Volunteer With Us

The gift of your time as a Parent volunteer is critical to helping families new to Penn feel connected and welcomed. We have volunteer opportunities throughout the year both on and off-campus, including:

- Attending Penn Preview Days when prospective students and their families visit before the enrollment deadline
- Welcome calling of parents of newly admitted students
- Assisting with senior parent and family activities during graduation weekend in May
- Hosting and attending regional summer Welcome Receptions for newly admitted students and their families
- Acting as a resource during New Parent and Family Orientation in August

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, visit www.pennparents.upenn.edu/getinvolved or contact Sonia Adamson, Assistant Director of Outreach and Communications at sadamson@upenn.edu. We’ll endeavor to make best use of your time and talent.

The Parents Fund

Each year, thousands of parents and grandparents help shape the Penn experience with their gifts to The Parents Fund. This unrestricted support enhances the undergraduate experience in such areas as financial aid, residential enhancements, student life, and academic support.

No gift is a small gift! All Parents Fund donors, no matter the size of their gift, enrich life at the University and demonstrate confidence in Penn’s leadership in higher education. Visit www.pennparents.upenn.edu/the-parents-fund to make an online gift today, or call us to discuss how you can help.

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Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to the University of Pennsylvania! You are important members of this community, and we want to help you to support your child’s success as a Penn student from Orientation through Commencement.

We can provide tools to enable you to develop your own unique relationship with Penn as the parent of a Penn student. The college years are a time characterized by discovery as well as moments of challenge, and we want you to feel confident that you’re joining a community of caring and experienced faculty, administrators, staff, and other parents who are eager to support you in this journey. Building a relationship with the University will enrich your experience as a Penn parent, and there are many ways to engage – newsletters, on campus and regional events, webinars, and much more.

Please don’t hesitate to contact the Penn Parents team. We look forward to hearing from you and meeting you at Penn events.

Congratulations!
The Penn Parents Team

About the Office of Parent Outreach and Development/ Penn Parents

Our Mission
The Office of Parent Outreach and Development/Penn Parents is the central resource for connecting undergraduate parents and families to the University. Through communications, events, volunteer opportunities, and The Parents Fund, the Penn Parents team is committed to building relationships and creating avenues for parents to feel informed, connected, and uniquely involved in the life of the University and its advancement.

Our Vision
- To ENGAGE parents in the life of the University,
- To INCREASE parents’ participation and involvement, and
- To SECURE support for undergraduates through gifts to The Parents Fund.

Communications and Outreach
The University keeps parents informed in several ways. The Office of University Communications publishes Penn News Today plus a weekly version produced specifically for Penn parents, Penn News for Parents. You can subscribe to both online. Penn Parents Newsletter, a print publication, is mailed home to families once a semester and features faculty and alumni interviews and profiles of Penn families. At Penn Parents, we produce a monthly newsletter of news and information synched with the academic calendar to help parents stay current with what students are focused on, such as exams stress (December) or finding a summer internship or job (February). Also, we hold webinars twice yearly for more in-depth engagement with Penn experts on topics germane to your student’s college experience, such as what the Student Health Service offers or student advising. If you can’t join in, all webinars are archived on the Penn Parents website. Lastly, our website, www.pennparents.upenn.edu, is available to you any time and is frequently updated.

Events
We encourage parents to attend events on campus and in your home region – look for invitations from Parent Outreach and Development through e-mail and U.S. mail. Additionally, large scale and annual events such as Family Weekend, Homecoming, and Commencement will be listed on the academic calendar each year. We look forward to meeting you at events such as those described below.

On Campus Admitted Student Events provide an opportunity for newly admitted students and their families to visit campus for an in-depth look at Penn during the spring of their senior year of high school.

Welcome to Penn Programs provide new students and parents the opportunity to meet current Penn parents, students, and University representatives at Welcome Receptions in their home regions throughout the summer before the first semester.

New Student Orientation/New Parent and Family Orientation takes place prior to the first day of the Fall term. Events introduce families to the University during new student move-in.

Family Weekend takes place in October and provides parents and families with an opportunity to visit the campus and their Penn student while experiencing the rich academic and student life their child enjoys at Penn.

Individual School, Regional, and International Events are held throughout the academic year and give parents the opportunity to hear from some of the University’s esteemed scholars and senior leaders.

Commencement Parent and Family Activities/Alumni Weekend Programs are aimed at celebrating Penn parents, families, and graduating seniors. These events take place during Penn Alumni Weekend and Commencement Weekend in May.