Good afternoon folks!

It’s hard to believe that we’re half way through June already! The summer is progressing far too quickly! It feels like the start of the fall semester will be here before we know it! Hopefully, your student is making good progress with the online New Student Welcome Experience and their preparations for course registration!

Speaking of course registration/enrollment, the first “registration window” (enrollment appointment) opened this week. Remember, students are assigned specific enrollment appointments throughout the summer. Students will not be able to register before their assigned enrollment appointment. Moreover, if a student fails to complete the two New Student Welcome Experience modules that are registration prerequisites, they will not be able to register even if they try to do so during their assigned enrollment appointment. Finally, there’s no need to be overly concerned if your student’s enrollment appointment is toward the end of the summer registration cycle (late July). First, most students are pre-registered for about 9 credit hours. Additionally, the largest school on campus, Arts & Sciences (about 70 percent of the students), has saved seats for entering first-year students in the most common first-year courses. In the other schools/colleges much of the first semester schedule is predetermined, so course availability is not a significant issue.

On Monday, the University distributed the latest edition of #BoulderBound News to your student via email. The newsletter focused on the expectations and responsibilities associated with being a CU-Boulder student and a member of the campus community. Click here if you would like to review the newsletter.
While I’m on the subject of expectations, it’s not too early to start talking with your student about your expectations regarding alcohol and drugs. Freshmen often mistakenly believe that alcohol (or drug) use is an essential part of college life. Consequently, addressing alcohol concerns now can be important. We recommend you to stress that alcohol or drug use is not an essential part of college life. A substantial number of CU students do not use alcohol or other drugs…period. Among those that do drink, a large number do so moderately. That said; the freedom that comes with the college experience presents risks. Luckily, we know a great deal about what helps students meet these challenges and you shouldn't underestimate the importance of your role. Talk about your values and expectations and what you hope your son or daughter will get out of their college education. Highlight the importance of engaging in “pro-social activities” like volunteering, working, and participating in meaningful group activities. Discuss student life with your son or daughter and encourage them to explore options for involvement now. The online New Student Welcome Experience, portions of the #BoulderBound News, Optional New Student Welcome Days, and Fall Welcome include information on student involvement that can help your son or daughter explore options. Finally, CU-Boulder's Wardenburg Health Services/Community Health office is a great resource for information on alcohol and other drugs as they apply to student health and success.

Also on Monday, we had our first Optional New Student Welcome Day. This offering was specifically designed for transfer students. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to meet an enthusiastic group of new Buff students and parents. We look forward to meeting more of y’all at upcoming New Student Welcome Days (29 June and 6 and 17 July) as well as Fall Welcome in August. We encourage you to attend the three presentations we will offer during Welcome Days/Fall Welcome—“Navigating the Transition,” “Top Tips for Parents,” and “Parent to Parent.”

Finally, Monday was another big day for Parent Relations as our Family Weekend 2015 website/registration page went “live.” Family Weekend 2015 occurs between 1 and 4 October and will involve a wide variety of fantastic activities, including a Pac-12 football game with your CU Buffs taking on the Oregon Ducks. If you’re considering a visit to CU-Boulder during Family Weekend 2015, we recommend visiting the website soon. If you decide to participate, we recommend you register and make your lodging reservations ASAP. Some Family Weekend events do sell out and
lodging in Boulder fills up quickly! Finally, give us a buzz at parents@colorado.edu or 303-492-1380 with general Family Weekend questions. Contact the CU Athletic Tickets Office at 303-492-8337 or cutix@colorado.edu with questions related to on-line registration.

That’s all for now folks. Please don’t hesitate to let us know if you have questions about “anything CU,” including your student’s road to becoming a CU Buff (parents@colorado.edu or 303-492-1380 or http://www.colorado.edu/parents). Don’t forget, the New Student Welcome Programs Office is also a great source of information on each phase of your student’s transition as well.

All the best… Barney, Caro and Lynn
GO BUFFS!

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