UMass Lowell Welcomes Class of 2018!

The first week of September, UMass Lowell welcomed the new class of students to campus. The week was filled with activities for students to meet each other and immerse themselves in campus life.

Highlights from opening week included PlayFair (see photo above), Wet & Wild BBQ, Difference Makers Launch w/ Johnny Cupcakes, Target After Hours Trip, UCrossing After Dark (a headphone disco party), Open Skate at the Tsongas Center, Late Night Movie & Ice Cream Social, Club Fair and New Student Convocation.
Dear Parents & Families,

The new year is underway and we are very excited to be working with you to help your students have a successful experience at UMass Lowell. We hope that you all enjoyed reading the first issue of the “Family Times”. If anyone has suggestions for future articles, please let us know.

On September 17th, the Parent Advisory Board met for its first meeting of the semester. In total, twenty-eight parents joined at the Charles J. Hoff Scholarship Center. We had a great presentation from Career Services on the new Pro Path career development program and some quality discussion on topics ranging from transportation on campus to ways parents can help our office. If anyone is interested in learning more about the Parents Advisory Board and how to get involved, please let us know.

We hope that each of you will consider joining us for River Hawk Homecoming Weekend, October 23rd to 26th. The weekend will be filled with exciting activities for you are your student. Please take some time to review the details about River Hawk Homecoming in this issue. There are numerous package and single ticket options to fit any budget.

As always, if there is anything we can do to help you or your student, please do not hesitate to contact us via email or phone.

Sincerely,

Joy & Phil
Hello UMass Lowell Parents!

August was a very exciting time on campus as we moved in approximately 1,200 students into 11 Living-Learning Communities! Each LLC also hosted its own Kick-Off Event to welcome them to their “home away from home” while also providing them with more information about their respective community.

What is an LLC you ask? Living-Learning Communities are residencially-based programs that link academic and residential life through an interdisciplinary theme or major. These unique communities take learning outside of the classroom and into the residence hall, bringing practical application to students’ lives through intentional programming and academic resources. Here at UMass Lowell we are very fortunate to have a strong group of Faculty and Staff Advisors for each of our LLCs who are not only visible at programs but also there to provide hands-on interaction with students in helping with their academic and developmental needs.

As the semester continues we are looking forward to providing numerous programming opportunities for your students including experiential field trips in the Lowell and Boston area, guest speakers, leadership development, academic advising, and social events with key faculty members. Data has shown that those who are involved in an LLC are more likely to do well academically, connect better with their peers, and have a stronger overall college experience. If you have any questions regarding the LLC program please feel free to contact me.

Here’s to a great year!

Kohya Lu
Associate Director of Residence Life
River Hawk Homecoming is almost here! We hope each and every one of you will join your student for a weekend filled with fun for the whole family.

Parent Programs will be hosting a Parent & Family Reception on Saturday afternoon that is sure to be a lot of fun (see next page for details).

This year a wide variety of ticket packages are being offered to provide flexibility and fit any budget. An example of the packages is as follows:

**River Hawk Weekend - $45 per person (Actual Value: $101)**
- One Hockey ticket to Friday night’s game against the University of Michigan
- One Hockey ticket to Saturday night’s game against Michigan State
- One lanyard with parent/family badge.
- One food and one drink item at Hawkeye Way on Saturday
- One race number voucher code for Jennifer’s 5k Walk/Run on Saturday
- One 2014 Homecoming t-shirt
- One Admission to the After-Party on Saturday Night, including one free drink ticket.
- Cider and donuts at Family Fun-Day at Parlee Farms on Sunday
- Coupon to the new River Hawk Shop
- A portion will benefit student scholarships in honor of homecoming weekend.

You may also purchase tickets for individual events if you choose. For more information on ticket packages and options or to purchase your ticket package, please visit [www.uml.edu/homecoming](http://www.uml.edu/homecoming).

River Hawk Homecoming Events Include:

- 16th Annual Jennifer's 5K Run/Walk
- Reunions & athlete alumni games
- Campus tours
- Open skate
- Hawkeye Way: family activities, live music, food, student organization showcases, performances and more
- UMass Lowell Hockey vs. University of Michigan
- UMass Lowell Hockey vs. Michigan State University
- UMass Lowell Field Hockey, Soccer & Volleyball games
- After-party River Hawk celebration
- And more...
River Hawk
Homecoming 2014
What can parents and families do during the weekend?

Although all River Hawk Homecoming major events are open to everyone, we would like to highlight a few programs that we feel will be of most interest to Parents and Families.

Friday, October 24th
• 6-7 p.m. - River Hawk Rally
  Join your students in the Tsongas Center as they get ready for the big game.

• 7:30-9:30 p.m. - Ice Hockey Game vs. Michigan
  Come cheer on the River Hawks in their big game against the University of Michigan.

Saturday, October 25th
• 2-6 p.m. - Hawkeye Way
  Join your students outside the Tsongas Center for Live Music, Entertainment, Food & Beverages, Family Activities, Farmer’s Market, Showcases of Student Clubs, Organizations and Performances.

