

PARENT NEWSLETTER

STARS WEEK & OCU FIRST



Parent Newsletter - June 2020

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COVID-19 UPDATES

Campus Reopening Planned

A phased-in return to campus for employees began June 15th. The fall semester will begin August 17, 2020.

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Move In

Summer is upon us, and your student is preparing to make the move to

Oklahoma City University. Housing and Residence Life is preparing the move-in instructions and sign up to best prepare our students returning to campus. The instructions and guidelines will be emailed out the last week of June to all students' OCU email addresses and posted on the Housing and Residence Life website. If you have any specific questions about housing and move-in, please email Housing and Residence Life at residencelife@okcu.edu.

Looking forward to Stars Week!

Stars Week (OCU's New Student Orientation) is designed to assist first-year students in the transition to the college experience. It is filled with events and activities to help your student find new friends, discover the campus, meet staff and faculty who are here to help navigate OCU, and to learn more about academic programs.

A highlight of Stars Week are the personal connections made and the mentorship provided by the NSOs (New Student Orientation Leaders). Students will be placed in small Stars Groups with a couple of NSOs to dialogue on institutional values of Integrity, Collaboration, Respect, and Diversity & Inclusion.

In our efforts to center student health and safety amid this pandemic, we have made the difficult decision to cancel all in-person parent and family programming during Stars Week. Academic orientations and Matriculation Convocation are included in this decision, and they are currently looking to virtual options **TBD**.

For planning for your visit, please see the **Move-In schedule** below. Our Housing & Residence Life team will soon be sending out information for students to sign-up for a move-in time.

- Sunday, August 9th – 9 am-Noon (President's Leadership Council, FIRST, and Honor's Freshmen)
- Sunday, August 9th – Noon – 5 pm (Freshmen)
- Monday, August 10th – 9 am – 5 pm (Freshmen)
- Tuesday, August 11th – 9 am – 5 pm (Freshmen)

As you say goodbye to your student after move-in, please know that the rest of their week will be filled with an opportunity to participate in a week full of virtual and restricted in-person events to help your student discover their home away from home. More information on Stars Week will be forthcoming [here](#).

If you have any questions about the Stars Week schedule, please contact Dr. Tiffany Smith, Director of Student Engagement, at 405-208-5181 or tdsmith@okcu.edu.



FIRST is a university initiative that recognizes and celebrates the achievements of incoming Stars who are the first, or among the first generation, in their families to attend college.

FIRST provides all first-gen students with opportunities to connect with university

staff, faculty, and fellow students who can serve as informal mentors and guides in the semesters ahead. Our welcome meeting falls during Stars Week this year on Sunday, August 9, from 12:30-2 pm at the Great Hall. More information about the welcome meeting will be shared soon. We encourage first-gen students who want more of a structured mentorship program to apply for the FYE Scholars program. More information on that program can be found [HERE](#).

Additionally, mark your calendar for OCU's First-Generation Celebration Day (#CelebrateFirstGen) on Friday, November 6, 2020. We will share some fun efforts to come on that day as it nears closer.

For more information on FIRST efforts, please click [HERE](#).



A Minute to Learn It - 6 Good Things You Need to Know...

Playlist: Federal Work-Study Student Basics A Minute to Learn It - 6 Good Things You Need to Know about Federal Work-Study 1. Eligibility for work-study funds is based on your FAFSA information, just like other types of financial aid. 2. It's up...

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Parking Permits

- All motor vehicles parked at the University must have a valid parking permit or authorization from the OCUPD. Each person purchasing/obtaining a permanent parking permit will be issued one permit that is transferable to any vehicle driven by the permit owner. One additional permit may be purchased for \$10.00.

Obtaining a Parking Permit

- Anyone desiring a University parking permit must complete a registration form online at: okcu.edu/financialaid/parking-permit.
- Parking permits may be obtained at the Student Accounts Office located on the 3rd floor of the Clara Jones Administration Building.
- Any person who gives false information on the application/registration form may be subject to fines and/or university disciplinary action.
- Permits will be billed to student's university account, or direct payments may be made at the Office of Student Account Services during regular business hours.
- Permits are available on or after August 1 of each year.

Health Insurance

In compliance with the Affordable Care Act, Oklahoma City University requires that all students maintain student health insurance coverage as a condition of enrollment. OKC University's Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP), administered by Academic Health Plans (AHP), offers up to \$100,000 of coverage per plan year. Students on the SHIP pay a deductible per policy year, then AHP will cover 80% of a covered injury or illness. Deductible and co-insurance (20%) are waived for services at the Campus Health Clinic.

If you already have health insurance coverage that meets University

requirements, there is a SHIP waiver available, which will allow you to waive the University's SHIP and maintain your current insurance coverage. Detailed instructions on how to apply for the waiver can be found [here](#).

There are two ways for domestic students to enroll - students may opt in to the SHIP by not applying for a waiver and the bill for SHIP will remain on their student account. Students may also visit the [AHP website](#) to print enrollment forms and remit payment directly to AHP.

For questions about the policy, contact Campus Health by phone at 405-208-5090, or confidential email at studenthealth@okcu.edu.

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