Good afternoon folks!

It’s so exciting to have your student on campus for the beginning of a new semester! The anticipation, promise, energy, and, yes, anxiety that comes with a new semester is palpable! Whether your son or daughter is a new freshman, a transfer student, or a continuing senior; I wish them every success in the semester ahead and look forward to partnering with you to make it happen!

It’s early in the new academic year, but I do have a few items to share with you:

Last Friday, during Fall Student Convocation, Chancellor Phil DiStefano welcomed more than 6,000 freshman to CU-Boulder. This is the largest freshman class in the University’s history. [Click here](#) to read the Chancellor’s “charge” to the class of 2019!

The new [CU-Boulder Center for Student Involvement](#) is now open on campus, featuring a new structure meant to better serve and support students and student organizations, according to Kristen Rollins, director of the new center. [Click here](#) to read more.

Speaking of student involvement, you might want to alert your student about the [Fall 2015 Student Involvement Fair](#) occurring tomorrow (August 26th) outside the UMC at the fountain and arcade areas. The Fair runs from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and will feature representatives from more than 100 student organizations and free food. Additionally, the [Volunteer Resource Center](#) will host the Fall 2015 Volunteer Fair in the same area outside the UMC from 2:30 until 6:00 p.m. on September 1st.

Many of your students are still picking up textbooks. The CU Book Store passed us a [flyer](#) that your student might find helpful.

We don’t want you to have any unnecessary expenses, so here are a couple of important deadlines. First, tuition is due to the [Bursar’s Office](#) on 4 (if mailing, paying in person, or by wire transfer) or 5 September (if paying online). Finally, if you plan to keep your student on your health insurance, your student must waive the [Student Gold Insurance Plan](#) via their MyCUInfo account NLT 4 September. Your student must do this each fall! Wardenburg
Health Services also offers a tremendous health insurance supplement if you decide to keep your student on your policy. It’s called Campus Care and costs $175 per semester. Campus Care is cost-effective, convenient, and simple. Students can change their selection up until the deadline of September 4.

Has your student been placed on Academic Probation? Is he or she in Continuing Education working towards reinstatement? The “Bounce Back” Retention Program can help! “Bounce Back” is a free, 10-week class offered by Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS) that teaches students academic skills needed to get off probation and succeed in college including: time management, curbing procrastination, study skills and overcoming test anxiety. For more information click here. To sign up, students must email CURetention@colorado.edu to schedule a meeting time and note which group they would like to join.

CU-Boulder was ranked number 34 in the 2015 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) released last week by the Center for World-Class Universities at Shanghai Jiao Tong University. Click here to read more.

It’s not too late to register for Family Weekend 2015, 1-4 October. All but one of the events associated with the weekend are still open—the Pre-Stampede Round-Up is full—and there are still plenty of tickets available to the CU-Oregon game at a 20% discount through the Family Weekend registration process. To read more about the weekend or to register, please visit the Family Weekend 2015 website.

I guess that’s all for now folks! We’ll be back in a couple of weeks with our next update. In the meantime, don’t hesitate to let us know if you have any questions or concerns!

All the best…Barney, Caro and Lynn

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