• 2-4 p.m. - Family Times Headquarters
  Stop by our Parent & Family tent located outside the Tsongas to get information from various campus offices and participate in an exciting scavenger hunt and win prizes.

• 4-6 p.m. - Parent & Family Reception
  Join us and socialize with other parents and families, participate in trivia and enjoy some great food. You can even bring your students.

• 7-9 p.m. - Ice Hockey Game vs. Michigan
  Join your students for a night of exciting ice hockey against Michigan State.

• 9-11 p.m. - After Party River Hawk Celebration
  End the weekend on a high note with a celebration outside the Tsongas Center.

Parent & Family Reception Details
Saturday, October 25th
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
The Family Headquarters Tent
(Behind the Tsongas Center)
$10.00 per Person
Bring your UML Student for Free!

Join us for Stump Trivia, music, appetizers and mingling with other families.

To attend, please purchase a Family Reception ticket on the Homecoming ticketing site as an add-on to any Homecoming Package or as a stand alone item.

www.uml.edu/homecoming

Exclusive Family Dining Coupon

Special October Savings at 50 Warren Restaurant & Lounge

Buy One, Get One 50% Off

Purchase any regular priced entree and receive a second entree of equal or lesser value at half price.

Valid on food purchases. Alcohol excluded. Discount applies to item of equal or lesser value. Limit one coupon per table, per visit. Tax and gratuity not included. Not valid with any other offer. Void if copied, transferred, sold, purchased or prohibited by law. No cash value. Offer valid through October 31, 2014.

UMass Lowell Inn & Conference Center | 50 Warren St. | Lowell, MA 01852 | 978.934.6950
Leaves are changing color, pumpkins and pots of mums are appearing on porches, and students are making the transition from tank tops to hoodies. Must be October! It is a season of change, and for some students the shift is more than just in their apparel! Maybe they see that the transition to University level rigor means they need to make some changes in their study habits. If students are looking for some support to get through their midterms and to the completion of a successful semester, Centers for Learning tutoring centers have exactly what they need! Now is the perfect time to remind your daughter or son that peer tutoring is available in all majors at four convenient locations.

Tutoring is organized according to the location of the major/college. North campus majors (Business, Engineering, Sciences) are tutored in Southwick 321. South Campus majors (FAHSS and Health) are tutored in O’Leary Learning Commons. A mix of subjects is offered during evening tutoring at Fox and ICC, with a focus on first and second year introductory courses.

All our peer tutors are current UMass Lowell students who meet the following requirements: they’ve completed the course(s) they tutor with a grade of B+ or higher, have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or above, and have been recommended by a member of our faculty. They complete a training program (certified by the College Reading and Learning Association) as well as an observation period with an experienced tutor before being added to the tutoring schedule.

Most tutoring is done on a drop-in basis; the only exception is writing—an appointment is needed. To schedule an appointment with a Write Place tutor call North campus (978-934-2292) for a session at either Southwick 321 or in Fox Hall. For appointments on South contact the English Department Writing Center (978) 934-5270. Students may also review specific course material or improve skills under the guidance of a peer tutor. This assistance is offered free of charge to undergraduates.

For more information please contact Suzanne_Gamache@uml.edu. Weekly updated schedules are posted on the Centers for Learning website: http://www.uml.edu/CLASS/Tutoring/Drop-In-Tutoring.aspx

Coming up in the next issue:

Learn about Advising After Dark & selecting classes for next semester.
Supporting LGBTQ Students on Campus
Learn about Ally Space and Other Resources

UMass Lowell strives to make the environment on campus an inclusive and welcoming place for students of all different backgrounds. One way that the campus does this for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) students is through the Ally Space: LGBTQ Education program. The Ally Space Program is an educational initiative designed to help promote a safe and healthy campus environment for all students, staff, and faculty of all sexual orientations and gender identities. The Ally Space Program offers workshops on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer issues, ally education, and provides resources to the campus community.

If there is a student in your life that is part of the LGBTQ community, they might have questions about navigating campus. They might be looking for friends with similar identities, social groups, and campus programs that reflect who they are. Finding these resources can sometimes be difficult, and students might not know who to ask or where to go. If there is a student in your life that is not part of the LGBTQ community, but wants to be supportive and make campus a welcoming place, they might not be sure how to do that.

Here are some on campus and local resources available:

UMass Lowell Ally Space Program
www.uml.edu/student-services/Multicultural/Programs/UMass-Lowell-Ally-Space.aspx

UMass Lowell Pride Alliance – Student LGBTQ Club
umasslowellclubs.collegiatelink.net/organization/pridealliance

There are many trained allies in the following campus offices: Residence Life, Student Activities & Leadership, Multicultural Affairs, Wellness Center, Registrar, Campus Ministry, Student Affairs

PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays) is a great resource for any friends or family members that might have questions about supporting LGBTQ Students
www.pflag.org

Ally Space: LGBTQ Education Program
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COMING OUT TOGETHER
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS@UM.LEOU
FOR OTHER EVENTS PLEASE CHECK WWW.UM.LEOU/CLUBS

OCTOBER 1ST-3RD
10AM-5PM // UCRossing Lobby
Coming Out to Support
Visit our coming out door to show support for all members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, and ally (GLBTQA) community.

