Panther Parent is UNI's e-newsletter for parents and guardians. Panther Parent is sent three times per semester and features university events, deadlines and tips from the UNI Parents Association.

EDITOR'S NOTES

May marks transitions
The end of the semester is in sight and students are finishing projects and prepping for finals. This is the last Panther Parent newsletter until August. Summer is a time of transition: some students will leave college and enter the workforce. Others will embark upon an internship, some will study abroad and some will take summer classes. Regardless of your student's plans, we wish them and your family a safe and happy summer.

NEWS

Spring commencement times finalized
All spring commencement ceremonies will be held in the McLeod Center on Saturday, May 7, 2016. Please see below for ceremonies and times:

- 10:00 a.m. | Undergraduate students in the College of Education, College of Business Administration and/or the Division of Continuing Education & Special Programs
- 2:00 p.m. | Undergraduate students in the College of Humanities, Arts and Sciences and/or the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
- 6:00 p.m. | Graduate College

For more ceremony information, as well as parking and lodging information, please visit the commencement website.

Save the dates - Homecoming and Family Weekend
Mark your calendars for Homecoming weekend, Sept. 30-Oct. 2, and Family Weekend, Oct. 21-23. Check out the Homecoming and Family Weekend websites for details as they become available.

Financial Aid reminder
If you haven’t already, apply for a FAFSA today! Use school code 001890 to have your student's FAFSA results sent directly to UNI. Financial aid for the 2016-17 academic year will start being awarded to current students in mid-May. Contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships regarding any additional questions about the awarding process.

Panthers unite!
The University of Northern Iowa Alumni Clubs are not just for alumni—but for the entire Panther family. We have clubs in Central Iowa, Chicago, Denver and the Twin Cities, and are developing clubs in
Council Bluffs/Omaha, Cedar Rapids and Kansas City. Each club coordinates a variety of events from game watches to networking events. For more information, please check out our website.

**Help grow UNI's future enrollment!**
Help future students learn more about UNI! Do you know a family member, friend or neighbor who should attend UNI? Refer prospective students to the Admissions office by completing this admissions referral form.

**Want more UNI news?**
Visit the UNI Newsroom. Follow UNI on Twitter at @uninews. Become a fan of UNI's Facebook site. Subscribe to our YouTube site. Or connect with other UNI alumni through the Alumni Association Facebook page.

**EVENTS**

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For a complete list of events, visit UNI's Calendar of Events.

**RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS**

De-stress Days
UNI students can relax with De-Stress Days activities during finals week from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Maucker Union Ballroom on May 2 through 4. They can participate in crafts, get a free mini-massage, walk the de-stress labyrinth, engage in dog therapy and more.

**Book buyback**
Textbook buyback is a University Book & Supply-sponsored event that aims to recycle titles that will be used in the future. Buying and selling used books benefits everyone by cutting costs and reducing the environmental strain of additional textbook printing. University Book & Supply will offer textbook buyback from Monday, April 25 through Saturday, May 7.

**Take courses this summer @ UNI**
UNI is ramping up online and on-campus course offerings this summer for current students. Visit [Summer@UNI](#) and see how your student can accelerate progress toward their degree. Information is available about courses, financial aid, housing and much more!

**Live on campus this summer for as little as $103/week!**
If your student is planning to stay in the area this summer – whether it's to take classes, for a job or internship, or to just be near friends – consider the convenience and affordability of staying in the residence halls. Summer housing is available in Panther Village, ROTH and Shull Hall – all with air-conditioned rooms! Students do not need to be enrolled in classes for the summer to live on campus. Students living on campus for 12 consecutive weeks will receive 15% off of the advertised rates – as low as $103 per week! Summer housing contracts are now being accepted. Visit the Department of Residence [summer housing page](#) for rates and more information.

**Student employment opportunities in Dining Services**
Now taking applications for both summer and fall! Encourage your student to work on campus not only because it's convenient, but to help them learn valuable skills to apply to their future career. UNI Dining Services is the largest employer on campus, offering a wide range of opportunities within the dining centers, retail stores, catering and our bakery and commissary. Flexible scheduling around classes, excellent wage and incentives and scholarship opportunities. Voted #1 Best College Food in Iowa! Student can [apply online](#).

**Health insurance for graduating students**
The university offers health and dental insurance coverage to recent graduates through the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP). If this insurance is suitable for your student's situation, contact Connie Potter in the UNI Student Health Clinic Insurance office prior to Friday, July 1, for enrollment information at 319-273-7736 or email ship@uni.edu.

**RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS**

**Finals Week Hugs from Home**
Finals week is May 2-6 and Commencement is May 7. Let your student know you're thinking of them during this stressful and exciting time with a [Hugs From Home](#) care package.

**UNI to offer a wide variety of summer camps**
Summer will be here before we know it and students will have a break from the classroom. UNI offers opportunities to keep children busy and learning in the summer months with a variety of summer camps. Students can choose interest areas in the sciences, arts, technology, athletics and more.

**Tips for when your college student comes home for the summer**
Many students find themselves back at home over the summer break, but sometimes your expectations can clash with those of your student. Check out this article for a few tips on how to manage expectations.
All parents/guardians of UNI students are automatically members of the UNI Parents Association, which works as an advocacy group. Benefits include e-newsletters each semester and a parents' booth at orientation. Contact Leslie Williams, UNIPA liaison at 319-273-2332 with questions.

Get Involved -- Join UNIPA Advisory Board
The UNI Parents Association Advisory Board members get the opportunity to share their opinions and insights with UNI staff and faculty. It's a great opportunity to hear and be heard. Learn more on the UNIPA website. If you know of other parents of UNI students who would be interested in this newsletter, please forward! We'd like to share this information with as many parents as possible.

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