NEXT STEPS for
PARENTS and FAMILIES
As a parent or family member of a soon-to-be college student, you play an important role in your student’s transition into University life. Over the next four years, your support, guidance, and advice will remain vitally important to your student. Here at the University of Minnesota, it is our expectation that you play an active role during this important time of transition. Over the next few months, your student will receive information from his/her college of enrollment, as well as Orientation & First-Year Programs regarding New Student Orientation and other enrollment requirements.

During this time of transition, parents should:

- **Encourage your student to CONFIRM ENROLLMENT EARLY**
  Once your student submits the enrollment confirmation to the Office of Admissions, he/she will have access to information about New Student Orientation and can begin to take action on items like placement testing. Students who confirm early can also sign up for New Student Orientation beginning on Wednesday, April 7! Learn more at admissions.tc.umn.edu/checklist.

- **REGISTER TO ATTEND PARENT ORIENTATION**
  Parent Orientation is designed to address the questions and concerns you are thinking about during the summer before college. U of M research shows that when parents or family members attend Parent Orientation, their students are more successful during the first year of college. Even if this is not your first student to attend college, attending Parent Orientation can help you navigate the University and provide the appropriate amount of support to your student. Learn more at www.ofyp.umn.edu/fyparents.

- **HAVE OPEN LINES OF COMMUNICATION AND SHARE INFORMATION**
  Between now and the start of classes, students will receive important information via mail and email regarding New Student Orientation, Welcome Week, and the start of classes. If you expect to be kept in the loop, talk to your student about it now.

This is an exciting time for both you and your student.

We hope your student decides to attend the University of Minnesota, and we look forward to seeing you at Parent Orientation and at Parents Weekend this fall!