2015-16
FAMILY CALENDAR
WELCOME TO OUR **BOILERMAKER FAMILY**

This is a very exciting time for Purdue parents and families as the school year gets underway and your Boilermakers take their first steps toward a bright career in West Lafayette.

As a parent myself, I know how hard you have worked to prepare your sons and daughters for this point in their lives. I know they wouldn’t be here without your guidance. On behalf of Purdue, thank you for shaping the world’s best and brightest young minds and pointing them in the right direction.

As valued members of the Purdue community, you can enhance your student’s experience at the University by staying actively involved. Behind every successful Boilermaker is a network of support, from professors and campus mentors to friends and, most importantly, family.

Purdue Parent & Family Programs is here to form a partnership with parents and families to support student success and coordinate opportunities for parents to engage in the University community. One way you can get involved is through the Parents Fund. Each year generous Purdue parents and families contribute to this fund, which provides enhancements to programs that support our students’ success. It is the Parent & Family Programs’ goal to build upon the foundation of success that students have always received from their families.

As vice provost of student life, I know that reinforcing the support that our Boilermakers receive at home is of the utmost importance. Thank you for all that you do!

**BOILER UP!**
Beth McCuskey

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### NEXT STEPS

**PLAN NOW FOR YOUR FUTURE VISITS**

For where to stay in the Greater Lafayette area, talk to the helpful folks at the Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-872-6648. Special events at Purdue can pull a crowd so, if you plan an overnight stay, make reservations early.

The Union Club Hotel in the Purdue Memorial Union is a full-service hotel. For more info, visit www.hotel.purdue.edu or call 800-320-6291.
Purdue University is a place of great promise. Some of our stories you know. Others, you may not. Our Boilermakers include 23 astronauts, seven Nobel laureates and our president, Mitch Daniels, Indiana's governor, 2005-13. Purdue produces Pulitzer Prize winners, corporate leaders, life-changing scholars and opinion leaders across all sectors of our changing world.

Our alumni include many thousands of dedicated teachers, engineers, doctors, nurses, lawyers, inventors, entrepreneurs, managers and artists. We connect with and contribute to every aspect of human endeavor. What we do here on campus and beyond impacts the world around us. What we make moves the world forward.

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**ABOUT PURDUE**

**JUST IN CASE**

Keep these numbers handy. If for any reason you’re concerned about your student, call us.

**PURDUE POLICE DEPARTMENT**
765-494-8221

**PURDUE DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE**
765-494-4600
765-496-1343 V/TTY

**UNIVERSITY RESIDENCES**
765-494-1000

**DEAN OF STUDENTS**
765-494-1747
765-496-1343 V/TTY

**CRISIS HOTLINE**
765-495-HELP (4357)

**PARENT & FAMILY PROGRAMS**
Toll free: 844-228-0449

**PURDUE EMERGENCY ALERTS**
(TWITTER)
@purdueemergency
THE RUSH OF A LIFETIME

Boiler Gold Rush (BGR, as we call it!) is Purdue’s one-of-a-kind orientation program that allows first-year students to connect with campus, meet peer mentors and make new friends — all before classes even begin in the fall. As one of the largest student-run orientation programs of its type (led by more than 500 current students), BGR is a can’t-miss experience.

Students who participate will learn how to navigate campus, how to make the best use of campus resources, and how to get involved and find success as a Boilermaker. Although participation in BGR is not required, it is the perfect first step in your student’s journey as a Boilermaker.
QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR BOILERMAKER:
1. Which classes are you most excited about this semester?
2. What student organizations are you thinking of joining?

TALKING POINTS: SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Before your student arrives on campus for move-in, make sure to discuss communication expectations as a family. Trust us on this one — it can help avoid any confusion and potential hurt feelings down the road.

Decide how often and in what ways you will catch up with your student — even if it is just a text from time to time.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) prohibits anyone at the University from sharing any student academic information with families unless the student gives prior written consent. Take a moment to talk with your Boilermaker about expectations for sharing information about grades, etc.

PURDUE YOU KNOW? Superstitious undergraduates, beware. Legend has it that students who walk underneath the Bell Tower won’t graduate in four years.
The transition to university life can lead to a range of emotions, from overwhelming excitement to hard-to-handle homesickness. But don’t worry: Whatever you and your student are feeling is completely normal.

One foolproof way to help ease the transition is to make sure your student is involved on campus, whether it be in a residence hall or student organization. Not only will it help forge a connection with Purdue, it will also give you plenty to talk about. (Bonus: Research shows that students who are involved outside of class are happier, have better time management skills and earn better grades than students who are not involved. Sounds like a win-win to us!)

