

2021-2022

Parent & Family Guide



From the President

WELCOME TO CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

I am pleased that your family has chosen to join our Cal U community.

The transition from high school to college can be exciting — and a bit confusing, too. Like your child, you may have questions about University procedures and campus life. This guide will introduce you to a variety of helpful resources, so you can continue to be a dependable source of information and support for your new Cal U student.



California University is committed to helping students achieve success, and I encourage you to remain an active partner in this endeavor. Your support and encouragement will play an important role in your child's higher education.

I wish your family the very best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale-Elizabeth Pehrsson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dale-Elizabeth Pehrsson
Interim President
California University of Pennsylvania



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Resources for Academic Success

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The Office of Academic Success provides students with the learning resources they need to achieve personal and academic goals. The friendly staff offers academic consultation for undecided majors; coordinates the Four-Year Graduation Plan and Peer Mentoring programs; serves those in need of improving academic skills; provides scheduling and placement testing assistance; and offers other programs to help all students achieve success.

Office of Academic Success
Contact information: 724-938-1523 or
academicsuccess@calu.edu
103 Noss Hall

THE FOUR-YEAR GRADUATION PLAN

Cal U's Four-Year Graduation Plan is a commitment to help students stay on track and reach their degree in four years. The no-cost program provides eligible students with a combination of advising, priority course scheduling and individual attention, which helps students stay on the path to success. Eligible students enrolled in a four-year program and who begin in the fall are automatically enrolled. The Four-Year Graduation Plan reinforces Cal U's commitment to student success.

Four-Year Graduation Plan
Contact information: 724-938-5217 or
fygp@calu.edu
103 Noss Hall

SCHEDULING CENTER

Academic counselors in the Scheduling Center assist students with course scheduling and provide information on academic policies and procedures, general education and major requirements.

Scheduling Center
Contact information: 724-938-1608 or
schedulingcenter@calu.edu
211 Noss Hall

PLACEMENT TESTING CENTER

Appropriate course placement is important to student success. Depending on SAT/ACT scores or transfer credits, freshmen and transfer students may take placement tests in math and writing. Students who do not achieve predetermined scores must enroll in applicable developmental courses. Placement testing for new students and retesting for current students is offered throughout the year. The center also offers tests for students who wish to obtain college credits in English, business, math, social sciences and natural sciences. Information for CLEP and DSST Programs is available by searching "prior learning assessment" at calu.edu.

Placement Testing Center
Contact information: 724-938-5779 or
pizer@calu.edu
215 Noss Hall



PEER MENTORING PROGRAM

Peer mentors are current students who volunteer to assist new students with the adjustment to college by offering guidance, encouragement and friendship. Peer mentors know a great deal about academic and campus life, such as campus resources, student organizations, great study spots and the best places to eat or shop. Having a peer mentor gives new students an edge. Over the past 10 years, Cal U freshmen with a peer mentor have returned for their sophomore year at a 10% to 13% higher rate than freshmen without peer mentors. The peer mentoring program is also open to transfer students during their first year at Cal U. Any student who is interested in receiving a peer mentor should contact the mentoring office for application information.

Peer Mentoring Program
Contact information: 724-938-1682 or
mentoring@calu.edu
120 Noss Hall

SUCCESS CENTER

The Success Center is a centralized academic resource for all students. We offer students the opportunity to become engaged and competent learners by providing a path to develop and strengthen important academic skills for success. We proudly provide a wide range of student support services, one-on-one training, workshops and academic resources that can be tailored to meet individual student needs. Students can make an appointment or walk-in during posted office hours.

The Success Center
Contact information: 724-938-4320 or
successcenter@calu.edu
202 Noss Hall

VULCAN LEARNING COMMONS

The Vulcan Learning Commons (VLC) is a one-stop academic hub where students can access free academic resources and receive academic tutorial support. Peer tutors assist with writing, reading and course-specific tutoring. The VLC has two centers: The Foundry Writing Center and the Learning Assistance Center. The VLC services include individual tutoring, supplemental instruction (SI) and study groups in a face-to-face or online format.

Vulcan Learning Commons
Contact information: vlc@calu.edu

Foundry Writing Center
724-938-4336
110 Noss Hall

Learning Assistance Center
724-938-5893
115 Noss Hall
To self-schedule: calu.mywconline.com

OFFICE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (OSD)

California University of Pennsylvania welcomes otherwise qualified students with disabilities. The University recognizes its responsibility to these students as guided by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended. Reasonable accommodations that maintain fundamental university standards are available to ensure access and participation. Requests for accommodations should be submitted to OSD and must adhere to established OSD accommodation procedures.

Office for Students with Disabilities
Contact information: 724-938-5781 or
osdmail@calu.edu
G-35 Carter Hall

Enhanced Academic Opportunities

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

Built on a foundation of research, opportunity and community, the University Honors Program offers students the chance to challenge themselves, discover and excel. Honors students live, study and socialize together in Smith Residence Hall. They take a group of core small-enrollment general education courses led by Cal U's finest faculty. Working with faculty mentors, honors students also conduct independent research and creative projects. Honors students travel to share their research at conferences and pursue experiential learning programs in locations such as New York, Oxford, Ireland and Spain. Upon completing the Honors Program, students earn a medallion to be worn at Commencement and a notation on their transcript and diploma. Connect with the "Cal U Honors Program" on Facebook and @CalUHonors on Instagram and Twitter.

