ILLINI UNION
PARENT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS OFFICE

- Conveniently located 2nd floor Northwest wing of Union
- Serving as the liaison between the U of I and the parents and families of enrolled students
- Communicating regularly through various media
- Providing information and tools to help you become more effective coaches and mentors to your students
- Your on-campus resource!
WHY ARE WE HERE?

- To let you know that you will be hearing from PFPO
- To tell you that there is a University resource that exists just for you
- To remind you of the important role you will play in your student’s participation, retention and satisfaction.
- To make sure you know that if you ever need a contact on campus, we are here and ready to help
DADS/MOMS ASSOCIATIONS

- Separate non-profit organizations
- Active since 1922/1923
- You are automatically a member, but the degree of involvement is up to you
- Moms Weekend/Dads Weekend
- Opportunities to volunteer and to connect

CONTACT THEM!
- Moms Association: Illinimoms.com
- Dads Association: IlliniDads.com
WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM PFPO?

- Regular communication
  - Newsletters, e-updates, alerts
  - IUPFPO website, Facebook, Twitter
- Information
- Access to University resources
- Events and programs designed for families
- Answers to your questions
- Opportunities to be involved
WHAT CAN YOU DO TODAY?

- Commit to becoming an active member of the U of I family by registering with PFPO
- Make connections with the new people you meet
- Make note of names and contact information
- Talk with your student about making plans to visit, and discuss when and how you will communicate
- Encourage your student to let you know if he/she is struggling
- Use the resources that are available to you
HELPFUL HINTS FROM THE PFPO

- Be prepared to use the method of communication that your student uses most
- Plan your visits according to your student’s schedule
- Try to strike a balance between your need to be involved and your student’s need for independence
- Remember that things may not always be as they seem...ask questions and give suggestions
- Understand that your relationship with your student will change