If your student is struggling to make connections or is feeling homesick, suggest a visit to the Advocacy and Support Center in the Office of the Dean of Students.
QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR BOILERMAKER:
1. What professors have you met?
2. What have you enjoyed doing at the Co-Rec?

TALKING POINTS: SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT
It’s a hard discussion — we know. But take some time and be frank with your student about the serious consequences of drinking alcohol or using drugs. Make the point that the impact can be detrimental to health and academic success. An alcohol- or drug-related arrest may derail admission to graduate school and hiring. Use these Purdue resources to help guide your discussion:

- Under the Purdue Medical Amnesty policy, your student can get help for a victim of alcohol poisoning without fear of University consequences. Off-campus? The Indiana Lifeline Law offers similar protections.
- The Student Wellness Office provides information and resources to students about alcohol, drugs, and wellness. Learn more at www.purdue.edu/swo.
- The Purdue Alcohol Awareness website is just what it seems — a hub for alcohol awareness at Purdue. Get information on University policy and alcohol-free activities around campus. Visit www.purdue.edu/alcohol.

PURDUE YOU KNOW? Brush up on the lyrics to the “Purdue Hymn.” As the University’s official anthem, it’s performed during all graduation ceremonies — summer, winter and spring.
WORK HARD, PLAY HARD

By now, your student is probably right at home at Purdue — and looking forward to the upcoming October Break!

Your student’s pockets may be starting to feel a little lighter after all those midafternoon Den Pop runs and late-night Insomnia Cookies deliveries. (We get it — the urge for a ridiculously large pop at a ridiculously low price gets the best of us at times, too!) Maybe an on-campus job is just what your student is looking for to help feed those habits and maybe — just maybe — save for next semester’s books.

If so, your Boilermaker can contact the CCO (Center for Career Opportunities). From Federal Work-Study programs for students with high financial need to internships in fields of interest, the CCO is there to help.

There are plenty of on-campus options, too. The Co-Rec, University Residences, and Purdue Dining & Catering are some top student employers on campus.

Now, time to brush up on those interview skills!
QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR BOILERMAKER:
1. Are you considering any special plans for October Break?
2. What are your toughest exams?

TALKING POINTS: SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

There are many differences between high school and college, both academically and socially. Here are some ideas for how you can help your student adapt:

• Encourage your Boilermaker to find friends with similar interests and values. There is nothing like a support system away from home. The B-Involved website can provide a head start: www.purdue.edu/b-involved.
• Gently encourage good time-management skills, but remember that it’s up to your student to figure out the right balance of time spent working on homework, going to class and having fun.
• Cheer your Boilermaker on to success. Be an ally and offer congratulations — big and small.

PURDUE YOU KNOW? From Lady Gaga to the founder of Reddit, Purdue pulls in famous names for concerts, lectures and performances every year.
NOVEMBER 2015

FINALS PICK-ME-UP

Your student is about to enter that time of the year when life becomes a bit hectic — finals week. Finals don’t need to be scary; in fact, with a little organization, they can actually be a gratifying way to end the semester. That said, your student may start to feel overwhelmed, especially since this is the first time around. Your student deserves a little R&R. Send a care package from home or from a local favorite, Fresh City Market.
QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR BOILERMAKER:
1. Will you be coming home for Thanksgiving?
2. What are your favorite study spots?

TALKING POINTS: SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Here’s a simple 4-3-2-1 plan to keep your student on the right track academically. Use this list to help make sure your student stays on track throughout the year.

• Graduate in 4 years: Students who graduate in four years have less college debt when entering the workforce or graduate study programs. Make sure your student meets with an academic advisor at least once a semester to stay on track.
• Maintain a 3.0 or better GPA: Grade point average isn’t everything, but remind your student that job recruiters and graduate schools look for grads with a B average or higher.
• Study 2 hours for every hour you’re in class: Your student may disagree, but studies show that the standard study time of two hours for every classroom hour is a top factor in classroom success.
• Engage in at least 1 leadership commitment. Purdue offers endless opportunities to get involved outside of classes. Leadership roles can set your student apart from others after graduation.

PURDUE YOU KNOW? Besides lending their names to the University, John Purdue and David Ross, the Ross in Ross-Ade Stadium, have something else in common — they are both buried on campus.
COMMUNICATION IS A GIFT

Congratulations! Your student will complete semester No. 1 at Purdue this month!

