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 hope you will visit our beautiful campus often. In addition to family-oriented activities, Cal U presents a wide variety of educational, cultural, athletic and entertainment events throughout the year. As a Cal U family member, you are most welcome to attend.

I wish your family the very best,

Geraldine M. Jones
University President
California University of Pennsylvania
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OFFICE OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS

From orientation to graduation, the Office of Academic Success provides students with the learning resources they need to achieve both their 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

Set a goal! Create a plan!
Stay on track!
Earn your Cal U degree!

We care about your success! Cal U’s Four-Year Graduation Plan is a commitment to help students stay on track and reach their college degree in four years. The no-cost program helps students set academic goals, create clear academic plans and stay on track by following program guidelines and requirements. The plan provides eligible students with a unique 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 degree program and who are taking classes in the fall will be automatically enrolled. The Four-Year Graduation Plan reinforces Cal U’s commitment to student success.

Four-Year Graduation Plan
Contact information: 724-938-4866 or fygp@calu.edu
224 Noss Hall

SCHEDULING CENTER

The Scheduling Center is “home” to the academic counselors. Academic counselors assist students with course scheduling needs and provide information on academic policies and procedures, general education and major requirements. They also counsel students who are still exploring majors.

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

PLACEMENT TESTING CENTER

Appropriate course placement is important to your student’s success. Depending on SAT/ACT scores or transfer credits, freshmen and transfer students may take placement tests in mathematics and writing. Students who do not achieve predetermined scores on these tests must enroll in applicable developmental courses. Placement testing for new students and retesting for current students is offered throughout the academic year.

Placement Testing Center
Contact information: 724-938-1523 or placementtesting@calu.edu
103 Noss Hall
the year through the Placement Testing Center. The Placement Testing Center also offers tests for students who wish to obtain college credits in areas of English, business, math, social sciences and natural sciences. Information for the CLEP and DSST Programs is available by typing “prior learning assessment” in the search box at calu.edu or by contacting the Placement Testing Center.

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, intramural sports or even 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 percent 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

THE 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: 724-938-4997 or successcenter@calu.edu
202 Noss Hall

ACADEMIC RESOURCES
Even the best students may need academic help at some time during college. The Writing Center, STEM Lab, Reading Clinic and Tutoring Center offer no-cost assistance designed to help students perform at their academic best. Trained peer tutors assist students in most curriculum areas.
• Tutoring Center and Reading Clinic, 430 Manderino Library
• The STEM Lab and Writing Center, 1st Floor, Noss Hall

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
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 University Honors Program on Facebook by liking the "Cal U Honors Program" and follow @CalUHonors on Instagram and Twitter.

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

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. The Office of International Programming and Study Away 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

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. Under the leadership of the Office of International Programming, the university community works together to meet the needs of enrolled 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.

International Programming and Study Away
Contact information: 724-938-1599 or Watkins@calu.edu
107 Noss Hall

NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE
National Student Exchange (NSE) inspires academic enrichment, personal exploration and student development by facilitating collegiate study away among member colleges and universities throughout the United States, Canada and U.S. Territories. Students can earn credit toward general education or major requirements. To learn more, visit nse.org.
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 careers@calu.edu
138 Natali Student Center
calu.edu/careers

THE INTERNSHIP CENTER

An internship experience can help a student decide on a career path also improves a student’s 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 is the central resource for exploring the internship process and finding one that fits a student’s major and interests perfectly. Traditionally, juniors or seniors earn college credit for their internships.

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
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. As of May 1, 2018, 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.

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. Guest users can deposit money to a student’s CalCard Shop Dollar account conveniently through the Parent/Guest Portal. 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 can use the guest deposit feature at calcard.blackboard.com.

BANKING/FINANCIAL SERVICES
On-campus financial services are offered to students through the Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union (PSECU) in conjunction with the CalCard. A student can elect to have their CalCard activated for use as an ATM card associated with their account. ATMs are located at Natali Student Center, the Convocation Center and Dixon Hall. The PSECU Financial Center is located on the first floor of the Natali Student Center, Room 136.

Additional information on the services available through PSECU can be found at www.psecu.com/students.
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 now 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 the information they are looking for and provides a vehicle for enhanced communication between parents and students. 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.

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 nurse supervisor, a certified registered nurse practitioner and registered nurses. Services are free of charge to all students and include medical treatment, referrals and healthy lifestyle education. Any required services outside the capabilities of the Health Center are available through the student’s private health insurance. The Women’s Health Clinic is available every other Wednesday from 1 - 3 p.m. by appointment only. Students may schedule a Women’s Health appointment by contacting the Student Health Center at 724-938-4232.