University Honors Program
Contact information: 724-938-4535 or
honors@calu.edu
171 Smith Hall

International Programming and Study Away

NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

National Student Exchange (NSE) inspires academic enrichment, personal exploration and student development by facilitating collegiate study away among over 170 member colleges and universities throughout the United States, Canada and U.S. Territories. Students pay the same or less as they earn credit toward general education or major requirements. To learn more, visit nse.org or contact admissions@calu.edu.

STUDY ABROAD

Cal U offers students various opportunities to add study abroad experience as part of their college education. Cal U students have participated in faculty-led study abroad opportunities as well as programs offered by study abroad organizations with high-quality, accredited academic services. Options include spending one to two weeks, several weeks over the summer or a full semester abroad. Students can earn credit toward general education or major requirements with approval of their academic advisor. Cal U works with students to find the right study abroad program in terms of academics, budget and personal interests. To learn more, visit calu.edu/academics/study-abroad or contact admissions@calu.edu.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The University welcomes international students from many countries each academic year. International students provide cultural diversity and bring a new perspective to the institution and the surrounding community. As a university community, we are committed to working together to meet the needs of enrolled international students and to provide each with a sense of belonging. International students are provided the opportunities to experience not only American culture, but other cultures represented on campus as well. The International Club also plays a key role in promoting an exchange of cultural and global perspectives to enhance each student's experience in the United States.

Contact information: 724-938-5080 or
conlogue@calu.edu

Career Resources

CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

It is never too early for your student to begin gaining a Career Advantage.

Caring staff at the Career and Professional Development Center help students:

- Explore majors and career options.
- Gain hands-on experience through cooperative education, paid career-related experience and internships.
- Prepare for a job search or graduate school application, including resume and LinkedIn profile development, interviewing skills and learning how to conduct a successful job or grad school search.
- Connect with employers and Cal U graduates through job fairs, online job postings and networking events.
- Transition from college to work after graduation through our career services for alumni.

Every student has a career coach, who will help them gain a Career Advantage.

Career and Professional Development Center

Contact information: 724-938-4413 or career@calu.edu
138 Natali Student Center
calu.edu/careers

THE INTERNSHIP CENTER

An internship can help a student decide on a career path and also improves their chances of landing a full-time job after graduation. Internship opportunities allow students to test-drive careers, hone professional skills, build resumes, network and gain an edge in the job market.

The Internship Center assists students with finding an internship that fits their major and interests and is the central resource for students to learn about the internship process. Cal U students participate in internships locally, across the country and around the world. Sponsor organizations have included the Pittsburgh Steelers, UPMC, Walt Disney World, PNC Bank, Ocean City Police Department, Fort Necessity National Battlefield and the United States Department of State, among thousands of others.

California University of Pennsylvania also partners with The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars in Washington, D.C., which places interns in agencies such as Interpol, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Internship Center

Contact information: 724-938-1578 or internctr@calu.edu
138 Natali Student Center



Money Matters

OFFICE OF STUDENT ACCOUNTS

The Student Accounts Office handles billing for tuition, housing and fees and allows students and parents to stay on top of billing matters. Student accounts are billed each semester, and payments are due approximately two weeks after the initial bill is issued. All statements are issued electronically and may be viewed online at calu.edu/paymybill. A paper bill is mailed once per semester to the student's permanent address.

Students may designate another individual as an "authorized user" by visiting calu.edu/paymybill. Once an authorized user has been set up, that individual must complete the registration in order to have online access to the student's billing statements.

Students and authorized users may make payments online using a credit card or electronic check. All tuition balances are due in full by the due date unless the student enrolls in an authorized payment plan. Accounts that are not paid in full by the due date, or not enrolled in a payment plan, will be subject to a \$50 late payment fee assessment for each missed due date. Cal U requires direct deposit for any credit balances on a student account. To set up direct deposit, students must visit "Direct Deposit Refunds" in VIP.

Office of Student Accounts
Contact information: 724-938-4431 or studentaccounts@calu.edu
118 Dixon Hall

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

Your student's education is one of the most important investments your family will ever make, but paying for college can seem overwhelming. The Financial Aid Office is here to help. Financial aid is designed to supplement your family's resources so that your student

will be able to fulfill the dream of a college education. For Cal U Financial Aid application steps and additional information, please visit calu.edu/finaid.

Financial Aid Office
Contact information: 724-938-4415 or finaid@calu.edu
105 Dixon Hall

CALCARD OFFICE

Your student's CalCard is much more than just a campus ID card. The CalCard provides an easy payment method for a host of campus offerings. Students can use the CalCard for access to campus events; purchases at on-campus dining locations, vending machines, residence hall laundry facilities and the University Bookstore; and even complimentary rides on Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority bus routes.

The CalCard Office is located at the Information Desk, on the lower level of the Natali Student Center. Students can access their CalCard eAccount, and parents/guests can use the guest deposit feature at calcard.transactcampus.com.