More than likely, the transition to college life has led to some changes in your student’s daily lifestyle and schedule. Before winter break, be sure to have a family discussion about your expectations. A guiding thought: While you work to respect the individuality your student has worked so hard to achieve, your student still needs to know that you have, and will enforce, established rules and expected courtesies.

Also, when those final grades are posted, remind your student that college is meant to be tougher than high school. It is normal for students to struggle some during their first semester.
QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR BOILERMAKER:
1. How are you feeling about finals?
2. What’s your favorite dining hall?

TALKING POINTS: SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Conflict happens. If it’s your student’s first time to share a room, they may not know how to manage problems that arise. You may be tempted to get involved when your student comes to you. Instead, encourage your student to reach out and try to resolve the problem. Share some sage advice. If they can’t solve it on their own, there is help.

- A Resident Assistant (RA) lives on your student’s residence hall floor. An RA can be a shoulder to cry on, a friend to talk to, or a helping hand, and is trained in helping your student work through conflicts.
- The staff members at the Advocacy and Support Center (ASC) work to empower your student and teach them about self-advocacy and decision-making. When your Boilermaker doesn’t know where to turn with their concerns, ASC can help. www.purdue.edu/advocacy

PURDUE YOU KNOW? Alumni Gene Cernan became the last man to walk on the moon on December 1972.
UNIQUELY PURDUE

Your student will have discovered by now some of the numerous traditions that are uniquely Purdue. Ask your Boilermaker about interesting experiences on the Hello Walk, a 315-foot sidewalk stretching across Memorial Mall. Or has rubbing Abe Lincoln's nose before a big exam proven to be a good-luck charm? Better yet, suggest your student think ahead about a ride of choice when sledding down Slayter Hill. (Some of our past favorites include a kayak, an air mattress and a couch on skis.)
**QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR BOILERMAKER:**

1. Where are you thinking about living next year?
2. What are you looking forward to this semester?

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### TALKING POINTS: SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

We know spring semester has just begun, but it is important for your student to look ahead to housing for the upcoming summer and fall semester. Consider the following points so you and your student together can make the best decision.

- On-campus housing offers an inclusive community, a greater chance for academic success and most important, access to Purdue’s award-winning dining courts. Sounds like a sweet deal to us.
- There are also many great off-campus options nearby if your student is looking for some extra independence (or just the chance to have a private bathroom!). Check [www.housing.purdue.edu/offcampus](http://www.housing.purdue.edu/offcampus) for loads of options.
- Perhaps your student is interested in co-op or Greek life. For more information on these options, visit [www.purdue.edu/fscl](http://www.purdue.edu/fscl).

**Purdue You Know?** Purdue President James Smart coined the phrase “one brick higher” in 1894. He declared that Heavilon Hall would be rebuilt after it was destroyed by fire.
MONEY MATTERS

February is our self-dubbed “Financial Aid Awareness Month,” and Purdue wants to work with you to make sure you receive the most financial aid your student is eligible for. Most important, students should file the FASFA at www.fafsa.gov before March 1. Financial aid is impacted by your student’s level of enrollment, so keep in mind that if your student receives financial aid based on full-time enrollment and then decides to take classes part time, your financial aid award may be reduced or cancelled.
QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR BOILERMAKER:
1. Any goals you want to accomplish this semester?
2. How are you and your roommate getting along?

We want your student to succeed just as much as you do. Purdue offers many resources for landing a dream job, passing a tough class or fitting in on campus. Whatever the goal or issue, Purdue’s talented staff will work to help your Boilermaker thrive.

• Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) offers a variety of programs to help your student in a time of need and is specially trained to help with mental health concerns of college students.
• We understand that few of us are Pulitzer Prize-winning authors. So, Purdue’s Writing Lab offers students a second, experienced pair of eyes to help improve papers.
• The mission of the Academic Success Center is straightforward: one-on-one tutoring, group study sessions, workshops and classes all geared toward academic success.

PURDUE YOU KNOW? The Nearly Naked Mile is run each year by nearly naked Purdue students en route from the Engineering Mall to Dauch Alumni Center. The entry fee? A bag of clothing for charity.
MAJOR DECISION

March is a busy time for students. Projects. Exams. Spring Break. Since your Boilermaker will be registering for next semester’s classes soon, now is a good time to make sure your student has found the right major. If your student seems unsure, encourage a chat with an academic advisor or career counselor.