Nurses’ hours:
24 hours a day, Monday through Friday, 7 p.m. – 7 a.m. Saturday and Sunday

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 Health Center also facilitates Options@Cal U, the Cal Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Coalition, the Prevention Awareness Recovery Center (PARC) and the BASICS and CASICS 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
COUNSELING CENTER
The Counseling Center provides free, confidential services that are in keeping with laws governing the provision of psychological services to adults. The center is staffed by faculty members who are licensed professional counselors and psychologists. Counseling is intended to help students overcome personal issues and stressful situations such as relationship distress, academic difficulties, anxiety, depression, alcohol and/or drug abuse, and trauma.

Services during regular business hours include individual counseling (up to eight sessions a semester), assessments, referrals and crisis intervention. After-hours crisis support is available from University Police (724-938-4357) or the Wellness Center (724-938-4232). Consultation is available with the appropriate Counseling Center Release of Information that permits disclosure of client information.

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

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 one year only; students are reminded to re-register each year.

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/students.

When purchasing a permit, new students may place their names on a waiting list for a specific lot, and an award letter will be emailed to the student via their University email address. At that time, a student may access their online parking account and purchase the permit. The permit is mailed in advance of the start of the semester. During this period students may also place their names on a waiting list for other lots on campus, in case any spaces become available.

Permits are renewable and should be renewed prior to the permit expiration date to maintain an active status. Students who fail to renew the parking permit will need to return the expired permit and place themselves back onto a waiting list for future permit availability.

BUS AND SHUTTLE SERVICE
The Vulcan Flyer fleet transports students between main campus and Roadman Park/Vulcan Village. Students use their CalCard to ride, and all Vulcan Flyer shuttles are handicap accessible. The on-campus shuttle transports students to various spots around campus. Students also can hop onto the Shoppers Shuttle and head to the Walmart Supercenter in West Brownsville or ride the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority (MMVTA) bus from campus to Pittsburgh. There is no cost for the bus or shuttle service, but students must present a valid CalCard to ride.

During holiday breaks or when the University officially will be closed, the Office of Student Affairs and the Student Association offer (for a small fee) shuttle service from main campus to major Pittsburgh transportation hubs, including Pittsburgh International Airport, the Greyhound bus and Amtrak train stations, and the Megabus pickup at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. The service is available only on certain dates, and a reservation is needed. For more information about limited shuttle service during breaks, call 724-938-4021 or email camardawebb@calu.edu.

Parking and Transportation Office
Contact information: 724-938-4677 or kirk@calu.edu
123 Manderino Library
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. Incoming freshmen are required to reside in University Housing for the first four semesters of their academic career at Cal U. (On-campus residence halls and the garden-style apartments at Vulcan Village are considered University Housing.)

Cal U offers living arrangements based on individual lifestyle preferences, including a variety of room configurations for one to four roommates. There are six main-campus 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.

Vulcan Village is Cal U’s upper-campus apartment community, located next to Adamson Stadium and Roadman Park, just 1.5 miles from main campus. Vulcan Village includes a live-in, full-time assistant community manager and student community assistants (CAs).

The staff hosts regular educational and social activities throughout the year.

University Housing Contact information: 724-938-4444 or housing@calu.edu
117 Residence Hall B

Vulcan Village
Contact information: 724-938-8990 or vulcanvillage@calu.edu

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.
Commuter and Non-Traditional Students

OFFICE OF COMMUTER AND NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

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, located in 123 Natali Student Center, assists all commuting students with getting connected to campus departments and services, and provides resources, programs and information to meet their needs.

Natali Student Center Energy Zone, located on the first level of the student center, is the home of Commuter and Non-Traditional Student Services (CNTSS). Amenities include lockers, a refrigeration unit with individual compartments and a kitchenette. In addition, all students can enjoy several lounge areas, with soft and hard seating, on each level of the student center. There are also small commuter-friendly break areas throughout campus, with vending options on the ground floor of Keystone Hall, at the side entrance of Eberly Hall and on the first floor of Manderino Library, Duda Hall, New Science Hall and Morgan Hall.