BANKING/FINANCIAL SERVICES

On-campus financial services are offered to students and their families through the Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union (PSECU). In addition to a debit card, a student can elect to have their CalCard activated for use as an ATM card associated with their PSECU account. ATMs are located at Natali Student Center, the Convocation Center and Dixon Hall. The PSECU Financial Education Center is located on the first floor of the Natali Student Center, Room 136. A PSECU account is here for you and your student during college, after graduation and for life!

Additional information can be found at www.psecu.com/students.



Privacy Information and FERPA

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

The FERPA is a federal law that protects college students' privacy and grants them the exclusive right to view and share their education records, such as grades, transcripts, financial aid, billing information and class schedules. Under the federal law, colleges and universities may not disclose education records to anyone other than the student without consent. California University has created the Cal U Parent/Guest Portal, a secure online solution that enables students to make choices regarding access to such information. Students will receive instructions for creating a parent/guest account. Once an account has been created, parents or guests will receive further instructions for accessing the Parent/Guest Portal. Because students' rights are protected under FERPA, a student may restrict the information that a parent or guest is able to access, and the student may revoke access at any time.

For more information about FERPA and California University's disclosure policies, please visit: calu.edu and search "FERPA".

PARENT/GUEST PORTAL

The Parent/Guest Portal is the exclusive means by which a student can establish FERPA proxy access to give parents or guests direct access to their financial, billing or academic records. The portal offers parents and other trusted individuals a secure and convenient means for viewing student information. Registration for the Parent/Guest Portal must be initiated by a student. Visit calu.edu and search "parent/guest portal" for details on setting up an account and accessing the Parent/Guest Portal. Parents and guests with FERPA proxy access should be mindful of their "passphrase," a special word or phrase chosen by the student for parents and trusted individuals to use for identity verification when contacting the University with questions about student records.

Note: Parents and guests may make student account payments through Touchnet, a separate platform for bill-pay. Registration for Touchnet is done separately from the Parent/Guest Portal.

For assistance, please contact 724-938-4361 or family@calu.edu.

Health and Safety



STUDENT WELLNESS CENTER

The Student Wellness Center is staffed by a medical director, a certified registered nurse practitioner and registered nurses. Services are free of charge to all students and include medical treatments, referrals and healthy lifestyle education. Telemedicine or face-to-face visits are available by appointment. Required services outside the capabilities of the Health Center are billed and processed through the student’s private health insurance by the healthcare facility visited. Students must call 724-938-4232 before visiting the Health Center. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CALL 9-1-1 or Public Safety at 724-938-4299. COVID-19 testing is available on-site by appointment, or referral to an outside agency may be necessary for testing. The Health Center is open 24 hours per day Monday through Friday and is closed on weekends.

Wellness Center Contact information:
 724-938-4232
 G-53 Carter Hall

HEALTH AND WELLNESS EDUCATION CENTER

The Health and Wellness Education Center provides students a space with information on current health topics and resources about healthy living that they may use for programming, educational purposes or personal use. Free materials are available for students of all years that cover a wide variety of topics, ranging from mental health to healthy-eating habits. The center is also the meeting place for Cal U’s Health and Education Awareness Resource Team (HEART), an organization dedicated to promoting health and wellness information and inspiring their peers to maintain healthy lifestyles through individual consultations and interactive events. The Student Wellness Support Center also houses the Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Education Center, the Prevention Awareness Recovery Center (PARC), and the BASICS and CASICS alcohol and marijuana education programs. Together these programs form a comprehensive strategy to improve well-being; reduce underage drinking and other drug abuse among students; and promote the ideals of safety and wellness to all Cal U students.

Health and Wellness Education and Drug and Alcohol Contact information:
 724-938-4775 or michaels_r@calu.edu
 G-45 Carter Hall

Wellness	
Serving Size	Serving Per Container
Amount per serving	Calories
Total Fat ...%	Vitamin A Vitamin C
Cholesterol ...%	Calcium Iron
Sodium ...%	* Percent Daily Values are based on a calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher a lower depending on your calories needs.
Total ...%	
Protein ...%	



COUNSELING CENTER

The Counseling Center provides free psychological services to students. Services include brief individual counseling, crisis intervention and referrals. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, when school is in session. Crisis support outside the center's normal business hours is available through Campus Police (724-938-4357). If off campus, please call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number. For the National Crisis Text Line, text HOME to 741741. The Counseling Center helps students handle personal issues and stressful situations, such as relationship distress, academic difficulties, anxiety, depression and substance abuse.

Counseling Center Contact information:
724-938-4056
G-53 Carter Hall

To set up a regular non-emergency appointment, students can also email Rachel Michaels at michaels_r@calu.edu.

SAFETY

California University is committed to the safety and security of all students, staff, faculty and visitors. Campus police officers conduct foot and vehicle patrols on a 24-hour basis, providing around-the-clock assistance. Students can make reports by dialing H-E-L-P (4357) or 9-1-1

on any campus phone or using one of the call boxes located throughout campus. (You can identify call boxes by the bright blue light on top.)

If serious issues affecting public safety should arise, known facts will be communicated immediately. Information will be released through a variety of channels, such as the Cal U website, campus email, Cal U Text Alerts and the University hotline.