If it is time for a switch, take a look at Purdue's list of nearly 200 majors and help your student make a decision that is right for their goals. Remember it is crucial for you both to keep an open mind. Perhaps your student will find something they never thought about before. No matter what the decision — whether it’s a switch to biomedical engineering or women's studies — remember to support your Boilermaker.
QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR BOILERMAKER:
1. How are you liking your major?
2. What’s your favorite activity on campus?

TALKING POINTS: SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Spring Break is the perfect time for students to get away from campus — and the cold — with family or friends. Purdue offers many Spring Break programs, including credit-bearing study abroad tours and service trips. Talk with your student about trip plans and your expectations.

• Whether your student is leaving the country on a service project, for relaxation or to study abroad, verify that all necessary documents and medical papers are in place.
• Discuss traveling specifics, such as travel companions and lodging — and don’t forget safety!
• Make sure your student has a reliable way to communicate with you while they are away, and vice versa. Have a smartphone? Look into a free international messaging app that works using Wi-Fi.

PURDUE YOU KNOW? Before big basketball games, members of the Paint Crew will camp outside of Mackey Arena overnight to get prime student seating — rain or shine.
STUDY ABROAD

From land to sea (that’s right, you can sail around the world for school credit!), Purdue students rave about available academic and cultural experiences across the globe. Whether the goal is to earn credit toward graduation, learn a new language or just experience the world firsthand, Boilermakers have abundant study abroad options to chose from while still being able to graduate on time.

Worried about costs? Most study abroad options cost about the same or even less than regular Purdue tuition. Purdue offers scholarships ranging from $1,000-$5,000 to students traveling on a credit-bearing study abroad. The amount your student qualifies for is based on the length of the study abroad program.
QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR BOILERMAKER:

1. What are your professors like?
2. Finals are right around the corner — have you thought about taking summer courses?

TALKING POINTS: SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

It's April and the end of your student's first year at Purdue is almost here. Now is the moment to discuss plans after finals end in May. Summer break is a great opportunity for students to get a job, participate in an internship, take additional classes, recharge or any combination thereof.

- Taking summer or Maymester classes can be a great chance for your student to work ahead — and squeeze in a few more fountain runs.
- If the decision is made to take a class or two, make sure your student meets with an academic advisor and fills out a summer application.
- Encourage your student to look into a job or internship to gain some real-world experience. Purdue's Center for Career Opportunity is a great place to start.
- If your student will live at home during the summer, lay out your expectations ahead of time. Discuss topics such as chores, guests and the good ol' curfew.

PURDUE YOU KNOW? In what's been called “the greatest spectacle in college racing” student groups across campus build and race their own karts each spring in the Purdue Grand Prix — a tradition started in 1958.
LOOKING AHEAD

Celebrate! Your Boilermaker met the first-year challenges. One down. Three to go. You have most likely noticed some changes in your student since drop-off in August. Take some time this month to get to know your student again, and talk about plans for the next school year — it’ll be here before you know it.
QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR BOILERMAKER:
1. What classes are you taking next semester?
2. What were the highlights of your first year at Purdue?

TALKING POINTS: SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Purdue is proud of its graduates. The graduation ceremonies are designed to demonstrate that pride. It can seem like a long way off, but soon your Boilermaker will join our 450,000+ alumni impacting the world around them. Your student’s graduation is an event you won’t want to miss.

• The ceremonies happen inside Elliott Hall of Music, a campus landmark that seats 6,000.
• J. André Fouilhoux, the designer of New York’s Radio City Music Hall, served as the consulting architect when Elliott Hall was built and opened in 1940.
• Graduation ceremonies, which are held over three days in May, are organized so that your student “walks” with others graduating from the college or school of their major. Each student is allotted four free guest tickets.

PURDUE YOU KNOW? Burn this date into memory. On May 6, 1896, Purdue was founded by the Indiana General Assembly. (It wasn’t named until December of that year.)
ACCESS TO ACADEMIC RECORDS
765-494-8219
www.purdue.edu/studentregulations/regulations_procedures/scholrecognition.html
Under the terms of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), access rights to university education records belong to the student.

- **Scholastic Probation**
  A first-semester student is placed on probation if the student’s semester or cumulative GPA is less than 1.5.

- **Scholastic Recognition**
  At the end of each semester, an undergraduate student will receive Semester Honors if he or she 1) has at least six credit hours included in the semester GPA with a semester GPA of at least 3.5; and 2) has at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA. The student will be eligible for the Dean’s List if he or she 1) has at least 12 credit hours included in the cumulative GPA with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5; and 2) has at least six credit hours included in the semester GPA with a semester GPA of at least 3.0.