Other activities and programs include:
• Commuter Council, a student organization that offers commuters and other interested students opportunities to come together and discuss concerns and ideas that address the needs of students who travel to and from campus.
• Campus Connections, featuring scheduled presentations about campus academic and business offices that help to connect commuter students to the services they provide.
• Community Connections, featuring scheduled presentations by local businesses and service providers that may assist commuter students as they travel to and from campus, including MMVTA, PA EZ Pass Office and AAA Driver Safety.
• Commuter Soup & More, monthly commuter student “meet and greets” offered free of charge.
• Commuter Cafe, monthly pop-up coffee spots in various locations across campus.

Office of Commuter and Non-Traditional Student Services
Contact information: 724-938-4021 or commuterservices@calu.edu
123 Natali Student Center
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 on Friday, August 23, 2019, as we kick off Welcome Weekend.

WELCOME WEEKEND
Held August 23 – 25, 2019, the weekend before fall classes begin, Welcome Weekend provides first-semester students the opportunity to meet new friends and explore campus before classes begin. During this weekend, the University will host our official academic welcome ceremony, New Student Convocation. Students are given the opportunity to familiarize themselves with campus and pinpoint key resource locations that will help them flourish in their first semester.

FAMILY DAY 2019
New students especially enjoy showing off their "home away from home." So mark your calendars now for Saturday, September 21, 2019! Experience Cal U and join your student for a day of family fun and memories.
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 will no longer need to visit a campus computer lab to print documents; however, students may still 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 or Wēpa account.

For more information about Cal U’s print services, visit www.calu.edu/inside/utech/printing.
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 child's education, while recognizing their student’s 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, enjoying 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
104 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. VFA facilitates open communication and provides support and information to the families of Cal U undergraduate students in order to provide a positive and successful campus experience.

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

Membership Benefits:
• Exclusive emails, mailings and social media groups
• Volunteer and service opportunities for Vulcan Family Ambassadors*
• Discounts to the Cal U Bookstore, local hotels and more
• Free Cal U Gear
*Volunteers may need to complete and submit clearances, depending on the nature and duration of the event.
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. For example, Jane Doe’s email address might be doe1234@calu.edu.

SEND MAIL
To ensure a speedy 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

For students living in Vulcan Village:
Student’s Proper Name (no nicknames)
Apartment Number
255 California Road
Brownsville, PA 15417

The Cal U mailroom is located on the first floor of Dixon Hall. The mail counter is open from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. When residence hall students receive a package, they are notified with a “Package Slip.” It is their responsibility to pick up the package within a reasonable time. Students must bring the “Package Slip” and a campus photo ID to the mailroom in order to collect their package.

CELEBRATE
It’s easy to say “I’m thinking of you” by sending your student a Fresh from Home Package of delicious treats for holidays, birthday, exam time or no special reason at all!

Visit www.aviserves.com/calu/special-events

WHAT’S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS?
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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FALL 2019
New Student Convocation................................................................. August 25
Classes Begin .................................................................................... August 26
Add/Drop Period (with no financial or academic penalty)............. August 26-September 3
Labor Day (No Classes)..................................................................... September 2
Last Day to Apply for December 2019 Graduation...................... September 20
Early Registration for Spring 2020.............................................. November 4-8 (tentative)
Early Registration for Winter 2019............................................. September 30 (tentative)
Last Day to Withdraw from a Full Term Course or the University... November 1
Thanksgiving Break (No Classes).................................................. November 27-December 2
Classes End........................................................................................ December 6
Exam Week...................................................................................... December 9-13
Graduate Commencement (7 p.m.)................................................ December 13
Undergraduate Commencement (10 a.m.)................................. December 14
Grades Due from Faculty.............................................................. December 17

WINTER 2019
Winter Session Begins................................................................. December 16
Add/Drop Period (with no financial or academic penalty) ... December 17 (tentative)
Last Day to Withdraw from a Course or the University............... January 7
Winter Courses End......................................................................... January 17
Grades Due from Faculty.............................................................. January 21

SPRING 2020
Classes Begin .................................................................................... January 21
Add/Drop Period (with no financial or academic penalty)........ January 21-28
Last Day to Apply for May 2020 Graduation............................... February 14
Spring Break....................................................................................... March 9-13
Last Day to Withdraw from a Full Term Course or the University... April 3
Early Registration for Fall 2020.................................................. April 6-10 (tentative)
Classes End (4 p.m.)........................................................................ May 4
Exam Week....................................................................................... May 4 (after 4 p.m.)-May 8
Graduate Commencement (7 p.m.)................................................ May 8
Undergraduate Commencement (10 a.m.)......................................... May 9
Grades Due from Faculty.............................................................. May 12

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