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PARENT AND FAMILY CALENDAR

Dear Crusader Parents and Families,
On behalf of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, I would like to welcome you to the Crusader family. As a family member of a Crusader, you are now an extended member of our family. We hope that you will visit often and experience what it means to be a part of this community.

I know there are many choices when it comes to education, and I am thrilled that your son or daughter has chosen UMHB to further his or her education. Thank you for trusting us with your student. I assure you, we take the responsibility very seriously.

Our goal is to offer the finest in Christian higher education. We have faculty and staff who care about our students and are dedicated to ensuring that they are prepared for leadership, service, and faith-informed discernment in a global society. Academic excellence, personal attention, broad-based scholarship, and a commitment to a Baptist vision for education distinguish our Christ-centered learning community.

It is my hope that your student comes to love UMHB and feels that they have found a home away from home. Welcome to the UMHB family. Go Cru!



*Randy O'Rear
President*



Checklist for New Families

- Make sure your student lists you as their emergency contact through their myCampus account. They can also opt in for emergency notifications via text.
- Review the New Cru Orientation online course content with your student via myCourses (accessed through your student's OneLogin).
- Set-up who will be responsible for tuition, payment, etc.
- Be sure to review move-in guidelines sent via email by Residence Life in July. Knowing these details will make for a smooth process on move-in day.
- Book your hotel for Family Weekend: **September 5-6, 2025.**



A photograph of four diverse college students (three young women and one young man) standing outdoors on a green lawn. They are all wearing purple t-shirts and smiling at the camera. The student on the far left is a young woman with long dark hair and a purple headband. The student next to her is a young man with curly dark hair. The student next to him is a young man with short dark hair. The student on the far right is a young woman with long dark hair. They are all making hand gestures. In the background, there is a tall, light-colored stone tower with an arched opening, and a low stone wall with several arched openings. There are green trees and a blue sky with some clouds. A semi-transparent purple banner is at the bottom of the image, containing text.

JULY

Move-In:

Confirm your family's travel plans and your move-in date, time, and procedure. Your student can coordinate with their roommate(s) to decide what to bring. Remind your student to pack light; they can buy or bring more stuff later. Reminder: label all boxes with student's room #.

Tips for staying in touch:

Talk to your student ahead of time about how and when you will communicate. Let them suggest a day of the week and time for a regular call or video chat. By making a communication plan, you'll be sure to touch base regularly while still giving your student space to adjust to a new routine.

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 Summer 2 Classes Begin	2	3	4 Independence Day Holiday	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Summer 2 Classes End	31	1	2



AUG

Keeping peace with roommates:

Encourage your student to talk to their roommate(s) early to establish expectations about cleaning, guests, noise, etc. Communication and compromise will prevent minor conflicts from turning into bigger ones. It's also helpful for students to know the RA (Resident Assistant) and RD (Resident Director). RAs and RDs are there to help!

Finding a place on campus:

Joining teams and organizations, meeting neighbors, or getting a campus job are all great ways for students to make friends and build community. They can pursue existing interests or try something new. In general, engaged students feel more connected to the campus community - and get better grades, too!

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6 Move In Day University Housing Opens	7 Registration Open	8	9
Welcome Week						
10	11 First Day of Classes	12	13 Convocation at 11:00am	14 Last Day to Add/Drop A-Term Classes with 100% Tuition Refund Part-Time Job Fair	15	16
Welcome Week						
17	18	19	20 Last Day to Add/Drop	21	22 Last Day to Drop with a W for A-Term Classes	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

A photograph of two young women with dark hair, smiling and waving at the camera. They are wearing purple tops. The woman on the left has long dark hair and is wearing a purple sleeveless top. The woman on the right has long dark hair, wears glasses, and is wearing a purple short-sleeved top. They are both wearing rings and have white nail polish. The background is dark with some purple light streaks and other people out of focus.

SEPT

Adjusting to college-level work:

College academics are a lot harder than high school and your student may struggle at times. Encourage your student to get involved in residence hall and campus activities to help them feel more connected. Students can contact the Center for Academic Excellence for support and resources.

How to help a homesick student:

Remember that settling into a new community takes time, and homesickness is normal. Be a sounding board for your student but don't feel you have to "fix" things for them. Sometimes, students just need to vent after a hard day. Encourage your student to try residence hall and campus activities. For more serious situations, Counseling Services offers free appointments.

