Good afternoon folks!

We've received a good number of questions regarding two subjects, course enrollment/registration and housing assignments. The course enrollment/registration questions are often related to the availability of academic advisor support. On the housing assignment front, many questions have been related to Williams Village and move-in during Fall Welcome. Hopefully, we can shed some light on these subjects.

The basic process for course enrollment/registration is as follows:

1. Students complete the New Student Welcome Experience on D2L (Desire to Learn) or the on-line Pre-Arrival Orientation for international students. Students must first complete the D2L modules associated with their academic major and the registration process to remove a “hold” on their ability to enroll in/register for courses.

2. Students enroll/register for courses during their “enrollment appointment.” These “appointments” begin the week of June 15th and occur throughout the summer. The “appointments” are actually a “window” during which students can register. By the way, space in courses is held for those students enrolling/registering later in the summer.

3. After a student enrollsregisters, an academic advisor will check their schedule to make sure course selections/the resulting schedule is correct/appropriate.

Since 70 percent of new students will enroll in the College of Arts and Sciences, we'll highlight the availability of academic advisors associated with this college.
• All Arts & Sciences students will be guaranteed a 45-minute individual appointment with an advisor. They will be invited, via an email to their Colorado.edu address, to schedule an individual appointment at the end of their enrollment window and will be able to schedule an appointment as early as the following week. If the student is local, this appointment can be in person; if not, the appointment will be via Zoom (video teleconference) or phone. During the advising appointment, students and advisors can discuss the student’s fall schedule and make adjustments, if necessary.

• There shouldn’t be much need for schedule adjustments; all students are pre-registered for at least nine credit-hours, which means they are only selecting one or two additional courses on their own.

• If a student wishes to contact an academic advisor prior to their registration experience, they can contact the Arts & Sciences Resource Center at 303-492-7885 or they can chat with an academic advisor via the advising website at http://www.colorado.edu/advising.

• Weekly “drop-in advising sessions” via Zoom will also be available on Tuesday afternoons, from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. (Colorado/Mountain Time), beginning 16 June. Visit the New Student Welcome Program website for links to these chats.

• Students can post questions at any time on the discussion boards on D2L.

• Incoming students will be assigned the “official” first year advisor in August. This is the advisor a student will work with throughout their first year. These advisors will reach out to introduce themselves in August and students will have the opportunity to meet their first-year advisor during Fall Welcome.

If your student is enrolling in one of the other schools or colleges—College of Engineering and Applied Science; Leeds School of Business; College of Media, Communications and Information, etc.—the basic process will be very similar to what the School of Arts and Sciences is planning. That said; details related to pre-registration (number of credit hours/courses) and plans regarding the assignment and availability of advisors throughout the summer may vary among the schools and colleges. Your student’s best
source of school/college-specific contact information or advising tips is the New Student Welcome Experience on D2L (they should click on “content” and then use the menu bar on the left).

Now, let’s move on to a couple of topics related to housing. First, based upon the number of questions we have received from their parents, many students assigned to live in our Williams Village community don’t seem to know much about what to expect. Williams Village is one of the three housing neighborhoods on the CU-Boulder campus and approximately one-third of our freshman students live there. There probably isn’t a more credible source of information on what it’s like to live in Williams Village than a student who lived there last year. It just so happens that the #BoulderBound newsletter that your student received on Monday has an excellent piece written by just such a student. Click here to read “A Student's Story of Life in Williams Village.” You can review the entire #BoulderBound newsletter by clicking here.

Finally, we’ve received a significant number of questions from parents whose student has not yet received notification of their housing assignment for the fall. This situation primarily applies to students who contracted for housing in late April or May. Occupancy management is striving to notify students of their residence hall assignment within 30 days of when they applied/contracted for housing. We recognize that this makes it difficult for students/families to make travel plans for Fall Welcome/move-in since the move-in schedule is dependent upon a student’s residence hall assignment. If you’re student is in this situation we recommend waiting until you know where your student is going to live in the fall before making travel plans. That said; if you feel compelled to make plans now (air/lodging reservations), we recommend arriving in Boulder the early afternoon of Tuesday, August 18th and departing the evening of Thursday, August 20th. By the way, the Housing and Dining Services website has some wonderful information on preparing/arriving for move-in and early move-in options.

I guess that’s all for now. We’ll be back in touch in a couple of weeks. In the meantime, don’t hesitate to contact us or the New Student Programs Office with your questions. Both offices really want to help.

All the best… Barney, Caro and Lynn

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