2019 NEW PARENT GUIDE
A publication for incoming Longhorn Families
DEAR LONGHORN PARENTS & FAMILIES,

As the parent of a UT Austin alumna, I know the pride and excitement you are feeling as your son or daughter prepares for their experience on the Forty Acres.

The next four years will be life-changing. Your student will join a diverse and vibrant community of scholars—learning, making friends, discovering new interests and exploring all that the university has to offer.

My wife, Carmel, and I enjoyed watching our daughters discover their talents and grow as individuals during their college years, but a lot of change came along with it. This will be a time of transformation for your family, and I encourage you to maintain a strong connection with the university through it all. The New Parent Guide provides an overview of resources that will enable you to help your student prepare for the transition to college life.

Congratulations to the Class of 2023, and welcome to the Longhorn Family!

Sincerely,

Gregory L. Fenves
President

By the time your student participates in Freshman Orientation this summer, the transition from high school to college will be well underway. Being the mother of both a graduating high school senior and a rising junior, I understand how this transition affects a family. Please know that my Division of Student Affairs team, our campus partners and I are here to welcome your family and be a support system from orientation through graduation.

With nine departments, 37 units and 38 facilities, the Division of Student Affairs team plays an important role in students’ experiences through programs, services and resources. Students benefit from our dedicated professionals in addition to our campus-wide collaborations with academic partners, staff and student leaders.

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The Department of Student Affairs, the Division’s nine departments, 37 units and 38 facilities offer first-class programs, facilities and services. They include 14 on-campus residence halls, dining facilities, medical and mental health services, new student orientation, recreational sports and two university unions. The Division employs 2,000 students annually and supports 1,100+ student organizations, student emergency and veteran services, and leadership programs.

SONICIA REAGINS-LILLY
Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

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We know that success for one family may look completely different for another. Because there is no “one size fits all” approach, Texas Parents has developed three programs to help you: this guide, Family Orientation and Next Steps eNewsletters.

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THE DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS led by Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Sonica Reagins-Lilly works with academic partners, staff, parents and student leaders to influence our students in living the Longhorn life. Supported by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Division’s nine departments, 37 units and 38 facilities offer first-class programs, facilities and services. They include 14 on-campus residence halls, dining facilities, medical and mental health services, new student orientation, recreational sports and two university unions. The Division employs 2,000 students annually and supports 1,100+ student organizations, student emergency and veteran services, and leadership programs.

NEW STUDENT SERVICES oversees orientation for thousands of incoming students each year, ensuring they successfully transition, both academically and socially, to the university. Staff also lead programs throughout the year to promote student engagement and support academic success.

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENTS engages beyond the classroom to enrich learning through leadership training and by supporting the membership of more than 1,100 student organizations. Office services for students also include legal, conduct, emergency, veteran, research and other support.

RECREATIONAL SPORTS promotes physical fitness, healthy habits and balanced behaviors through an array of recreation facilities, programs, services, special events and student employment opportunities. Programs offered include Intramural Sports, Fitness/Wellness, Outdoor Recreation, Sport Clubs, the Instructional Program and Informal Recreation.

TEXAS PARENTS (See page 4)

CENTER FOR STUDENTS IN RECOVERY provides a supportive community where students in recovery and in hope of recovery can achieve academic success while enjoying a genuine college experience that is free from alcohol and other drugs.

UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES (See page 9)

UNIVERSITY HOUSING AND DINING oversees 14 on-campus residence halls, university apartments, and 13 dining and retail venues. By engaging students in an inclusive community that fosters learning outside the classroom, the staff encourages student success and well-being.

UNIVERSITY UNIONS provides a wide array of student services, leadership development opportunities, study and event spaces, and food venues. The department enhances the student experience through unique and multi-faceted facilities as well as a vibrant student organization.
The university understands the important role parents and families play in the lives of our students, from enrollment through graduation. Since 1948, Texas Parents has served parents and families, keeping them connected to and informed about the university.

