



# NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

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**Helping Your College Student Succeed**



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## Supporting Your College Student

- ❖ Your role should transition from parent to coach
- ❖ Your student will still need counsel and advice, but don't be surprised if they do not ask.
- ❖ Help them create a proactive college success plan but the responsibility of the follow through of that plan is on the student





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## The Summer Before Enrollment

- Attend a campus tour with your student
- Assist them in contacting appropriate campus offices—Admissions, Financial Aid, Student Health Services, Housing



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## Differences between High School and College

### High School

Parents and teachers are your advocates

The schedule (bells!) and the people in charge manage and control your time

Approx 6 report cards a year

Some study time required

Accountable to teachers, counselors, parents

Teachers, classes and counselors are assigned

Free / required education

### College

Self-Advocacy (watch out for and be on top of stuff yourself)

Manage and control your own time and schedule (no bells!)

1 grading period (semester).  
No progress reports.

2 hours of homework for every one hour in class

Accountable to yourself

You decide which classes and teachers to sign up for, and counselors are by choice

Cost / optional education



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## Important Dates: Ask the right questions

Parents and students should become familiar with:

- Academic Calendar
- Academic Procedures
- Student Code of Conduct
- Major deadlines for financial aid







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## Residing on Campus

- Make sure your student reads through the Resident Handbook
- Ask how they are coping being away from home
- Ask how they are getting along with roommates/suitemates
- Ask if they know the policies of their dorm and the student conduct policies





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## Trusting Your College Student

- College is a time for students to discover who they are
- Respect their decisions—choice of major, changing major, being an undecided major, etc.





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## Academic Responsibility



- UNCP must comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and is not free to release information without your student's permission.
- Encourage them to utilize campus resources such as tutoring, study groups, academic coaching, instructor office hours, etc.
- Encourage them to meet with their academic advisor
- Encourage them to register for classes on time

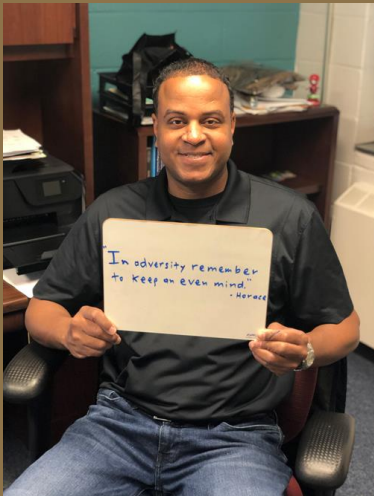




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## Campus Resources



Encourage your student to utilize campus resources

- Center for Student Success
- Counseling and Psychological Services
- Student Health Services
- Health Career Access Program
- Writing Center
- Tutoring
- Library
- And so much more!



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## Having Difficult Conversations

- Provide your student with the facts on issues related to risky behaviors and empower them to distinguish between good and bad decisions when it comes to their behavior, health and safety.
- Create an atmosphere of open communication





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## 8 Ways to Help Your Student



1. Advocate connections with faculty, staff, advisors and other students
2. Advocate that your student checks email and BraveConnect
3. Encourage them to use campus resources
4. Attend campus events (Family Weekend | Homecoming | Sporting Events | GPAC Events)
5. Utilize the Parent and Family Guide
6. Encourage your student to get involved
7. Be an active partner in the education of your student
8. Talk to your student about the differences between their previous school and UNC Pembroke



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