



NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY

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WELCOME



PARENT AND GUEST SESSION AGENDA



→ **WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM**

- Student Financial Services
- Campus Life
- Registrar's Office
- Academic Success and Advising

→ **NEXT STEPS FOR PARENTS**

→ **QUESTIONS**



IMPORTANT CONTACTS



northwestu.edu/parents/contact



STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

ROGER WILSON

**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF
STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES**



STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

→ WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES?



- FAFSA
- Student employment assistance
- Student accounts
- Payment plans
- Grants and loans
- Scholarships



STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES



→ FAFSA

- Renewable October 1, 2026, for the 27–28 school year.
- If finances have changed for the coming year, please contact our department.



STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

→ ON- AND OFF-CAMPUS JOBS



WORK STUDY

- studentfinancialservices@northwestu.edu

ON-CAMPUS JOBS

- northwestu.edu/jobs/student

OFF-CAMPUS JOBS

- eagle.northwestu.edu/jobsearch



STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

→ QUESTIONS



- **Documents still needed for disbursement**
- **Balance due**
 - Fall by September 30
 - Spring by January 30
- **Payment plans**
 - Nelnet Campus Commerce payment plan
 - Available on the Eagle student website
- **Sharing information with parents**
 - Use “My Circle” to manage delegates
- **1098-T Tax Document**
 - Sent to student’s address of record by February 1

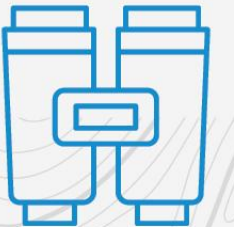


CAMPUS LIFE

Services and Experiences

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**VICE PRESIDENT FOR
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CAMPUS LIFE

Services and Experiences

→ WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM STUDENT DEVELOPMENT?

- Season of transition
- Ready to launch (and succeed)
- Move-in day
- Welcome Weekend
- First Six Weeks
- Housing



SEASON OF TRANSITION





READY TO LAUNCH (AND SUCCEED)





THE BEST WEEKEND IN WASHINGTON



SAVE THE DATE

Welcome Weekend



→ WELCOME WEEKEND MOVE IN DAY

- Thursday, August 27
- Move in to residence area
- Welcome address and worship service
- Parent and family sessions



WELCOME WEEKEND AGENDA

THURSDAY

The Welcoming Community

- Check-in and move-in.
- Welcome session and community dinner.
- Small groups.
- Parent sessions.

FRIDAY

The Community of Academic Excellence

- Provost's address.
- Academic resources.
- Meet academic dean and/or faculty.
- Kirkland scavenger hunt.

SATURDAY

The Community of Empowered Engagement

- Living in community.
- Workshops for new students.
- Fun evening activities.

SUNDAY

The Community of Spiritual Vitality

- Church with small group.
- Rest and prep for first day of school.
- Ignite: evening worship and candlelight service.

FIRST SIX WEEKS



→ CREATING HEALTHY HABITS AND ENGAGEMENT

- Establish good relationships and a sense of belonging
- Invest in academic success
- Events and activities almost daily
- Early alert system



HOUSING



→ NEXT STEPS

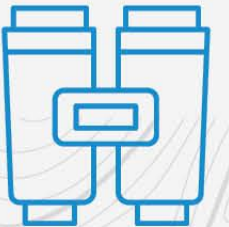
- Fill out application in eRezLife
- Roommate placements begin mid-June
- Roommate pairing process
- Private rooms
- Apartments



REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

**SANDY
HENDRICKSON**

REGISTRAR



REGISTRAR'S OFFICE



→ WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE?

- Enrollment verification
- Degree/graduation audit
- NU report card
- NU transcript request
- Permanent academic record
- Registration assistance
- Transfer credits/transfer report



FERPA

→ FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that affords parents the right to have access to their children's education records, the right to seek to have the records amended, and the right to have some control over the disclosure of personally identifiable information from the education records. When a student turns 18 years old, or enters a postsecondary institution at any age, the rights under FERPA transfer from the parents to the student ("eligible student"). The FERPA statute is found at 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, and the FERPA regulations are found at 34 CFR Part 99.





FERPA DETAILS: DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Directory Information

- FERPA defines “directory information” as information contained in the education records of a student that generally would not be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed.

Responsibility of the Student

- Choosing to be on the “FERPA-Do Not Release Information” list requires a written request from the student with their signature or can be updated via their My Profile page.

Responsibility of the University

- A processed request from a student will prohibit the release of any and all identifiable information without the express written permission of the student.

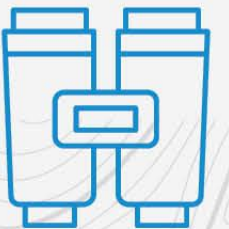
Examples of Directory Information

Student Name	Address/Email	Parent’s Name	Phone Number
Date and Place of Birth	Major/Minor	Semester Class Schedule	Participation in Sports/Activities
Height/Weight of Athletes	Dates of Attendance	Degrees and Awards Received	Photograph

ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND ADVISING

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DIRECTOR



ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND ADVISING

→ WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND ADVISING?

- Academic advising, planning, and course selection assistance
- Academic skills coaching
- Disability accommodations
- Registration support
- Testing center
- Tutoring referrals
- Career Services



→ BETWEEN HERE AND THERE

Transition conversations and activities with your student



- **Increasing Independence:** Ensure they can manage their laundry, car maintenance, and finances.
- **Communication Plan:** Discuss the frequency of phone calls, how key school information will be relayed, and expectations about holidays.



WHAT'S NEXT



- **Lunch (11 a.m.–12 p.m.)**
- **Afternoon appointments (11 a.m.–5 p.m.)**
 - 1x1 Advising
 - 1x1 Student Financial Services
- **Residence hall tours (12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.)**
- **Drop-ins with Caf Manager (2–3 p.m.)**
- **Activities hub and checkout station (12–5 p.m.)**





QUESTIONS?

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