Texas Parents is one of the nine departments in the Division of Student Affairs and is dedicated to helping you through all phases of the undergraduate journey. In addition to producing this guide, the Next Steps eNewsletters and Family Orientation, the department maintains parents.utexas.edu and is staffed with full-time employees who serve as your connection to campus resources when you are unsure where to find an answer.

The department also manages the Texas Parents Association. All parents and families of enrolled undergraduate students are members of the Texas Parents Association, the university’s official association of parents and families, but you must sign up to begin receiving membership benefits.

Memberships are set up per household, allowing one or two parents/family members in the same household to enjoy benefits no matter how many students you have at UT Austin. You can visit TexasParents.org for a full list of membership benefits.

U-Touch Membership
A complimentary level of membership that keeps you “in touch” with the university through multiple communication platforms, including monthly Texas Parents Association eNewsletters and important updates from university administration.

HOW TO SIGN UP:
• Online at TexasParents.org/U-Touch
• In person at Family Orientation

Supporting Membership
By making a tax-deductible gift to the university, your One-Year or Four-Year membership “supports” the operation of the Texas Parents office. Equally important, your gift is reinvested through multiple outlets within the UT Austin community your student will call home.

Supporting members receive the same communication as U-Touch members as well as additional support benefits including access to webinars, discounts with local and national vendors and special opportunities with Texas Athletics. “Texas Parents, Texas Proud” t-shirts and logo-branded items are also included. Supporting members have access to the Texas Parents closed Facebook group, a resource that allows parents to ask questions of one another, gaining insights into topics such as tutoring, off-campus housing, transportation, textbooks and other non-policy matters.

HOW TO SIGN UP:
• Online at TexasParents.org/Supporting-Memberships
• In person at Family Orientation
• By mailing the attached membership form on page 8
WHAT IS FRESHMAN ORIENTATION?

- A three-day program
- Programming that prepares students for a world-class academic journey and gets them in the “Longhorn State of Mind”
- A separate program from your Family Orientation agenda; they’ll learn about many of the same topics but from the student perspective

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS FOR STUDENTS

- Explore campus and learn about important resources available throughout their four years at UT Austin
- Participate in social events to start building their Longhorn community
- Meet with their college or school to learn about academic expectations and resources
- Meet individually with an academic advisor to discuss their degree plan and ensure that they are prepared to register for classes on their last day of orientation
- Stay in an on-campus residence hall and dine in the dining facilities (June & July sessions only)

NEED-TO-KNOWS & TAKEAWAYS

- Students should review the Freshman Pre-Orientation Checklist at bit.ly/StudentOrientationChecklist to learn how to best prepare before arriving
- In May, students are emailed a series of videos they are required to watch. The pre-orientation content includes 360 Connections, being Longhorn ready, what to expect at orientation, orientation conduct expectations and more
- Freshman Orientation and Family Orientation have separate registration and payment systems; parents and families are encouraged to attend Family Orientation
- Parking is not included in the cost of registration and is processed separately by the UT Austin Parking and Transportation Services (PTS) office; for orientation parking options, visit bit.ly/orientationparking
- Students are encouraged to get their ID and upgrade their UT EID during orientation; view more details on page 11, especially if your student is under the age of 18 at the time of orientation
- Students will register for fall classes during orientation
- Vaccination Requirements:
  - Students under the age of 22 are required to submit proof of meningococcal vaccine administered on or after August 28, 2014
  - International students, including those who are Texas residents for tuition purposes but who do not have a valid immigrant status, must show proof of additional medical clearance requirements
  - Students will not be allowed to register for classes at orientation until they have satisfied these requirements; visit bit.ly/RequiredVaccine for more information
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For more information about Freshman Orientation, please visit orientation.utexas.edu

FAMILY ORIENTATION

All families are encouraged to attend!

WHAT IS FAMILY ORIENTATION?