CAL U TEXT ALERTS

Cal U Text Alerts is a cellphone text-message system that provides notification of emergency situations that may affect the campus community. Students can register for Cal U Text Alerts by accessing the "Text Alerts" link at calu.edu/students. Once a student has registered for Cal U Text Alerts, they may choose to add a second cell phone number. Accounts are active for two year. Students will receive notification when it's time to re-register.

Cal U Text Alert hours:
24 hours a day, 7 days a week
calu.edu/text-alert

FOR EMERGENCIES:

724-938-H-E-L-P (4357) or 911
California University Police Department:
724-938-4299
Pollock Maintenance Building



Parking and Transportation

PARKING PERMITS

The University has a managed parking system that requires anyone who will have a vehicle on campus to register it and purchase a parking permit. Individuals who are on campus for only a few hours each week may elect to pay hourly with the pay-by-license meters in Lot 11 behind Gallagher Hall or Lot 17 behind Natali Student Center.

New students who have registered for classes and received their Cal U email login and password may access parking account information via the "Parking" link at calu.edu/inside/parking.

When purchasing a permit, new students may place their name on a waiting list for a specific lot, and an award letter will be emailed via their University email. Award letters are sent out one to two weeks prior to the start of the semester. At that time, a student may access their online parking account and purchase a permit. Permits are mailed in advance of the semester. During this period, students may also place their name on a waiting list for other lots, in case any spaces become available. Students who do not get an award email may contact the Parking Department to see which lots are available. Students who have not received an award email will not be able to purchase a permit online; it must be done in-office or over the phone.

Permits are renewable and should be renewed prior to the permit expiration date.

Students who fail to renew the parking permit will need to return the expired permit and place themselves back on a waiting list for future permit availability.

BUS AND SHUTTLE SERVICE

The Vulcan Flyer shuttle transports students between main campus and Roadman Park/Vulcan Village and Brownsville Walmart. Students use their CalCard to ride for FREE, and all Vulcan Flyer shuttles are handicap accessible. Students can also use their CalCard to hop onto the Local 2 or the Shoppers Shuttle and head to the Walmart in West Brownsville or ride the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority (MMVTA) bus from campus to Pittsburgh. All schedules and route maps can be found at MMVTA's website, www.MMTVA.com.

Vulcan shuttles have a GPS vehicle location, and students are encouraged to sign up for Rider Alerts, which provides information about delays or weather-related concerns.

During holiday breaks or when the University is closed, the Student Association Business Office offers (for a small fee) shuttle service from main campus to the Pittsburgh International Airport, the Greyhound bus and Amtrak train stations, and the Megabus pickup at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Reservations are needed.

For more information about the shuttle service during breaks, call 724-938-4303 or email sai@calu.edu

University Housing/Dining Services

HOUSING

Campus living provides students with enhanced opportunities to engage with other students, develop new friendships and enjoy a strong sense of community. All new undergraduate freshmen will be required to live on campus for their first four semesters.

For more information see our housing policy: calu.edu/housing-policies.

Cal U offers living arrangements based on individual lifestyle preferences, including a variety of room configurations for one to four roommates. However, the majority are two-person standard rooms. There are five residence halls, each hall is equipped with a computer lab, community room, large-screen TV and DVD player, full kitchen, game area and vending machines.

University Housing Contact information:
724-938-4444 or housing@calu.edu
G-6 Carter Hall

DINING SERVICES

The goal of University Dining Services is to provide a quality, cost-effective, innovative dining program for students living on and off campus. The University encourages student involvement and

awareness to help provide quality, nutritious meals at a reasonable cost. Dining locations provide an important environment for student interaction and socialization. Students living in a residence hall, as well as commuters, may choose from a variety of meal plans. All students who live in a university residence hall must participate in the meal plan program.

More information on meal plans can be found at: calu.edu/dining.

Cal U Cupboard

The Cal U Cupboard assists our students by providing food, academic supplies and personal hygiene items, so they can continue on the path toward graduation. Operated by Cal U's Center for Volunteer Programs and Service Learning and supported by our generous donors, the campus-based food pantry helps to meet students' basic needs with compassion and discretion. We recognize that even ambitious, hard-working college students sometimes need a helping hand. Visit the Cupboard website at bitly.com/calucupboard to request items, donate or learn more.



Commuter and Non-Traditional Students

Traveling back and forth to campus can add unique challenges as well as opportunities to a commuting student's collegiate experience. The Office of Commuter and Non-Traditional Student Services helps connect all commuting students with campus departments and services, and provides resources, programs and information to meet their needs.

The Energy Zone, located on the first level of the Natali Student Center, is where the Office of Commuter and Non-Traditional Student Services (CNTSS) is located and where students will find amenities such as lockers, a refrigeration unit and a kitchenette. Throughout campus, there are also small commuter-friendly break areas with vending options. Commuter Break Pods in Coover Hall, Keystone Hall and Manderino Library have hard and soft seating as well as printing and other resources for students. Additionally, the Commuter Council is the student organization that offers commuters and other interested students opportunities to support the needs of commuter students.

