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Simple and Effective ways to Support your Student

Whether you're a seasoned veteran when it comes to sending your student off to college, or this is your first experience, the start of the fall semester can often be an overwhelming time for all parties involved. For first-year students in particular, many feel excited, emotional, and likely a little bit nervous. You may be wondering whether or not your student will be able to succeed. You know what they're capable of and that they're anxious to do well, but you still have some concerns. Fortunately, you are sending your student to a campus that is full of caring and supportive people who are looking out for them even when you can't. There are still a variety of ways that you can be helpful however. Below are some useful tips that can assist you in supporting your student in a productive way.

Talk to Them.

Keeping the lines of communication open with your student is key to not only maintaining a healthy relationship with them, but it is the best way to identify any potential challenges that they might be facing that require intervention from someone on campus. Be aware of the stressors your student may be facing and talk to them about their specific concerns.

Encourage Them to Ask for Help.

Encourage your student to ask for help, but not necessarily from you. This is a time where students are learning to take initiative and become more independent. It is important that your student learns what resources are available

and when to reach out for assistance. Reassure them that RU-C has programs and services on campus with experts who can effectively help them navigate any pitfalls or challenges.

Be Prepared for Changes.

College is a time of ongoing transition for your student—a time that also comes with a sense of loss, especially for parents. Students often seem different after they've been in college for a while (sleeping habits, hair styles, how they view themselves, how they interact with family). Try not to make snap judgements on the quality or character of these differences, but instead, try to appreciate that your child's view of the world is expanding.

Be Encouraging.

Show your enthusiasm for this new experience to inspire your student to be open to change, even when they feel overwhelmed. Be understanding and serve as a source of support when they experience a setback or disappointment, and be forgiving when they make mistakes. Even as you are watching them transform into their own identity as young adults, they are still seeking, and can benefit from, your guidance and support.



Raptor Welcome!

Raptor Welcome is our fun, interactive orientation program for all new students. During this program, students are given the opportunity to interact with fellow classmates, learn about the campus and its services, as well as meet our faculty and staff. This event will take place on August 30th. For more information, visit: NEWSTUDENTS.CAMDEN.RUTGERS.EDU/RAPTORWELCOME

Pay Your Bill

Fall Term Bills

Term bills for the upcoming fall semester will be available SOON! Your student can log in with their NetID and password at: STUDENTABC.RUTGERS.EDU to review and verify their charges. Balances not covered by financial aid can be paid online, by mail, or in person at the Student Accounting Office, located in Armitage Hall (Ph: 856-225-6021).

What You Need to Know About On-Campus Living



For a list of FAQ's and information on what to bring/what not to bring visit:

https://housing.camden.rutgers.edu/faq_parent

August 28th - Incoming First-Year and New Transfer Undergraduate Student Move-In: New first-year and transfer students will move in on this day in advance of the mandatory Raptor Welcome Program, which takes place on August 30th.

September 4th - Returning Undergraduate Student Move-In: Returning undergraduate students will arrive on this day.

***MOVE-IN TIMES ARE ASSIGNED BY HOUSING AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED WHEN HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS ARE RELEASED.**

2017-2018 Financial Aid

COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA EVERY YEAR AT WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV

CHECK THE STATUS OF YOUR FALL FINANCIAL AID DOCUMENTS!

TAG recipients: Please be sure to complete the additional state questionnaire, found by logging in through the HESAA/NJFAMS website, and confirm that there are no outstanding tasks to complete/documents to submit to the state.

OTHER outstanding documents: The Rutgers financial aid office may require additional information from you and/or your student (tax transcripts, household verification forms, etc.) before they can process and confirm your student's award. It is important to continuously refer to the "check documents" tab at www.financialaid.rutgers.edu until an award has been processed completely.

Questions regarding fall aid can be directed to 856-225-6039 (must be a FERPA form on file to discuss specifics), or your student can visit their financial aid counselor in-person on the first floor of Armitage Hall.

Looking for your financial aid counselor information?

Counselor	Last name begins with
Erick Herrera	A - E
Tamia Johnson-Wooten	F - L
Marcos Arteaga	M - R
Rebekka Howell	S - Z

Ready to apply?

Learn how to apply for financial aid.

Apply >

Check Documents

Manage your required documents online.

View

Award Status

View your Award Letter.

Check Status

Need a job?

The Student Employment Office can help.

Find a Job

Career Center News

The Career Center offers several services to current Rutgers-Camden students including assistance with career decisions, resume/cover letter critiquing, coaching in the job and internship search, graduate school advising, and access to print and online career resources.

Events to look out for this fall include:

- Career Day Oct. 4th
- Graduate School Fair Oct. 18th
- Internship Fair Nov. 8th

A complete list of all the Career Center's fall events can be found at careercenter.camden.rutgers.edu. For appointments, call 856-225-6046.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES:

Fall semester begins: September 5th

Add/Drop period ends: September 12th

Academic warning grade submission: October 9th-20th

FOR A FULL ACADEMIC CALENDAR, VISIT:

REGISTRAR.CAMDEN.RUTGERS.EDU