- A one-day program taking place during the first day of your student’s three-day Freshman Orientation
- An intentionally designed event to build and expand upon information in this guide and the Next Steps eNewsletters
- A separate agenda from your student’s program; you’ll learn about many of the same topics but from different perspectives
- The next important step in supporting your Longhorn’s successful transition to UT Austin

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Longhorn Neighborhood – A morning resource fair with over 25 campus units that you can talk with one-on-one
- Welcome Session – An introduction of university leadership and on-campus parent and family resources
- Meet your student’s academic college/school – An overview of academic expectations and your new role in supporting your student’s academic success (this information goes beyond what you may have learned at earlier campus visits)
- Afternoon Choice Sessions – Presentations by campus departments highlighting programs and services that support your student
- BBQ Dinner (with vegetarian option) – Reconnect with your student at the end of the day to enjoy good food and Longhorn spirit

NEED TO KNOWS & TAKEAWAYS

- Registration is required; you will need your student’s UT EID to register
- Register for Family Orientation after your student has registered and been confirmed for a Freshman Orientation session
- Family Orientation and Freshman Student Orientation have separate registration and payment systems
- Parking is not included in the cost of registration and is processed separately by the UT Austin Parking and Transportation Services (PTS) office; for orientation parking options, visit bit.ly/orientationparking
- You’ll go home feeling more connected to the university and equipped with conversational topics to discuss with your student about their upcoming college experience
- Review the Family Pre-Orientation Checklist at bit.ly/FamilyOrientationChecklist2019

For more information about Family Orientation, please visit parents.utexas.edu/FamilyOrientation

VISIT PARENTS.UTEXAS.EDU/FAMILYORIENTATION TO:

EXPLORE MORE DETAILS ABOUT FAMILY ORIENTATION
REGISTER FOR YOUR FAMILY ORIENTATION SESSION
SECURE YOUR ORIENTATION PARKING PASS ONLINE
DISCOVER CAMPUS AND CITY ATTRACTIONS FOR EXTENDED STAYS
LEARN ABOUT LOCAL HOTEL ORIENTATION DISCOUNTS
ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

University Housing and Dining (UHD), one of the nine departments in the Division of Student Affairs, manages the 14 on-campus residence halls as well as 13 on-campus meal locations.

Students living in an on-campus residence hall should have completed a housing contract and submitted the housing advance payment. They will be able to select their residence hall and room assignment online beginning Monday, June 17. Students change their mind after making a room selection, their halls can be made on the Room Swap page in their housing portal. For housing information visit housing.utexas.edu

See page 13 for a list of important on-campus housing dates and deadlines.

*For students who selected one of the Living Learning Communities, their room assignment process begins Monday, June 3. Learn more at bit.ly/LLCaviUT

MOOV-IN

Students will move into the on-campus residence halls during Mooov-In on Friday, August 23 and Saturday, August 24. In July, students need to sign up for a check-in through their housing portal.

Early check-in is available starting Monday, August 19, at 3 p.m. for an additional fee of $50 per day. Some students choose to move in early to participate in sorority recruitment, Longhorn Band tryouts or to avoid congestion.

When determining what to bring, students should thoroughly review bit.ly/Mooov-In and dozens of events including the following signature events:

- **Gone to Texas** – Students rally together at the Tower the night before classes start to officially begin their journey as Longhorns
- **Horns Up Night** – Kickoff for the Class of 2023, followed immediately by the official Texas ‘23 class photo on the Darrell K Royal – Texas Memorial Stadium football field
- **Party on the Plaza** – A Texas-sized party with food, games, performances, a chance to win a scholarship and opportunities to meet UT Austin’s student organizations

Learn more at LonghornWelcome.utexas.edu

THE BIG TICKET

The Big Ticket gives students access to all home, regular season Texas Athletics events, including football games. When purchasing the Big Ticket, students have until July 12 to also purchase tickets for the Big Ticket.

Students will receive an email from Texas Athletics with specific directions.