Office of Commuter and Non-Traditional Student Services
Contact information: 724-938-4021 or commuterservices@calu.edu
Room 123 Natali Student Center



Military and Veterans Affairs

The Office of Military and Veterans Affairs assists military-affiliated students with navigating the GI Bill®, obtaining tuition assistance and transitioning from military life to higher education. They also help students understand the different services and opportunities that Cal U has to offer. This office works in conjunction with the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide eligible military-affiliated students with referrals to the VA, as needed. Additionally, the Veterans Club at Cal U helps to build a sense of community among veterans attending the University.

Office of Military and Veterans Affairs
Contact information: 724-938-4076 or veterans@calu.edu
Building E Short Wing



Student Activities and Leadership

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Cal U students are encouraged to get involved and put their leadership skills into practice. The University offers more than 100 clubs and organizations devoted to academic interests, the arts, campus communities, communications, faith and religion, politics, volunteering, sports and recreation, and more.

Leadership training is available to every student. Organizations such as Cal U Student Government and the Student Activities Board give students real-life leadership opportunities.

EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

Students can apply to the competitive Emerging Leaders program in the spring. The program equips potential student leaders with skills in public speaking, team building, goal setting and conflict resolution. It is designed to foster ethical leadership and problem-solving skills necessary for real-life leadership situations and cross-cultural issues. For more information, email dunn@calu.edu.

New Student Events

NEW STUDENT MOVE-IN DAY

We look forward to welcoming our new students and their families to campus a few days before classes start as we kick off Welcome Weekend. Refer to calu.edu for updates.

WELCOME WEEKEND

Welcome Weekend provides first-year students the opportunity to meet new friends and explore campus before classes begin. Stay tuned for more information about Welcome Weekend events.

FAMILY DAY 2021

Visit calu.edu for up-to-date information about Family Day.



University Technology Services

UTECH HELP DESK

The Help Desk is ready to assist your student with campus computing concerns, help reset a password or answer questions about the Vulcan Information Portal (VIP).

Contact Information: 724-938-5911 or utechrequests@calu.edu
219 Noss Hall

UTECH SERVICES DESK

The Services Desk provides students with network registration assistance, anti-virus installation and updates, basic computer virus removal, campus account username retrieval and password resets. Technicians also can help with mobile email setup.

Contact Information: 724-938-5911 or utechrequests@calu.edu
219 Noss Hall

COMPUTING LABS

Even students who bring a computer to campus should know where the computer labs are located. There are computer labs in every residence hall

and also in the Instructional Computer Facility (ICF) on the second floor of Noss Hall. Students have access to any of the network services on campus. Printers and scanners are also available.

PRINTING

Cal U has partnered with Wēpa, a provider of cloud-based printing services, to allow students and guests to print from any device – computer, smart phone, tablet, or USB flash drive. Students do not need to visit a campus computer lab to print documents; however, students may print from a lab to any of Cal U's Wēpa kiosks. Wēpa kiosks are located across campus in Eberly, Keystone, Manderino Library, Natali Student Center, Noss and Vulcan Village.

All students will receive an allotted amount of print credits at the start of the fall semester. Printing may also be paid for using a CalCard, credit/debit card, PayPal, Venmo or Wēpa account.

For more information about Cal U's print services, visit www.calu.edu/inside/utech/printing.





Parent/Family Engagement

In some ways, when children go off to college, their parents and families do, too. Cal U gives families the resources they need to stay involved with their student's education, while recognizing their growing independence. Whether you live 10 minutes from campus or 10 hours away, staying "in the know" is easy. We encourage you to take part in the Cal U experience.

UNIVERSITY WEBSITE

Cal U has special pages of the University website dedicated solely to the needs of families. Parents and families will find timely information, key dates and deadlines, campus resources and events, and answers to frequently asked questions. To access the parent/family pages, visit calu.edu/parents

CAL U PARENTS & FAMILIES ON FACEBOOK

We invite you to join us on Facebook – ask questions, get quick answers and engage with other Cal U parents. Enjoy all the benefits of the Cal U Parents and Families online community at: facebook.com/caluparentsandfamilies.

CAL U COMPASS E-NEWSLETTER

The Office of Parent and Family Engagement sends an electronic newsletter, called the Cal U Compass, on a weekly to monthly basis. The information in the newsletter is shared with students and families alike, and can serve as a point of connection between students and families. The Cal U Compass is delivered to any preferred email address by family@calu.edu via MailChimp. Those interested in signing up for the e-newsletter may do so online at calu.edu/parents/newsletter.aspx

PARENT/GUEST PORTAL

The portal offers parents a secure online and convenient means for viewing approved student information, including grades, financial aid and student account/ billing details. It also provides a vehicle for enhanced communication between parents and students. Registration for the Parent/Guest Portal must be initiated by your student.

See page 9 for more information.

OFFICE OF PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Do you need to speak directly with someone on campus? Begin by contacting the Office of Parent and Family Engagement. You'll receive answers to your questions, guidance and informed support, and helpful referrals to offices across campus.

Office of Parent and Family Engagement
Contact Information: 724-938-4361 or
family@calu.edu
105 Noss Hall

VULCAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION

The mission of Vulcan Family Association (VFA) is to enrich the student experience by actively engaging families in the University community and serving as a communication link between the University and the families of future and current undergraduate students. It enables family members to actively participate and demonstrate Cal U pride, support, and inspiration during the college career of their Cal U student. VFA members will also interact with and lend support to other Cal U family members.