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Labor Day (Regular Class Day)	2	3	4	5 Last Day to Drop with a W for Full Term Classes Ring Ceremony	6
					Family Weekend	
7	8	9	10	11	12 Last Day to Drop (WP/WF) for A-Term Classes	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Last Day of A-Term Classes	27
			Mission Emphasis Week			
28	29 First Day of B-Term Classes	30 Last Day to Add/Drop with 100% Tuition Refund for B-Term Classes	1	2	3	4



OCT

Time to renew financial aid:

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opens October 1st. Students renewing aid, or applying for the first time, must complete the form each year. If your student needs help filling it out, encourage them to visit the Financial Aid office in Sanderford Administrative Complex for assistance.

Your student's academic advisor:

Students are required to meet with their academic advisor each semester before registering for the next semester's classes. In addition to course recommendations, advisors can help students set long-term academic goals and stay on track for an on-time graduation. Your student should make the most of this important relationship!

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 FAFSA Opens for 2026-2027	2 Last Day to Add/Drop B-Term Classes	3	4
5	6 Housing Intent Begins for Spring	7	8	9	10 Last Day to Drop with W for B-Term Classes	11
	Fall Break					
12	13	14	15 Graduation Applications Due for Commencement	16 Stunt Night Education Job Fair	17 Stunt Night	18
			Homecoming Week			
19	20 Registration Begins for Spring	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Housing Selection Begins for Spring	28 Senior Etiquette Dinner	29	30	31 Freshman Registration for Spring Last Day to Drop (WP/WF) for Full-Term Classes	1



NOV

Finding a healthy routine:

Have regular conversations with your student about health and wellness. Sleep is important, and many students get too much or not enough. Regular exercise is also essential for strong physical and mental health and for managing stress. Remind your student to pile on the veggies in the dining hall, keep healthy snacks on hand, and steer clear of too much fast food and caffeine.

Preparing for finals:

Encourage your student to look ahead at the final exam schedule and to make a study plan that begins two weeks before finals. Creating a plan and starting early will help relieve some stress before exams. Also, encourage them to visit the Center for Academic Excellence in the Mabee Student Success Building for tutoring support and study tips.

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Miss Mary Hardin-Baylor Pageant
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
First Generation College Student Celebration Week						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
						Final Exams for B-Term & Evening Classes
16	17	18	19 Last Day of Classes Finals for B-Term & Evening Classes	20 Pancake Supper	21	22
	Final Exams for B-Term & Evening Classes			Final Exams for Full-Term Classes		
23	24	25	26 Residence Halls Close at 12:00pm (noon)	27	28	29
30	Final Exams for Full-Term Classes		Thanksgiving Holiday			



DEC

Catching up:

As happy as you may be to have your student home for a few weeks, it's common for families to make adjustments to reintegrate their college student back into the household. Remembering that students have followed new habits and routines during their time away can make those adjustments easier!

Student Finances:

The budget your family set in August might be out of control by December. Encourage your student to review spending habits and make adjustments before next semester. Financial Aid can provide access to resources to help with budgeting.

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 Winter Term Begins	2	3	4	5 Commencement 1:00pm	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Last Day of Winter Term	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27
Christmas Holiday						
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Christmas Holiday						

A group of four students are sitting on stone steps in front of a large, classical-style university building with a clock tower. From left to right: a young man with curly hair is using a laptop; a young woman with glasses and a plaid shirt is smiling; a young man in a light green hoodie is holding a notebook with 'The Office' character stickers; and a young woman with long brown hair is writing in a notebook. A backpack is on the ground next to them. The scene is outdoors on a grassy area with trees in the background.

JAN

A fresh start:

The first semester of college can be more academically demanding than students expect. Remind your student that the second semester can be a time to reset. Encourage them to set goals, take action, and check-in with their advisor to stay on the right track.

Safety:

Safety is one of the greatest concerns parents have for students. Regular reminders can help students remember to secure belongings, avoid leaving items unattended, and lock doors. If you or your student have safety questions or concerns, University Police can help.

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January

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Christmas Holiday						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Residence Halls Open at 12:00pm (noon)
11	12 First Day of All Classes	13	14	15	16	17
					Psalms Women's Conference	
18	19 MLK, Jr. Holiday	20	21 Spring Organization Fair	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



FEB

Student Relationships:

College relationships are a marker for a successful adjustment. While your student may stay connected with high school friends, it's important for them to connect and build relationships at UMHB as well. Encourage your student to get involved and stick around campus on weekends.

Time Management:

College students are busy. Your student might have learned this the hard way during their first semester. Taking control of their schedule by balancing academics and social life is important. Encourage your student to visit the Center for Academic Excellence in the Mabee Student Success Building for help with time management skills.

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Charter Day	5	6	7
8	9 Housing Intent for Fall Begins	10	11	12 Business Job Fair	13	14
15	16	17 Nursing Job Fair	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Crusader Knights
1	2	3	4	5	6	7



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Spring Break:

Spring Break is a time for students to unplug and recharge before the end of the semester. While most people picture parties and vacations, Spring Break can also include mission trips, spending time with family, or getting ahead on school work. Talk with your student about health and safety, and encourage them to be safe and responsible whatever their plans are.