Learn more at TexasSports.com/Students

CAMP TEXAS

Camp Texas, founded and supported by the Texas Exes, the University of Texas at Austin’s alumni association, is a great start and welcoming students to their new home at the university. The camp is held at a Hill Country ranch outside Austin. This optional, three-night, three-day retreat includes friendly chats with professors, learning Texas traditions and making new friends. Students will leave knowing what it means to be a true Longhorn.

Learn more at bit.ly/CampTexas

A series of free events across campus celebrating UT Austin’s culture and welcoming students to their new home at the university. The festivities kick on Friday, August 23 with Mooov-In and dozens of events including the following signature events:

- **THE BIG TICKET**: The Big Ticket gives students access to all home, regular season Texas Athletics events, including football games. When purchasing the Big Ticket, students have until July 12 to also purchase tickets for the Red River Rivalry played in Dallas. Students will receive an email from Texas Athletics with specific directions.
- **CAMP TEXAS**: A three-day retreat includes friendly chats with professors, learning Texas traditions and making new friends. Students will learn what it means to be a true Longhorn.

LONGHORN WELCOME

The University of Texas Police Department (UTPD) is a full-fledged accredited police department servicing the UT Austin community with more than 178 employees, including more than 100 commissioned officers. The department has the authority and responsibility to investigate all crimes occurring on university property and, when asked, assists the Austin Police Department in some investigations. UTPD works day and night, 365 days a year, to ensure the safety of students through police enforcement and active community engagement.

Additionally, the office of Campus Safety creates and maintains comprehensive emergency and disaster plans and oversees campus environmental health and safety initiatives as well as campus fire prevention services. Talk to your student about the key safety resources below and visit parents.utexas.edu/safety to find campus safety resources and emergency management plans.

Keeping Campus Safe

There are many safety measures in place on campus, but knowledge and common sense are the most effective safety strategies for students. Remind your student about the following safety resources on campus:

**EMERGENCY ALERTS** are sent to students via two different methods. Your student will receive University Group Emails when being notified of non-emergent or as needed. UT Austin uses the personal safety plan's emergency alert system to test students who are familiar with the signals. Emergency alerts are limited to students on campus and are not available to parents and families.

**EMERGENCY PHONES** provide a direct connection to UTPD with a push of a button. More than 120 of these outdoor yellow call boxes topped with a blue light are easy to locate around campus.

**SURE WALK** is a university program that provides students with a safe escort home at night via an accompanied walk, golf cart or vehicle. Learn more at bit.ly/SUREWALK

**NIGHT RIDES** is a university program that provides students with a ride from main campus to their off-campus home late at night using the provider, Lyft. Learn more at parking.utexas.edu/night

Talk to Your Student About Safety

Be sure to make time for a heart-to-heart safety conversation with your student before orientation and then build upon it before he or she arrives for the fall.

**PERSONAL SAFETY & AWARENESS**

Students should always be aware of their surrounding environment and personal safety. Talk to your student about potential situations and strategies to stay safe, like getting home safely at night. Encourage your student to trust his or her gut and not hesitate to immediately report suspicious activity. Discuss UTPD’s personal safety tips, even if some seem like common sense. Learn more at bit.ly/UTPDpersonalSafety

**PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY**

Campus crimes are often crimes of opportunity, which are preventable. Students should never leave their property unattended, even for a minute. Valuables can be registered with UTPD (utexas.edu/police/property), which aids in the recovery of stolen property. UTPD offers engraving services to mark metal or plastic items, such as cell phones and laptops.

