

LOPER PARENT & FAMILY FIRST SEMESTER CHECKLIST

JULY:

- If your student has not done so already, encourage them to get in touch with their roommate to plan who is bringing what for their room.
- Remind your student if they have not done so already, to send in their official ACT scores and if they took any college courses, official transcripts.
- Have a discussion with your student about his/her class schedule. Students are encouraged to register for 15 credits per semester because that puts them on pace to finish in four years. However, some students choose to take fewer credits. Now is a good time to review the schedule because Academic Advising and Career Development can answer questions you might have, and help make adjustments.
- Help your student identify potentially challenging courses before school starts. Look through textbooks together and talk about your student's greatest academic fears and strengths. Then make a plan to get help from the professor and the Learning Commons as soon as school starts.

AUGUST:

- (8/21) Move In! (go to www.unk.edu/welcome for Move-In details)
- (8/21) Participate in Blue Gold Welcome activities for parents & families: Student Send-Off, Convocation and the Blue Gold Showcase with the Chancellor's Picnic.
- (8/24) First Day of Classes
- Encourage your student to participate in Blue Gold Welcome and other student events throughout the first six weeks.
- E-bill notifications will be sent to student's **Lopermail** account.
- Encourage your student to identify challenging courses early and visit the Learning Commons tutors (second floor of the library).
- If your student needs assistance developing stronger study skills or time management skills, have him or her reach out to a Success Coach (second floor of the library).

SEPTEMBER:

- (9/7) Labor Day: No class! Sometimes coming back to class after this weekend can be difficult. Please support your student as they make their transition back to college life again.
- (9/8-9/30) First papers and tests often occur in weeks 3-5. Encourage your student to meet with Learning Commons tutors and study strong from the start!
- Suggest to your student to complete their roommate agreement this month to navigate the waters of successfully living together.
- Encourage your student to attend a residence hall CAN meeting to meet and greet with other residents on Tuesday nights. Your student's RA will have details.

SEPTEMBER: (CONTINUED)

- Check-in with Academic Advising and Career Development to have their freshman hold removed from their account in order to prepare for academic advising.
- (9/24) Tuition and Fees are DUE for Fall 2020! Your student can pay online through their MyBlue account, or in person at the Finance Office in Warner Hall, Room 135.

OCTOBER:

- Students tend to experience homesickness in October, so encourage students to get involved with activities on campus. Counseling services, located in the Memorial Student Affairs Building, are available if your student needs additional support.
- (10/5-10/19) Midterms peak before Fall Break. Talk to your student about practicing good study and time management habits with help from the Learning Commons.
- (10/19-10/20) Fall Break, no classes! Be watching your mail for a letter from First Year on how you can support your student.
- (10/21) Academic advising begins students must meet with their academic advisor prior to registering for classes.
- (10/23) Last day for students to drop a full semester class with a "W" (withdrawal) instead of a grade.
- (10/26) Class registration begins according to class standing.

NOVEMBER:

- (11/16) General class registration opens.
- (11/25-27) Thanksgiving break.
- Ask your student if they have completed an audit with their Academic Advisor to ensure they are on track to graduate in four years. Academic Advising and Career Development can assist if they need additional support in this area.
- The on line Spring Intent & Winter Break Plan for all housing residents is required to be completed in the housing portal via MyBLUE.
- Finals Week is just around the corner, have your student visit with a Success Coach in the Learning Commons to develop a study plan.

DECEMBER:

- This is your students first finals week. Support them by encouraging them to practice healthy sleeping, eating and studying habits
- Have your student check with their Resident Assistant and attend the corresponding floor meetings for information about checking out or staying in the building over break periods.
- (12/16-12/20) Finals Week