

## Dear Parent and Family,

We want you to play an active role in your college student's first-year experience, so we would like to invite you to attend Parent Orientation.

At Parent Orientation, you will gain valuable information to help you support your student, even if you have another student in college or you're an alumnus of the U of M. We recognize that your encouragement, guidance, and advice will remain vitally important to your student over the next four years.

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## What Steps Should Parents Take?

### Step 1. Encourage Your Student To Confirm Enrollment Early

When students confirm their enrollment, they are reserving a place in the freshman class. Students who confirm their enrollment by late March will be able to access their New Student Checklist and select a New Student Orientation date on April 9, 2014. (The deadline to confirm is May 1.)

[admissions.tc.umn.edu/checklist](http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/checklist)

*Please note: The enrollment confirmation fee takes a minimum of 48 hours to process; you will not be able to access the New Student Checklist until then.*

### Step 2. Have Open Lines of Communication

Beginning in early April, your student will start receiving important information about Orientation and Welcome Week. Make sure you ask your student about the information he/she receives or visit our website to download electronic copies of Orientation & First-Year Programs publications.

[www.ofyp.umn.edu/publications](http://www.ofyp.umn.edu/publications)

### Step 3. Register To Attend Parent Orientation

U of M research shows that when parents and family members attend Parent Orientation, their students are more successful during the first year of college. Parent Orientation is a one-day program with optional sessions on day two. You must register for Parent Orientation separately from your student. The parent registration site will be available April 9.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

<b>April 9</b>	Orientation date selection begins
<b>May 1</b>	Enrollment confirmation deadline
<b>May 1</b>	Housing guarantee deadline
<b>June 10–July 18</b>	Range of dates for New Student and Parent Orientation sessions
<b>Aug. 27–Sept. 1</b>	Welcome Week
<b>Sept. 26–28</b>	Parents Weekend