OCTOBER 9TH
5-9PM // UCROSSING 255
Ally Space Student Training
Receive information and resources to support the GLBTQA members of our campus community. Registration is required. Space limited. E-mail Multicultural_Affairs@uml.edu for more info.

OCTOBER 6TH-10TH
12-7PM // UCROSSING LOBBY
Gay Lowell History Exhibit
The exhibit displays archival material and oral histories that the Gay Lowell History Project has collected over the past year. The material documents the history of Lowell’s gay & lesbian community of the 1950s.
Campus Recreation provides an wonderful outlet for students to participate in a wide array of activities and make new friends all while helping to avoid the “freshman fifteen”.

Campus Recreation offers everything from outdoor adventure trips to intramural sports, group fitness classes, personal trainers and two on campus gym facilities.

Parents and family members can also enjoy the benefits of Campus Recreation. Immediate family members 18 years and older of a UMass Lowell student may purchase a full membership to the Campus Rec Center, located at 100 Pawtucket Street, Lowell, MA 01854 (See side bar for details).

Do you miss cheering your students on at their high school sporting events? If your student is on an intramural team, then you still can. Parent and families are invited to the Campus Rec Center to be a spectator. Guest at intramural games are welcome at no charge.

Campus Rec Center Membership Details

Full Membership Rates:
Monthly - $40
- credit card required
- Automatic monthly withdrawal
- 30-day written notice required for cancellation; minimum of 2 months required before cancellation.

6 Month Membership - $200
12 Month Membership - $300
With full memberships include access to the Costello Pool on North Campus (During open pool hours).

For more info on our membership options:
www.uml.edu/campusrecreation
Greetings from the River Hawk Shop at UMass Lowell! We are located in the beautiful University Crossing building and are a one stop shop for any needs you or student may have.

Our main level has a vast array of UMass Lowell apparel, gifts and drink ware as well as residence hall room, technology and school supplies, health and beauty items as well as snacks and drinks. We also have a large variety of general reading books that will be sure to please all ages. Our lower level is home to all textbooks and course materials, as well as online and in store order pick up.

At this time, your student has settled into their residence hall and may have forgotten some items. Here at the River Hawk Shop we have bedding, hangers, irons, lamps, storage bins, wall decals and more. We also have phone chargers, headphones, extension cords and computer supplies. We have extended our hours of operation over previous year (see side bar for hours) and of course you may shop online 24/7 at RiverHawkShop.com. We look forward to seeing you and your student in our store!

River Hawk Shop Hours
Monday-Friday
9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday

Exclusive Family Bookstore Coupon

UMASS Lowell River Hawk Shop
$10 OFF imprinted merchandise purchase
When you spend $40 or more*

Facebook.com/UMassLowellBookstore

*Valid through 12/31/14. May not be combined with any other offer. Valid in store and on select items only. Limit one coupon per customer. Excludes textbooks, gift cards, clearance items, previous and online purchases, computer supplies/hardware/software, and professional reference. Void if copied, transferred, and where prohibited by law. See store for details.
Important Contacts

Student Affairs
Deans of Students & Associate Vice Chancellor Office
978-934-2100

Residence Life
living on campus
978-934-5160

CLASS
Centers for Learning & Academic Support Services
978-934-2936

Student Financial Services
tuition, fees, billing, payment plans
978-934-3570

Financial Aid
aid, student employment, loan servicing, scholarships
978-934-4220

University Dining Services
meal plans & campus dining information
978-934-5369

Student Activities & Leadership
student clubs, greek life & student events
978-934-5001

Multicultural Affairs
developing an inclusive community
978-934-4336

Career Services & Cooperative Education
internships/co-ops & getting ready for life after college
978-934-2355

Wellness Center
Health, Counseling & Disability Services
978-934-6800

University Police Emergency
978-934-4911

University Police Non-Emergency
978-934-2398

Upcoming Events for Parents & Families

Friday, 10/10 (1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.)
Raytheon-UMass Lowell Research Institute Grand Opening & Open House
UMass Lowell celebrates the opening of its newest research venue. RSVP by Friday, 9/26 by contacting lisa.gagnon@uml.edu.

Friday, 10/10 (7 p.m. - 9 p.m.)
Hockey East Home Opener
Join your students at the Tsongas Center as the Back-to-Back Hockey East Champion River Hawks take on the Boston College Eagles. For tickets visit www.goriverhawks.com.

Thursday, 10/23 - Sunday, 10/26
River Hawk Homecoming
Join us for a weekend of fun for the whole family. See inside for more details.

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