

THE MEAN GREEN MONTHLY

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS



January 2021 Issue

Welcome Back Mean Green Family!

The spring is a time of new beginnings on campus, and we know that this year will bring challenges and adventures. The start of January has filled our news with hopeful talks of the COVID-19 vaccine and a nation-wide distribution plan, but also terrible acts of violence at our nation's capitol. As a campus community, the success of our student body is one built on respect and learning. We hope that as students begin the spring semester they find support and encouragement on campus, and reach out for help if they need it. The spring semester for college students can be one of anticipation and excitement, but it can also bring hesitation and anxiety. In our Seasons of Adjustment parent calendar, the quote for January that stood out to me reads, **“Students are frequently excited about reconnecting with their friends at school. A few may have concerns about returning to past conflicts with friends or roommates in particular. Your reactions to your student’s academic performance during the fall semester may greatly influence how they perceive the coming semester. Even when their academic performance did not meet your expectations, encouragement and support are needed now.”**

As you support your student this spring, know that the Parent Programs office is here as a resource for you. While we are still operating with virtual programs and limited staffing in our office, you can reach us anytime at parents@unt.edu. We will do our best to respond in a timely manner to get you the information that you need.

This month’s newsletter is filled with reminders of important deadlines. In addition, one of our signature programs, the Parent & Family Connection Program, happens this month. Just as we tell our students, your participation and engagement with the programs and events we offer is what you make of it. We hope that you keep an open mind as we do our best to program and provide services under the guidance and restrictions in place for on-campus programming. Parent Programs was created to serve you, and we are excited to be able to continue to do so, even in a remote setting. Best wishes for a great school year!

Go Mean Green!
Stephanie Brown
Director, Orientation and Transition Programs

Important Reminders

Call the UNT COVID Hotline to report a positive case of the virus or receive guidance from the contact tracing team. UNT established a COVID Hotline to help community members report and understand COVID-19 symptoms, testing information and/or results, as well as receive guidance on actions they may need to take following potential exposure. Individuals also can get help with questions related to COVID-19’s impact on our university operations. **The hotline is not intended to be used for a medical emergency. In case of emergency, please dial 911.**

Contact the UNT COVID Hotline at: 844-366-5892

UNT's Priority Date to complete the 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the 2021-2022 Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) is Friday, January 15, 2021. The [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) helps colleges and universities determine your eligibility for financial aid. Nearly all students who complete the FAFSA receive some type of financial assistance. Financial aid awards are funded and regulated by federal and state governments, so applying for and receiving financial aid is a process.

Upcoming Events

Parent & Family Connection Program (webinar)

Saturday, January 30, 2021 | 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.CST

Join us for this online program to gain more information on how to tackle some of the challenges your students (or you) have faced. The event will feature a live Keynote Address from our Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Elizabeth With, as well as a live Q&A session from key student services available to support your student with the transition to the next phase of college life. Family participants will receive a Mean Green Family travel mug (limit 1 per family group) in the mail after the program if they complete the program evaluation. Visit parents.unt.edu for more information and to RSVP.



**UNT Academic
Calendar**

Dates To Remember:

Check General Scholarship Application for upcoming priority deadlines.

FAFSA/TAFSA Priority deadline:
1/15/21

Late Registration Payment Deadline for the Spring 2021 Semester:
1/15/21 at 6 p.m.

Housing application for Returning Students opens: 1/27/21

Regístrate para el Boletín Informativo de UNT

La Oficina de Programas de Padres de UNT está emocionada de ofrecer un Boletín Informativo mensual en Español. Mean Green Monthly es un boletín informativo para los padres de los estudiantes de UNT. Cada mes, vamos a presentar actualizaciones importantes de alrededor de la universidad, información de eventos, y programas especiales para padres y familias. Si está interesado en recibir nuestro boletín informativo mensual en Español, por favor complete el cuestionario de abajo para ser añadido(a) a nuestra lista de correo.

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