Illini Union Parent & Family Programs Office
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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
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