Membership Benefits:

- Exclusive emails and mailings
- Volunteer and service opportunities*
- Discounts to the Cal U Bookstore, local hotels and more (when advertised)
- Free Cal U gear

*Volunteers may need to complete and submit clearances, depending on the nature and duration of the event.

Vulcan Family Association
Contact Information: 724-938-4617 or
family@calu.edu

LEGACY FOR LIFE

The University has a proud history of families who have shared the Cal U experience through the generations. Students from "legacy families" have a parent, brother or sister, grandparent, uncle or aunt who graduated from Cal U. We invite you to take part in our Homecoming events, family weekends and alumni events on campus and in your region.

University Development
Contact information: 724-938-4248 or
minerva@calu.edu
Kara Alumni House



Stay in Touch With Your Student

STUDENT EMAIL

The format for a Cal U student email address is abc1234@calu.edu — typically, the first three letters of the student's last name, plus four random numerals.

SEND MAIL

To ensure a speedy on-campus delivery, please address postal deliveries to your student like this:

Student's Proper Name (no nicknames)
Building and Room Number or Box
Number

California University of Pennsylvania
250 University Ave.
California, PA 15419

TIPS FOR MAILING

1. When they receive a package, residence hall students get a "package slip." They'll need it and their campus ID to collect their package.
2. If you're tracking via USPS, delivery confirmation occurs when mail reaches the California Borough Post Office, not Cal U's mailroom.
3. Care packages from OCM need to be picked up by your student as soon as possible.
4. Food and medicine packages that require refrigeration need to be picked up the same day they are delivered.
5. Please do not send cash in the mail.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS?

Visit calu.edu and click "News and Media" at the bottom of the homepage to view University news, our Events Calendar, the Cal U Journal and more.

AREA HOTELS

Belle Vernon (I-70 Exit 43)
Hampton Inn: 724-929-8100
Holiday Inn Express: 724-930-0100

Bentleyville (I-70 Exit 32B)
Best Western Garden Inn: 724-239-4321
Holiday Inn Express: 724-239-7700

California (I-70 Exit 37A)
Hampton Inn and Suites:* 724-330-5820

New Stanton (PA Turnpike Exit 75,
I-70 Exit 57)
Econo Lodge: 724-925-6755
Super 8:* 724-856-0362

Uniontown (Route 40)
Quality Inn and Suites: 724-434-1800
Hampton Inn: 724-430-1000
Park Inn by Radisson:* 724-437-2816

Washington, PA (I-70)
Racetrack Road Hotel:* 724-223-5555
Comfort Inn and Suites: 724-884-0299
Spring Hill Suites: 724-223-7800
Hampton Inn: 724-228-4100

*Special rates for California University visitors

Important Phone Numbers

Academic Records

122 Dixon Hall
724-938-4434

Alumni Relations

Kara Alumni House
724-938-5775

Academic Success

103 Noss Hall
724-938-1523

Admissions

201 Dixon Hall
724-938-4404

Articulation and Transfer

312 Dixon Hall
724-938-5939

Athletics

245 Hamer Hall
724-938-4351

Bookstore

Natali Student Center
724-938-4324

CalCard Office

006 Natali Student Center
724-938-4300

Career and Professional Development Center

138 Natali Student Center
724-938-4413

Commuter and Non-Traditional Student Services

123 Natali Student Center
724-938-4021

Counseling Center

G-53 Carter Hall
724-938-4056

End Violence Center

117 Natali Student Center
724-938-5707

Financial Aid

105 Dixon Hall
724-938-4415

Honors Program

171 Smith Hall
724-938-4535

Housing and Residence Life

G-6 Carter Hall
724-938-4444

International Programming

219B Dixon Hall
724-938-4404

Internship Center

138 Natali Student Center
724-938-1578

Mailroom

132 Dixon Hall
724-938-4445

Military and Veterans Affairs

Building E
724-938-4076

Multicultural Center

G-25 Carter Hall
724-938-5758

Natali Student Center Information Desk

004 Natali Student Center
724-938-4300

Parent and Family Engagement

105 Noss Hall
724-938-4361

Parking and Transportation

123 Manderino Library
724-938-4677

Peer Mentoring

120 Noss Hall
724-938-1682

Public Safety/ University Police

Pollock Maintenance Building
724-938-4299
724-938-4357 (HELP)
(Emergency Aid)

Placement Testing Center

215 Noss Hall
724-938-5779

Scheduling Center

211 Noss Hall
724-938-1608

Student Accounts

118 Dixon Hall
724-938-4431

Student Affairs

311 Natali Student Center
724-938-4439

Students With Disabilities (OSD)

G-35 Carter Hall
724-938-5781

Success Center

202 Noss Hall
724-938-4320

UTech Help Desk

219 Noss Hall
724-938-5911

Wellness Center and Health Services

G-53 Carter Hall
724-938-4232

Academic Calendar

FALL 2021

Classes Begin.....	August 23
Add/Drop Period ends (with no financial or academic penalty)	August 30
Labor Day (No classes).....	September 6
Last Day to Apply for December 2021 Graduation	November 19
Mid-Semester Break	October 8
Midterm Grades Due.....	October 12
Early Registration for Winter 2021	October 18
Last Day to Withdraw from a Full-Term Course or the University	October 29
Registration for Spring 2022	November 1-5
Thanksgiving Break.....	November 24-28
Classes End.....	December 3
Exam Week.....	December 6-10
Graduate School Commencement	December 10
Undergraduate Commencement	December 11
Grades Due from Faculty	December 14

