Good afternoon Folks!

It's hard to believe that Fall Welcome begins next week! I suspect that many of you are wondering where the summer went! I know I am! That said, I'm looking forward to fall and all the excitement that a new semester brings.

We are excited about the opportunity to meet many of you during your stay in Boulder next week. We have scheduled a “slate” of five great parent presentations that will occur on Wednesday and be repeated again Thursday. Click here for the time/location of the presentations and a brief summary of each. We have also scheduled a Parent Fall Welcome Reception on Thursday, 20 August, from 5:00 to 6:30 in University Memorial Center, room 235. I've heard folks refer to the reception as the “Tears and Beers Reception” as it represents the conclusion of the parent portion of Fall Welcome/Move-in and provides new CU Buff Parents an opportunity to commiserate and compare notes as well as to meet Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Christina Gonzales and other CU staff members. We hope to CU there!

Speaking of Fall Welcome/Move–in, your student should have received the final #BoulderBound newsletter of the summer on Monday evening. This edition focused on Fall Welcome and Move-in and introduced your student to Colorado Athletics. Click here to see what your student received.

I would like to share four important tips with you as we head down the homestretch before the beginning of school:

1. The deadline for making a health insurance selection is September 4th. If you intend to decline the Wardenburg Gold Insurance Plan, you must do so by this date or you will be charged $1,840 for the fall semester. Click here for more info.
2. Fall tuition and fees are due on September 4th if you plan to mail your payment or pay in person. They are due 5 September if you plan to pay online. Click here for more info.
3. The deadline (August 6th) for shipping your student’s goods to CU-Boulder through UPS' Home2Home Program has passed. That said, we recommend
that you contact The UPS Store on campus to see if they have any suggestions if you have things to ship.

4. “Color-coded move-in parking procedures” do not apply to early move in students-- that is those moving in on 16, 17, or 18 August (prior to noon).

**IMPORTANT!** This is the last CU Parent E-Connection specifically designed for new Buff Parents. If you would like to continue receiving email updates from the Office of Parent Relations during the academic year ahead please join the CU Parents Association (CUPA). Membership is absolutely free and includes a variety of benefits in addition to the bi-weekly email updates we specifically design for parents. To learn more about CUPA click here and to go directly to the membership “application” click here. If you’re interested in a little higher level of participation in CUPA and with the University you might consider joining the CUPA Parent Advisory Board. Again, membership is free and the opportunity to learn about and support the University through the Advisory Board might really make your CU experience that much more rewarding.

Finally, if you plan to spend a little extra time in Boulder next week, before and after you move your student into the residence halls, I’ve got a couple of resources that could help you make the most of your visit. The first is the Boulder Convention and Visitor’s Bureau website which contains a great deal of helpful information on lodging, dining, shopping, and other Boulder attractions. The second resource is the University Parent Media’s (UPM) Guide to Boulder. UPM and CU Parent Relations partner to produce a guide that provides information specifically tailored for CU Buff Parents!

Don’t forget to register for Family Weekend, 1-4 October! In addition to access to discounted tickets to the CU-Oregon Game, you’ll have the opportunity participate in a wide variety of tremendous activities. To learn more about Family Weekend and/or to register click here.

I guess that’s all for now folks! We hope to CU next week here in Boulder. Please don’t hesitate to give us a “buzz” if you have any last minute questions or requests for support!

All the best…Barney, Caro, and Lynn

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