

Welcome Parents

Parents as Partners Session

Presented by: Student Affairs



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Take-Aways from this Session

- Ten conversations to have with your student over the summer
- How to partner with Millikin to help your student persist academically and socially
- Resources available to you and your student

Conversation 1

*How do you plan to be
safe on campus?*



Public Safety

Plan to be Safe

- Millikin University is deliberate about safety planning
- Your student should be as well

Safety Resources

- Safe Rides/Safe Walks
- Guardian Safety App
- MU Alert
- Campus Conduct Hotline 866.943.5787 or millikin.edu/conducthotline

Hybrid Department

- Security Team (24/7)
- Campus Police
- Student Security Aides (Performance Learning opportunity)



MU Alert

Conversation 2

*Do you know how to
access holistic wellness
services on campus?*



Millikin Health Clinic

Partnership with HSHS Medical Group

- Services
 - Office visits
 - Lab testing
 - Vaccinations/allergy injections
- Health Service Report and copy of vaccinations due **July 15**
- Helping your student be prepared – first aid kit, thermometer, cold/flu medication and copy of insurance card



Student Wellness Services

Student Mental and Behavioral Health (SMBH) Office

- All services are free for students
- Holistic model
- Crisis Intervention & Prevention
- Individual & Group Counseling
- Wellness Coaching
- HIPAA and how to connect to our office
- Wellness Peer Advocates (WPAs) as paraprofessional resource

Conversation 3

*Where do you go for
academic support?*



Center for Academic & Professional Performance (CAPP)

- Academic Support, Recovery & Resources
- Academic Advising for Exploratory majors and guidance for all other majors
- Accommodations for students with documented disabilities
- Tutoring, Math Center & Supplemental Instruction
- Student Employment
- Career Services – resume, cover letters, mock interviews, Career Closet and more



Staley Library

*Students will ask you for advice on research projects.
Refer them to the library:*

- Research Assistance – help is available through multiple means
- Instruction – students will meet us in several courses
- Resources – go beyond Google with both physical collections and electronic resources like e-books, databases and more
- Spaces – group and individual study areas
- We have friends! – Writing Center

Conversation 4

*How will you get
involved on campus?*



Campus Life

Student Engagement, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

- Leadership opportunities
- 75+ Student Organizations
- Education based – social justice programs, heritage months celebrations
- Orientation services for new students
- University traditions
 - Homecoming
 - Cookie Party
- University Commons – fusion of Library and Student Center
 - Hub of campus
 - 35 student employees – great Performance Learning opportunity

Conversation 5

What about academic records and student information for parents?



Your Student's Academic Record

- FERPA- Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act
- Your student's record moves from your joint ownership to the student's sole ownership once they enroll (regardless of age)
- All grades are electronic and available only to the student
- Set communication expectations with your student – decide if a waiver is right for your family
- Enact partnerships early

Conversation 6

*How can Student Affairs
help you succeed?*



Student Retention Services

Students can come to the 3rd floor of University Commons and staff will help with the following and more.

- We work **cooperatively and collaboratively** to advance student success.
- We focus on **psycho-social factors** that aid in success (inclusion and belonging, financial literacy, relationship issues, etc.).
- Help students connect and set appointments with other areas on campus.
- Emergency funds
- We do our advising in an “**intrusive way**” and employ a **trauma-informed, strengths-based approach**.

*Encourage your student to **respond** when approached with an invitation to meet. Students willing to ask questions and seek out resources are much more likely to succeed, and we can advocate for them when needed.*

Conversation 7

*What can you expect in the
adjustment to on-campus
(residential) living?*



Campus Life – Residential Communities

- Residential living component is critical to the Millikin experience
- 3-year live-on requirement (first year – halls; second-third year – The Woods or Greek chapter facility on campus)
- Residential Programming and Signature Communities
- Dedicated staff (Resident Assistants & professional on-call staff)
- Required first-year residential meal plan (A or B)
- Maintenance needs & laundry in residence hall
- Expectations while living away – Guide to Millikin brochure
- University Student Conduct Services

Conversation 8

Plan to communicate!



24-Hour Support For You & Your Student

- Student Affairs On-Call & Counselor On-Call Teams
- Resident Assistant – peer on residential floor;
- Student Experience Ambassador – First Year Seminar
- Public Safety – open 365 days; 24/7 (217.464.8888)
- Engage with Student Affairs staff – and we will follow up

Conversation 9

*How can Information
Technology help in
your success?*



Information Technology

- Top 5 things you need to know or do before you come to campus:
 - Set up DUO Mobile
 - Take a tour of my.millikin.edu. After logging in, search for "Tour" and click on "Tour the new myMILLIKIN"
 - Register for classes
 - Download a copy of Office 365 on your personal device (Go to Portal.Office.com)
 - Validate your registration
- New Students Tech Tools site (millikin.edu/IT)
- Help Desk in Shilling Hall Room 106, 217.362.6488 or email infotech@millikin.edu

Conversation 10

*Important Dates for the
2023-2024 Year*



Important Dates

August 6 - LV Scholars/EDGE Move-In Day

August 8 - International/Football Move-In Day

August 10 - International Orientation Begins

August 12-15 - Move-In Days for Remaining Students

August 14 - Fall Student Athlete Move-In

August 15 - Transfer Orientation

August 15-20 - Welcome Week

August 19-20 - Move-In Day at the Woods Apartments

August 21 - First Day of Classes

September 4 - Labor Day – No Classes!

September 5 - Last Day to Change Meal Plan & Room

September 29-October 1 - Homecoming

October 19-22 - Fall Break – No Classes!



Important Dates (continued)

November 7 - Scheduling Day (Spring 2024 Classes)

November 20-26 - Thanksgiving Break – No Classes!

November 27 - Classes resume for Fall semester

December 8 – Last Day of Fall 2023 Classes

December 11-15 - Final Exams

December 15 - Halls Close for Winter Break

December 15-January 22 - Winter Break

January 20 - Halls Re-Open for Spring Semester

January 22 - Classes Begin

March 16-24 - Spring Break – No Classes!

March 29-31 - Easter Break – No Classes!

May 10 - Last Day of Classes

May 13-17 - Final Exams for Spring 2024 semester

May 17 - Residence Hall Move-Out by 5:00pm

Questions?