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WINTER 2021

Winter Session Begins.....	December 13
Add/Drop Period (with no financial or academic penalty)	December 14
Last Day to Apply for January 2022 Graduation	December 24
Last Day to Withdraw from a Course or the University.....	December 30
Winter Courses End	January 12
Grades Due from Faculty	January 14

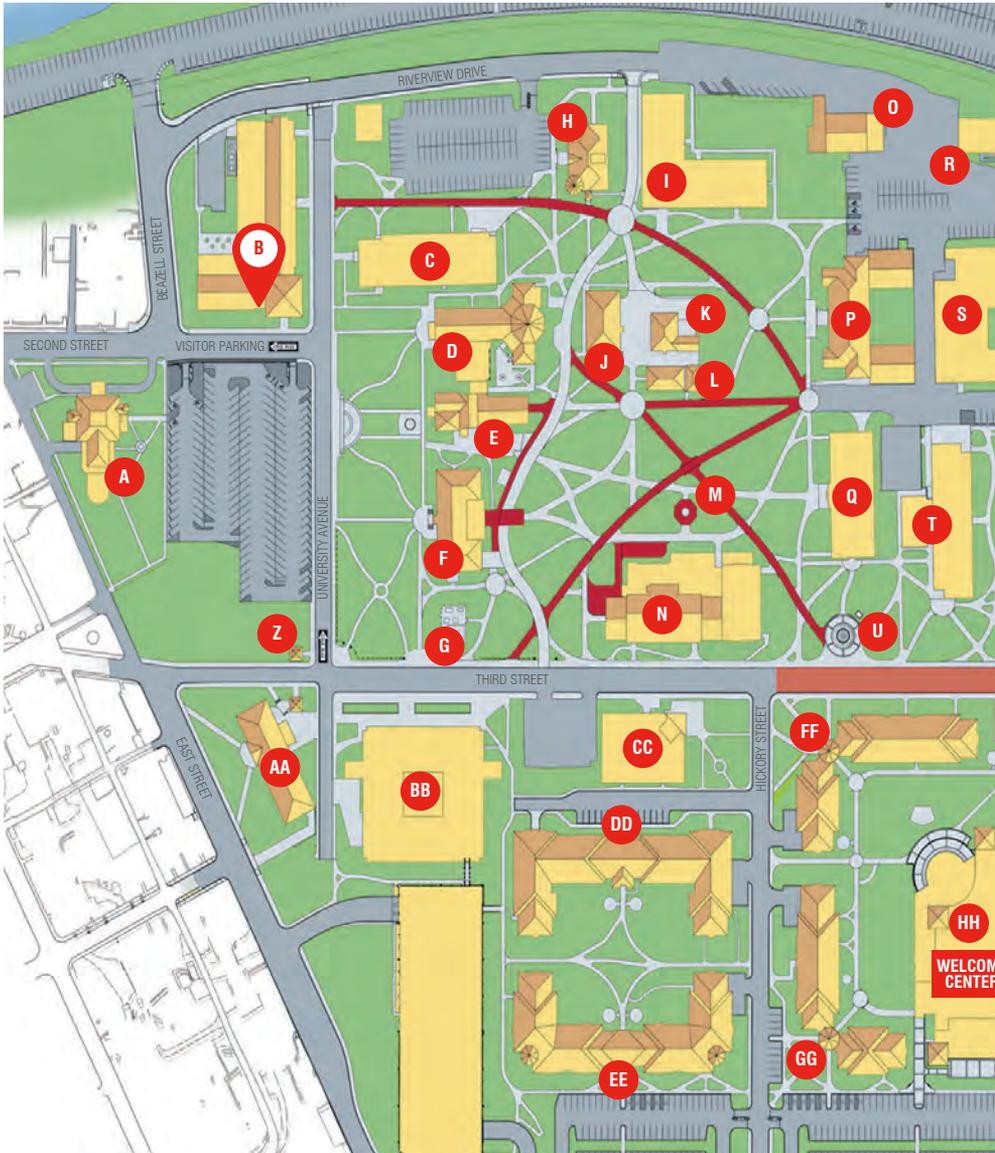
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SPRING 2022

Classes Begin for Full Term	January 18
Classes Begin for 1st 8-Week Term	January 18
Add/Drop Period Ends (with no financial or academic penalty)	January 24
Last Day to Apply for May 2022 Graduation	February 11
Spring Break	March 7-11
Classes End for 1st 8-Week Term.....	March 18
Midterm Grades Due.....	March 18
Classes Begin for 2nd 8-Week Term	March 21
Last Day to Withdraw from a Full-Term Course or the University	April 1
Registration for Fall 2022	April 11-15
Full-Term Classes End (4 p.m.)	May 2
Exam Week.....	May 3-May 6
Graduate Commencement (7 p.m.).....	May 6 (tentative)
Undergraduate Commencement (10 a.m.).....	May 7 (tentative)
Grades Due from Faculty	May 10

