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THE WARRIOR LINK

MIDLAND UNIVERSITY'S PARENT AND FAMILY
NEWSLETTER



Greetings from Residence Life

This truly is our most favorite time of the year and can't wait to see the pictures of everyone coming back to the Residence Halls!

For some of you this will be the first time you drop your kids off at college. For some of you it will be the second, third, or fourth time now. For a lot of you, it just doesn't get any easier. Whether you look at move in as the first time you get to experience it, or see it as the last time you'll have to go through it, there is a certain amount of sentiment you will face with move in. This may not pass an hour after you leave campus, or a day after, or sometimes even weeks. You'll have those moments where you smile over a memory, or wish that they are sitting at the dinner table with you. It is okay to reach out to them! Your student needs a supportive parent and reaching out to your student from time to time is showing you are there for them. Talk to them about their day as you would if they were there with you. Ask them how things are going and be prepared for the one word answers or to hear about issues they are having with a class, their sport, or roommate. We encourage you to listen.

There are people here that care and will help your student when you are not. Support them the way you hope someone would support you.

Move in should be special for you and your student. Today is the beginning of a new year and a time to bask in the energy and opportunity that lies ahead.

Do not forget to take lots of pictures!

Student Affairs Team

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LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Hello, Warrior Family!

You have likely made it back to your destination after dropping your student off at Midland. You may be coming to terms with the fact that you and your student have taken a giant leap toward her or his independence. All of this during an unprecedented time in our history with an ongoing pandemic that we are battling daily. This undoubtedly has taken courage and faith. I applaud you for pushing forward despite the odds. I admire your commitment to your student's education.



School will be different this year in many ways, but our commitment to our students has not changed. We will do everything in our power to maintain a safe and healthy environment. We are aware that our students want to be social and active in their activities and we are making our best effort to assure that we can continue offering this important part of the college experience.

Here at Midland, we have been preparing for your student for the past four months. We have reviewed best practices and created strategies to ensure a positive and engaging student experience, despite the challenges we face. We have put guidelines in place to keep our entire campus community safe. Ultimately, if the need arises for our on-campus students to quarantine or isolate, we are prepared to provide them with the necessities to keep them healthy and happy.

I can assure you that we will do everything we can to serve your student with a holistic approach to living and learning. As a Psychologist, I deeply value the importance of mental health and well-being. This year our students' mental health is paramount.

I sincerely ask for your partnership this year in encouraging your student to be resilient. Here at Midland, together we are warriors. You and your student are now a part of the Warrior Family and we are committed to making this year a successful and memorable one.

Respectfully,
Dr. Lawrence Chatters
Vice President for Student Affairs

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

Thursday, August 27th - First day of classes

Monday, September 7th - Labor Day - No classes

Wednesday, November 25th - Sunday, November 29th -

Thanksgiving Break - No classes**

*Students planning to remain at home for finals can complete an express checkout for Thanksgiving Break, but halls will remain open.

Monday, November 30th - Study Day

Tuesday, December 1st - Friday, December 4th - Online Finals Week**

Saturday, December 5th - Christmas Break begins - Residence halls close at Noon

Sunday, January 3rd - Halls open at Noon for students registered for Interterm

Wednesday, January 27th - Spring Term begins - Halls reopen at 9 AM for students registered for Spring Term

Saturday, March 20th - Spring Break begins - Halls close at Noon

Sunday, March 28th - Spring Break ends - Halls reopen at Noon

Friday, April 2nd - Monday, April 5th - Easter Break - no classes**

Thursday, May 20th - Spring term ends

Friday, May 21st - All residence halls and apartments close on at Noon

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