**DISCUSS ALCOHOL**

Research indicates that parents can have a positive influence on their students’ behavior by discussing alcohol before students arrive on campus. Incoming students will be required to complete an online education program about alcohol and healthy relationships, which can reinforce your discussions.
Keeping Your Longhorn Healthy

University Health Services (UHS): Where Longhorns Become Healthyhorns
All UT Austin students are automatically eligible to use UHS without having to sign up or register. Services include:
- General Medical Care
- Urgent Care
- After-Hours Nurse Advice Line
- Immunizations
- Women's Health
- Sports Medicine
- Physical Therapy
- Allergy Shots
- Travel Health
- Nutrition Services
- Laboratory
- Radiology & Ultrasound

Credentials
- Fully accredited health facility through the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care
- 25 healthcare providers

Affordability
- Accepts most insurance plans (see a list at bit.ly/UHSSInsurance), but insurance isn’t required
- Discounts available for most charges to uninsured and underinsured students
- Payment not required at time of visit; charges can be posted to a student’s “What I Owe” page

Convenience
- Located on campus in the Student Services Building (SSB)
- Online and phone appointment scheduling available
- Nurse Advice Line staffed 24/7
- A robust website with UHS hours, service details, charges, payment information, insurance options and advice on what incoming students should take care of before arriving on campus (healthyhorns.utexas.edu)

Key UHS Takeaways
- Helps UT Austin students navigate the healthcare system and properly manage their own healthcare
- 98 percent of patients responded that access to health care on campus made it easier to minimize health-related disruptions to their academics (review the 2017-18 UHS Patient Satisfaction Survey at bit.ly/UHSSatisfactionSurvey)

Counseling and Mental Health Center (CMHC): On-Campus Care
The opportunity to live away from family and make independent life choices can be exciting for students. But a new environment and the rigor of college life can also be stressful. CMHC has a wide variety of resources to help your student navigate these stressors. Student favorites include the MindBody Labs, designed to help students explore resources for improving their emotional health, and Thrive at UT, a free iPhone app designed to enhance student well-being.

CMHC also offers professional group and short-term individual counseling, referral assistance to community providers, a 24/7 crisis line, and psychiatric and medication services.

Transitioning Your Longhorn’s Mental Health Care
If your student sees a counselor or psychiatrist, consider establishing a relationship with a provider in Austin. Having professional support nearby can ease their transitions to college. If they take medications, ask their physician whether prescribing medication from a distance is an option or whether your student needs a doctor in Austin.

CMHC has counselors available throughout summer at (512-471-3515) Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. (CT) to help parents and students navigate this transition. It’s important to plan ahead to ensure adequate support for your student and to establish a backup plan in case their needs change. Learn more at cmhc.utexas.edu/parents.html

Forty Acres Pharmacy: On-Campus Pharmacy Services
- Located in the Student Services Building (SSB)
- Fills prescriptions and accepts most insurance plans
- Pharmacists counsel on medication use, provide recommendations and answer questions

Transferring Prescriptions from Out-of-State Physicians
- Most prescriptions can be transferred to Forty Acres Pharmacy; some restrictions apply
- If your student needs a prescription for a Schedule II Controlled Substance (e.g. ADD or ADHD meds), contact Forty Acres Pharmacy at 512-471-1824 for assistance

Learn more at fortyacrespharmacy.com

Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD)
- Works with temporary and permanent disabilities to ensure equal access to the UT Austin experience
- Coordinates classroom, exam (including placement exams) and campus housing accommodations; accommodations for Freshman Student Orientation should be submitted at least two weeks prior to your student’s session date
- Other resources include: student groups, organizations and scholarships

Learn more at ddc.e.utexas.edu/disability

Student Health Insurance Plan
AcademicBlue is an affordable student health insurance plan offered by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas and sponsored by The University of Texas System. This plan includes benefits for off-campus providers and facilities as well as covering all covered charges incurred at UHS at 100%.

CMHC Crisis Line
512-471-2255 (CALL)
A confidential service available 24/7 that allows students to talk with trained counselors about urgent concerns.
UT EID & PASSWORD
When your student applied for admission, he or she received a University of Texas Electronic Identity (UT EID) and created a password-protected online account. This account allows your student to conduct university business, such as paying tuition, accessing course information and much more. While their UT EID is public information, students should never share their password, not even with their families, as this is a violation of the University Code of Conduct.