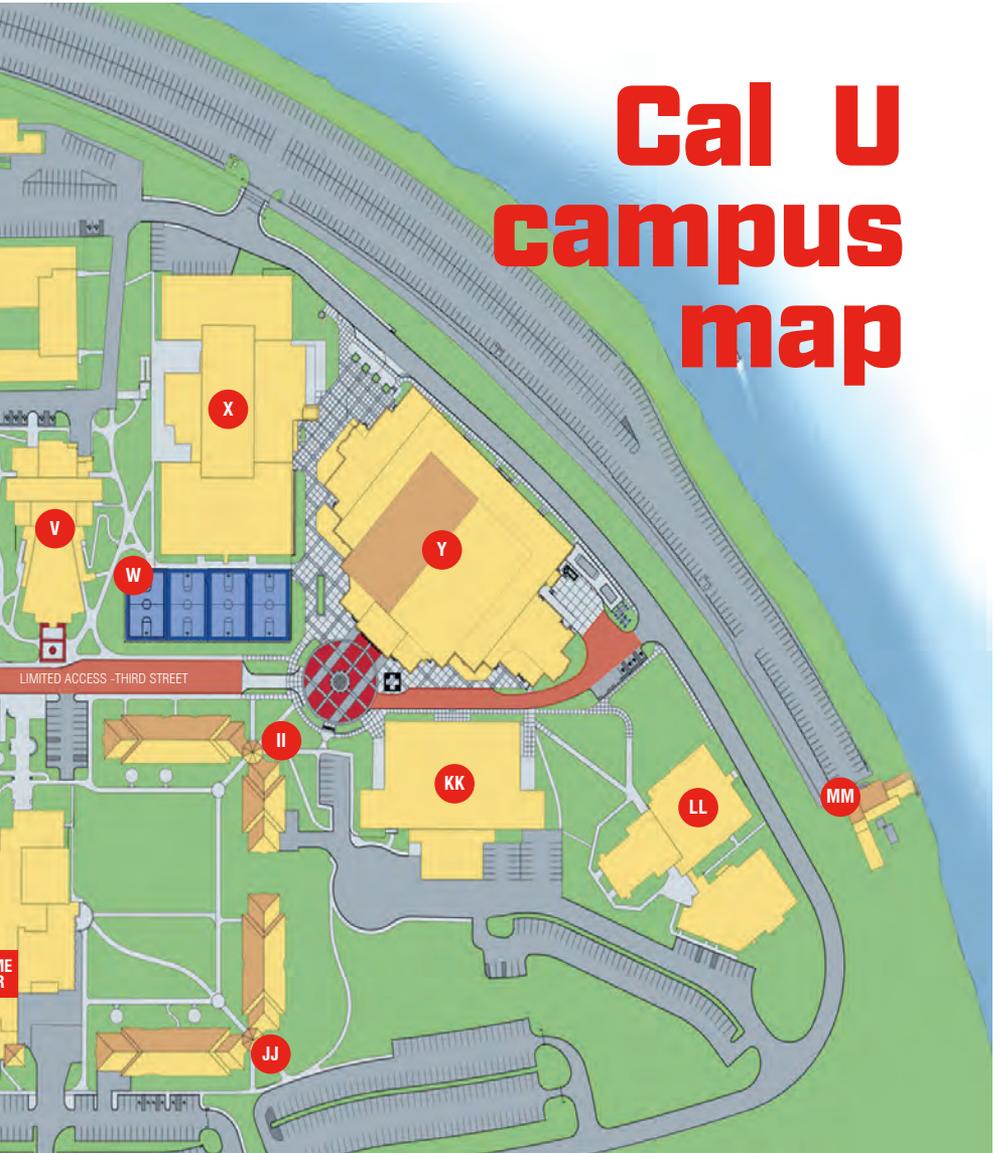
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| A | Kara Alumni House | I | New Science Hall | Q | Noss Hall |
| B | Eberly Hall | J | Vulcan Hall | R | Pollock Building |
| C | Frich Hall | K | Maintenance Annex C | S | Helsel Hall |
| D | Old Main | L | Ceramics Lab | T | Keystone Hall |
| E | South Hall | M | The Quad | U | Emeriti Fountain |
| F | Dixon Hall | N | Herron Hall | V | Steele Hall |
| G | Ascent of Humanity | O | Heating Plant | W | Basketball / Tennis Courts |
| H | Watkins Hall | P | Coover Hall | | |

Cal U campus map



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|----|----------------------------------|----|---|----|---|
| X | Hamer Hall
(Pool & Gymnasium) | DD | Carter Hall
- Health & Wellness
Center | HH | Natali Student Center
and Welcome Center |
| Y | Convocation Center | EE | Smith Honors Hall | II | Residence Hall E |
| Z | Booker Towers | FF | Johnson Hall | JJ | Guesman Hall |
| AA | Duda Hall | GG | Residence Hall B
& University Housing
Offices | KK | Gallagher Hall |
| BB | Manderino Library | | | LL | Morgan Hall |
| CC | Azorsky Hall | | | MM | Maintenance Annex A |



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