2020-2021
Parent & Family Guide
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,

Geraldine M. Jones
University President
California University of Pennsylvania
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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: 724-938-4866 or fygp@calu.edu
224 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. 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 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, 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% 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 support. Peer tutors assist with writing, reading and course-specific tutoring. Services include face-to-face or online individual tutoring, supplemental instruction (SI) and study groups.

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
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
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

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: 724-938-5125
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 pay the same or less as they 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 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.

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 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.

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.
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.
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.

Telemedicine is available. The Women’s Clinic is available by appointment only. Students should call before visiting the Health Center. Cal U will partner with Mon Valley Hospital and other regional facilities to assure COVID-19 testing is available for students who report symptoms.

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.

Contact information:
724-938-4775 or michaels_r@calu.edu
G-45 Carter Hall
COUNSELING CENTER
The Counseling Center provides free psychological services to students. Services include brief individual counseling (up to six sessions per semester), crisis intervention and referrals. Crisis support outside the center’s normal business hours is available through Campus Police (724-938-4357). 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

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/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 hasbrouck_d@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

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.

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 and a kitchenette. There are also small commuter-friendly break areas throughout campus, with vending options in Keystone Hall, Eberly Hall, 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.
- Community Connections, featuring scheduled presentations by local service providers that may assist students as they travel to and from campus.

Office of Commuter and Non-Traditional Student Services
Contact information: 724-938-4021 or commuterservices@calu.edu
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 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
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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
Cal U is going remote for the fall semester. The residence halls are closed. Students who are living in Vulcan Village may contact Vulcan Village staff for more information.

WELCOME WEEKEND
Welcome Weekend provides first-year students the opportunity to meet new friends and explore campus before classes begin. This year, Welcome Weekend events will be held virtually.

FAMILY DAY 2020
Visit calu.edu for up-to-date information about Family Day.
**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 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. 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
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.

Membership Benefits:
• Exclusive emails, mailings and social media groups
• 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
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

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

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 “More News” at the top 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

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B  Eberly Hall  I  New Science Hall  Q  Noss Hall
and Welcome Center  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
Cal U campus map

X  Hamer Hall
(Pool & Gymnasium)
Y  Convocation Center
Z  Booker Towers
AA Duda Hall
BB Manderino Library
CC Azorsky Hall

DD Carter Hall
- Health & Wellness Center
- Multicultural Center
EE Smith Honors Hall
FF Johnson Hall
GG Residence Hall B & University Housing Offices

HH  Natali Student Center
II  Residence Hall E
JJ  Guesman Hall
KK  Gallagher Hall
LL  Morgan Hall
MM Maintenance Annex A