Looking ahead:

Your student's first year of college is almost complete. Meeting with academic advisors each semester allows students to talk about upcoming classes and to explore career opportunities after they graduate. Encourage your student to start these discussions now and to stop by Career Services in the Mabee Student Success Building for additional resources.

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Housing Selection for Fall Begins	11	12	13 Residence Halls Close for Spring Break	14
	Revival					
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Spring Break					
22 Residence Halls Open	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Education Job Fair	31	1	2	3	4



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Motivation:

Spring is in the air, which means lots of events are happening on campus. While these events are for students to enjoy, they can make it hard to stay academically focused. Encourage your student to participate in events and also create a plan to finish the semester strong by making time for studying.

Listen:

April can be a time of stress for students as they approach finals and the end of the semester. Talk to your student, and clarify what they need from you as a family member. Sometimes they need someone to listen, and other times they need advice. A care package mailed to your student can help relieve stress and encourage them while studying for and taking final exams.

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 Easter Pageant	2	3 Good Friday Holiday	4
5 Easter Sunday	6	7	8	9	10	11 The Big Event
12	13	14	15	16 Play Day	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2



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Summer Plans:

If your student is not employed during the summer, taking a class or two might be a good option. Students may have feelings of anxiety about going home for the summer and losing a new-found sense of freedom. It is important to discuss what life will be like with them back in the house and agree on set expectations.

Now What?

Your student just completed their first academic year as a college student. It's time to celebrate! Congratulate your student on their hard work. Encourage them to enjoy time to relax and reset before another school year begins.

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1 Last Day of Class	2
3	4 Pancake Supper	5	6	7	8 Housing Closes at 12:00pm (noon)	9 Commencement 7:30pm
	Final Exams					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day Holiday	26	27	28	29	30
31						



JUNE

Missing UMHB:

Try not to take it personally if your student misses UMHB. Just as they missed you when they came to college, they will also miss new friends while they are home. Don't be surprised if you get visitors during the summer or if your student wants to visit a friend.

Continued support:

Be prepared to support your student through the next academic year. Some students experience the "sophomore slump", marked by reduced motivation and declining academic performance. The "newness" of college has worn off and reality hits, leaving students feeling as if UMHB is not as supportive as in the first year even though the curriculum seems to be harder. Preparing for this transition before the beginning of the next semester can positively impact your student and start their year on the right track.

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

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25	Alumni Center	60	Football Practice Fields
58	Andersen Field House	31	Fowler Board Room
2	Baugh Performance Hall	38	Frazier Hall
23	Baugh Visual Arts Center	43	Garner Hall
31	Bawcom Student Union	36	Gettys Hall
46	Beall Hall	39	Hardy Hall
11	Brindley Auditorium	6	Heard Hall
18	Burt Hall	51	Jane and Mac Hickerson Crusader Golf Club
31	Campus Store	27	Hughes Recital Hall
9	Clements Building	47	Independence Village
24	College View Apartments	37	Johnson Hall
52	Conner Golf Performance Center	53	Li Tennis Courts
1	Cru Community Clinic	8	Lord Conference Center
28	Crusader Stadium	40	Lord Hall
59	Cummins Field House	14	Luther Memorial & Bell Tower
63	Curtis Mansion	26	Mabee Market
7	Davidson Building	26	Mabee Student Success Center
56	Dee Dillon Softball Field	35	Mabee-Farris Recreation Gymnasium
61	Engineering Design Lab		
49	Farris Hall		
2	Fikes Chamber Hall		

3	Manning Chapel	33	Quad
4	Marek-Smith Center for Teacher Preparation	45	Recreation Courts
34	Mayborn Campus Center	57	Red Murff Baseball Field
2	Mayborn Performing Arts Center	30	Remschel Hall
42	McClinton Family Intramural Fields	15	Sanderford Administrative Complex
44	McClinton Family Recreation Center	55	Soccer Fields
31	McLane Great Hall	54	Soccer & Tennis Field House
41	McLane Hall	32	Stribling Hall
3	Meyer Christian Studies Center	20	Student Memorial
22	Meyer Nursing Center	62	"The Mac" Golf Practice Course
21	Millennium Oaks Park	12	Townsend Memorial Library
10	Moon Building	17	Walton Chapel
25	Museum	22	Weir Lecture Hall
8	Parker Academic Center	13	Wells Science Hall
16	Parker Prayer Garden	48	Williams Service Center
19	Potter Gazebo	5	York House
50	President's Home	11	York Science Center
27	Presser Hall	29	York Sesquicentennial Plaza