WHAT IS AN UPGRADED EID?
An upgraded UT EID gives your student’s UT EID legal signature authority, allowing your student to complete actions online such as accessing grades, accepting financial aid and paying tuition bills. Students must visit the ID Center on campus, sign an agreement and also present a government-issued photo ID to upgrade their UT EID. If the student is under the age of 18, his or her legal guardian must accompany the student and present a government-issued photo ID. If an under-aged student’s legal guardian is unable to visit the ID Center, the student can submit a notarized form to the ID Center. Most students upgrade their EID when they are paying for their student’s UT Austin education. Every university personnel who require this information in order to perform their legitimate educational duties.

At UT Austin, parents cannot have access to their student’s educational records, including their grades, even if they are paying for their student’s UT Austin education. Every university can interpret FERPA differently, it is important that you had access to this information at another institution with another child.

We encourage parents and students to create open lines of communication so that parents are able to get information such as grades from the best source: their students. Learn more at bit.ly/UTFERPA

FERPA RELEASE AUTHORIZATION TO DISCUSS FINANCIAL AID
Your student can complete a FERPA Release Authorization form on their CASH page online that will allow the Office of Financial Aid to discuss his or her financial aid record with a third-party, most often a parent or guardian. If your student would like your assistance with the financial aid process, it is important that you had access to this information at another institution with another child.

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FERPA: UNDERSTANDING STUDENTS’ RIGHTS TO PRIVACY
Many parents are surprised to find that they do not have access to their student’s educational records, including tuition bills, class schedules and grades at UT Austin because this information is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA).

FERPA is a federal law that restricts access to educational records and information that make the student’s identity easily traceable. Access to this information is restricted to appropriate university personnel who require this information in order to perform their legitimate educational duties.

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EPROXY: PAY BILLS ON YOUR STUDENT’S BEHALF
Your student can grant you eProxy access to take a limited set of actions on his or her behalf, such as viewing and making payments on tuition bills. First, you must create your own UT EID and password at bit.ly/CreateUTEID. Then, your student can authorize you as an eProxy. This will link your UT EID to your student’s account, so you can conduct business online on his or her behalf. It is important to note that eProxy does not give you access to other student information, such as grades. Learn more at eproxy.utexas.edu

PAYING TUITION
The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid (OSFA) and Student Accounts Receivable (SAR) are two different departments that assist students with the processing of their tuition bills.

OSFA
• Coordinates the financial aid process
• Manages private scholarships and alternative loans
• Students manage their financial aid online through Check Aid Status Here (CASH)
• Students manage and pay their tuition bill through My Tuition Bill

Visit bit.ly/TuitionContacts for OSFA and SAR contact information as well as instructions on whom to contact with common financial questions.

PAY TUTION
Explore the ways to pay tuition at tuition.utexas.edu/pay. Parents can pay students’ tuition as an eProxy (see page 11). Below are the most common ways to pay:

Pay in Full or in Installments
Tuition can be paid online, in person or by mail and may be paid in one lump sum or in three installments. Once a payment method is chosen, your student cannot change to the installment plan at a later time. The first installment payment is 50% of tuition, a $15 processing fee and any additional fees. The second and third payments are each 25% of the total tuition. To choose the installment plan, students must click the “Installment Plan” link in My Tuition Bill. Students who have financial aid posted on their bill will have a lower first installment amount.

Pay with Financial Aid
Students can use their anticipated financial aid funds to pay their tuition bill. If financial aid fully covers tuition and fees, your student must click the “Pay with Financial Aid” button before the payment deadline. If financial aid does not fully cover the tuition bill, your student must pay the amount that is not covered by financial aid by the tuition deadline.

OSFA will begin to disburse funds on a rolling basis for the fall semester no sooner than 10 days prior to the first day of class. Assuming your student has no outstanding requirements in CASH, they will receive their financial aid funds at that time. Financial aid funds are applied to university debts (tuition, housing, etc) first; excess funds are then sent to students.

Pay via a Third-Party
Students who have third-party coverage that pays their entire tuition bill must click the “Confirm Attendance” button in My Tuition Bill before the payment deadline.

