career Services
Linda Wulf, Assistant Director
Gene Wells, Director
Family Weekend Schedule of Events

The event schedule is subject to change. For an up-to-date schedule, please visit www.evansville.edu/parents.

Friday, September 23

Every Friday is Purple Friday at UE. Be sure to wear your UE school colors!

4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Check-in
Class of 1957 Atrium and Grand Lobby, Ridgway University Center
Check in when you arrive on campus. Pick up a schedule of events, a campus map, an Aces athletics pass, coupons to area restaurants, refreshments, and a warm UE welcome!

4:00 p.m.
Campus Tour
Class of 1957 Atrium and Grand Lobby, Ridgway University Center

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
UE Parent College Class: “Parent Safety Net”
Eykamp Hall, Room 253, Ridgway University Center
By Tiffany Griffith, assistant professor of first year seminars
This class will present a faculty member’s perspective on how parents can be supportive without being intrusive.

6:30 p.m.
Patricia H. Snyder Concert and Lecture Series presents the Watson Twins in Concert
East Terrace Lawn, outside Ridgway University Center
(Rain Location: Neu Chapel)
The Watson Twins Reception immediately following concert, in Memorial Plaza, for CD sales and signing. Free and open to the public

Aces Women’s Volleyball vs. Creighton
Meeks Family Court, Carson Center
Free with an Aces athletics pass

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Musical Bingo
Room 170, Schroeder Family School of Business Administration Building
Sponsored by UE Music Therapy Association
Parents and students will have the opportunity to play bingo to hits from different decades. When they hear the song, they look for it on their bingo card. Winners will get tasty treats as prizes. Donations encouraged

“The Price is Right” Fund-raiser
Eykamp Hall, Room 251, Ridgway University Center
Sponsored by Delta Omega Zeta
Participants will be able to come onstage and play the Price is Right, similar to the TV show. Tickets: $5

7:30 p.m.
UE Theatre Production
"Master Harold”… and the boys
By Athol Fugard
Shanklin Theatre
Discounted tickets: $8

Saturday, September 24

7:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Check-in
Class of 1959 Gallery and Lounge, Ridgway University Center
Check in and receive a schedule of events, a campus map, an Aces athletics pass, coupons to area restaurants, and a warm UE welcome!

7:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Continental Breakfast
Class of 1959 Gallery and Lounge, Ridgway University Center
Sponsored by Parents Council

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Saturday Morning Cartoons
Morton and Brentano Residence Halls
The Resident Students Association will provide donuts, pastries, milk, and orange juice to UE students’ siblings while they watch cartoons. Sponsored by the RSA
Free! (Pre-registration requested)

8:15 - 8:45 a.m.
Family Weekend Kick-off Event
Greetings from Parents Council Co-chairs
Eykamp Hall, Room 251, Ridgway University Center

9:00 a.m.
Campus Tour
Ridgway University Center

9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Parents Council Meeting
Eykamp Hall, Room 252, Ridgway University Center
( Parents Council Members Only)

For Parents – Informational Sessions

9:00 - 9:50 a.m. and 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.
Harlaxton College and Study Abroad
Eykamp Hall, Room 255, Ridgway University Center
Learn about Harlaxton College and other exciting study abroad programs.

“What if my child does not have a major?”
Eykamp Hall, Room 255, Ridgway University Center
The Major Discovery Program assists UE students who are deciding a major. Learn about the resources and expertise available to students who do not have a major or wish to change their major.

Forging your Career Path
Eykamp Hall, Room 254, Ridgway University Center
Learn about the outstanding resources and services available to help your student along their career path, from freshman to senior year!

Your Son or Daughter is Greek… What Does That Mean?
Eykamp Hall, Room 253, Ridgway University Center
Learn about the fraternity and sorority community at UE and the opportunities it provides to your son or daughter.

11:00 a.m. - noon
Reception for Family of Nursing Students
Dunigan Nursing Lab, Graves Hall
Meet SimMan and see the progress we have made on the newly remodeled simulation lab.

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Family Weekend Carnival

Inflatables
Lawn, Hughes Residence Hall
Rain Location: Carson Center
RSA will provide large inflatables including an obstacle course and other play sets for children to play on.
Free!
Each participant must sign a waiver. Once waivers are signed, the participant will be given a bracelet that must be worn in order to be allowed on the inflatables.

Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Picnic with the President
East Terrace Lawn, Ridgway University Center
(Rain Location: Small Gym, Carson Center)
Adult tickets: $11
Children 12 and under: $7
UE students: Meal plan

2:00 p.m.
Family Weekend Concert
Neu Chapel
Free!
Featuring the talent of UE’s music students (University Choir, University Orchestra, and the University Wind Ensemble). Arrive early – it’s usually standing room only!

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
President’s Club Parent Reception with President and Dr. Kazee
The May House
( Only open to President’s Club members)
To join the President’s Club contact Scott Gilreath at 812-488-2429 or sg157@evansville.edu

5:30 p.m.
Aces Women’s Soccer vs. IPFW
Black Beauty Field
Free with an Aces athletics pass
Family Weekend Registration

To register for Family Weekend online, go to www.evansville.edu/parents. To register by telephone, call 812-488-2586 or 800-423-8633, ext. 2586. You may also complete and mail in this registration form.

Please send registration to the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, 1800 Lincoln Avenue, Evansville, Indiana 47722. **Registration deadline is September 16, 2011.**

Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
City, State, Zip Code ____________________
Telephone ________________________________
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If you have additional questions or need more information, please e-mail the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at UEParentRelations@evansville.edu or call 812-488-2586.

*Free with an Aces athletics pass, available at check-in.
†Receive free parent e-newsletters and stay connected with UE!

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**During Family Weekend Only**
- Free workout at the Student Fitness Center
- Coupon for 15 percent off at the University Bookstore
- Coupon packet provided with free and reduced coupons for area restaurants and stores

**Sunday, September 25**

9:00 a.m.
**Mass**
Neu Chapel
After Mass
Reception to follow
Catholic Campus Ministry Open House
Newman Center
Coffee and doughnuts provided

10:30 a.m.
**University Worship Service**
UE chaplain Tamara Gieselman
Neu Chapel

2:00 p.m.
**UE Theatre Production**
“Master Harold”…and the boys
By Athol Fugard
Shanklin Theatre

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Parents

CONNECTIONS

Family Weekend ■ September 23-25, 2011 ■ Registration Enclosed

Fall 2011
Labor Day Monday, September 5 (classes in session)
Fall Break October 8 - October 11 (residence halls remain open; no meal service)
  Last meal served before Fall Break
  Dinner on October 7
  First meal served after Fall Break
  Dinner on October 11
Classes resume October 12
Thanksgiving Break November 23 - November 27 (residence halls remain open; no meal service)
  Last meal served before Thanksgiving Break
  Dinner on November 22
  First meal served after Thanksgiving Break
  Dinner on November 27
Classes resume November 28
Baccalaureate and Commencement, Final Exams End December 14
Winter Break December 15, 2011 - January 6, 2012 (residence halls are closed)
  Last meal served before Winter Break
  Dinner on December 14

Spring 2012
Halls Open for Returning Students
January 6, 2012, 2:00 p.m.
  First meal served after break
  Dinner on January 8, 2012
Classes begin January 9, 2012
Martin Luther King Jr. Day January 16, 2012 (residence halls and dining services remain open; no classes)
  Last meal served before Spring Break
  Dinner on March 2, 2012
  First meal served after break
  Dinner on March 11, 2012
Classes resume March 12, 2012
Easter Break April 6, 2012 - April 8, 2012 (residence halls remain open; no meal service)
  Last meal served before Easter Break
  Dinner on April 21, 2011
  First meal served after break
  Dinner on April 8, 2012
Classes resume April 9, 2012
End of Year
  Last meal served for the year
  Dinner on May 2, 2012
Last day of finals May 3, 2012
Residence halls officially close May 3, 2012, noon
Baccalaureate and Commencement May 5, 2012

Harlaxton College Application Priority Deadlines
Fall 2012: December 5, 2011
Spring 2013: March 2, 2012
Questions: E-mail studyabroad@evansville.edu

Important Information and Dates – Breaks and Holidays

During Fall, Thanksgiving, and Easter Breaks, students can use their flex dollars to buy pizza from the local Papa John’s.