Examples of third-partyinclude: Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan, Texas Tuition Promise Fund, GI Bill and Hazlewood. Students with partial coverage must pay the balance of their bill in full by the deadline. Visit bit.ly/ThirdPartyBilling for information on how to apply third-party coverage to your student’s tuition bill.

The class registration and tuition payment process are complete ONLY when students see the following message in green text in My Tuition Bill: “Your registration is complete and your courses are secured.”

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Dear Class of 2023 Parents and Families,

Just as your Longhorn prepares to transition from high school to college, we as parents and families transition to a new support role.

We hope this New Parent Guide was helpful, introducing UT Austin resources and the community that will become a home away from home for your student over the next four years. The important thing for you to know is that this guide is only an introduction.

As the parents of a Longhorn, we have found the best way to help our student attain his collegiate goals is to stay informed and connected to the university. To accomplish this, we have two suggestions for you. First, attend Freshman Family Orientation this summer. The information offered at this daylong program builds on what you have learned in this publication and the Next Steps eNewsletters. Texas Parents members will be on hand to share their experiences and answer your questions. Second, take the opportunity to sign up for the Texas Parents Association. The benefits of membership are numerous, including discounts at Austin businesses and access to the informative Texas Parents Facebook group where you can find answers to questions from a parent perspective.

Texas Parents office staff, members and volunteers exist to serve all Longhorn parents and families in support of their student. We encourage you to take advantage of this tremendous community of resources. You are about to experience an exciting, discovery-filled journey with your Longhorn. “What starts here changes the world” is more than a motto. As the class of 2023 enters this fall, they will embrace university traditions, establish some of their own and over the next four years, shape unique visions to change the world.

Our family welcomes yours to UT Austin’s Class of 2023. Congratulations and we hope to see you at Family Orientation!

Hook ‘em Horns,

Steve & Kay Orr
Texas Parents Ambassadors Council 2018-19 Co-Chairs

SUMMER & FALL 2019 CALENDAR

JUNE

3 Students can begin selecting rooms in on-campus Living, Learning Communities
17 Students can begin online room selection in on-campus residence halls

JULY

1 Students can begin scheduling check-in times to move into on-campus residence halls during August Mooov-In
30 Fall semester tuition bills distributed electronically to student’s email on record

AUGUST

Early Students living in on-campus residence halls receive their housing bill
16 Tuition payment due by 5 p.m. (CT) for students who registered for the fall semester by July 24
23 On-campus residence halls open at 9 a.m. (CT)
23 University Health Services benefits available to registered students
23 Recreational Sports facilities are open to registered students
23-24 Mooov-In for on-campus residents (early Mooov-In available 8/19 at 3 p.m. (CT))
26 Fall semester add/drop for students who registered and paid their tuition and fees by August 16
27 Fall semester registration and add/drop open to all students
27 Tuition payment due by 5 p.m. (CT) for students who registered for the fall semester after July 24

SEPTEMBER

2 Labor Day holiday (no classes)
3 Tuition payment due by 5 p.m. (CT) for students who registered for the fall semester after August 27
13 Payment for added classes (add bill) or adjusted bills due by 5 p.m. (CT)
15 On-campus housing bill due (choose to pay total amount, semester amount or installment plan)
27 Second tuition payment due for students who selected the installment plan

OCTOBER

16 On-campus housing bill due for installment plan
25 Third (final) tuition payment due for students who selected the installment plan
25-27 Family Weekend
24-25, 28 Students meet with their academic advisors to discuss spring 2020 classes
28-31 Registration for spring 2020 classes

NOVEMBER

1-8 Registration for spring 2020 semester classes continues
12 Spring 2020 semester tuition bills distributed electronically to student’s email on record
15 On-campus housing bill due for installment plan
27-29 Thanksgiving holidays (no classes)

DECEMBER

9 Last class day
12-14, 16-18 Fall semester final examinations
19 On-campus residence halls close at 9 a.m. (CT)

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Official colors

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Costumed hand signal

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