ATHLETIC TICKET OFFICE
765-494-3194
800-497-7678
www.purdueathletics.com
Order tickets at your convenience for Boilermaker Intercollegiate Athletic events.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER (ASC)
765-494-5569
www.purdue.edu/asc
Students can visit the ASC for free walk-in help and attend all-campus ASC workshops to acquire learning strategies for classroom success.

B-INVOLVED
www.purdue.edu/b-involved
Information on student organizations.

BLACK CULTURAL CENTER (BCC)
765-494-3092
www.purdue.edu/bcc
The BCC provides purposeful, holistic, scholarly and cocurricular programming designed to strengthen understanding of African-American heritage.

BOILER GOLD RUSH (BGR)
765-494-9328
www.purdue.edu/bgr
studentsuccess@purdue.edu
BGR is Purdue’s five-day, new student orientation program that takes place just before the start of fall semester classes.

BOILER VOLUNTEER NETWORK (BVN)
765-496-2450
www.purdue.edu/bvn
BVN, also known as the Office of Community Service and Learning, fosters and strengthens relationships between the Purdue University community and the Greater Lafayette community.

BURSAR’S OFFICE
765-494-7570
www.purdue.edu/bursar
askbursar@purdue.edu
The office provides financial information related to student accounts such as invoicing and payments for tuition, fees and housing. It also processes financial aid refunds.

CENTER FOR CAREER OPPORTUNITIES (CCO)
765-494-3981
www.cco.purdue.edu
CCO provides career services to all Purdue students and alumni.

CENTER FOR PRE-PROFESSIONAL ADVISING
765-496-2690
www.purdue.edu/preprofessional
The Center for Pre-Professional Advising provides Purdue students with the information they need to prepare for a career in a professional field — from choosing the right career to figuring out what credentials are needed to enter that field to applying for professional programs.

CITYBUS
765-742-RIDE (7433)
www.gocitybus.com
Purdue and CityBus offer University students free transportation around campus and throughout Greater Lafayette.

CONVOCATIONS, PURDUE
765-494-9712
www.convocations.org
Purdue Convocations presents a variety of touring professional performing arts events from around the world.

COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)
765-494-6995
www.purdue.edu/caps
Counseling and Psychological Services is available to help students who feel chronically stressed or overwhelmed.
The Office of the Dean of Students advocates for student issues, needs and concerns; responds to emergency and crisis situations affecting students; and represents the University to various constituencies.

Academic adjustments and services for students with disabilities are provided through the Disability Resource Center area of the Office of the Dean of Students.

The mission of the Diversity Resource Office is to encourage, develop, administer, and assess programs and activities that foster a climate within Purdue that celebrates the diversity of all members of our University community.

Financial planning is a vital part of getting a college education, and the Purdue University Division of Financial Aid (DFA) can help at any time during a student’s Purdue career.

ITaP provides many computing services to students, including computer accounts, more than 50 computing labs, Blackboard Vista, wireless access and Internet connections in University Residences.

ISS provides services in the following areas: international undergraduate admissions; international credit evaluation; immigration advising, including employment authorization and travel endorsements for returning to Purdue after departing the United States; and orientation programs, advising/counseling, cultural and social programs, and cross-cultural training.

A friendly and accessible hub serving the needs of first-generation college students, disabled students and students with high financial need. Whether you are in need of assistance in a particular subject, need to print off documents in between classes, or you just don’t know who to talk to, Horizons can help. A diverse staff welcomes conversations with students about their interests, challenges and successes.

The Purdue University Libraries system includes the Hicks Undergraduate Library and 12 subject-oriented libraries. Facilities in the Undergraduate Library include the Digital Learning Collaboratory (DLC), a 24-hour study lounge and a coffee shop. The Ask a Librarian service offers chat help with library resources at www.lib.purdue.edu/askalib.

myPurdue is the Purdue Student Services computerized information system, available 24/7 and accessible from any computer.
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Dates included in this publication are subject to change and should be confirmed before making travel arrangements. Please visit www.purdue.edu/calendar.
STUDENT SAFETY ON CAMPUS IS TOP PRIORITY

Your student's safety is one of our main goals. Purdue makes every effort to provide a safe environment, and yet a college campus is a reflection of society, where crimes do occur. Student awareness and common sense help to prevent crime or injury. Assistance is readily available if your student is concerned about his or her safety.

- Purdue University Police Department
  765-494-8221
  www.purdue.edu/police

- Purdue University Fire Department
  765-494-6919
  www.purdue.edu/fire

These departments promote safety and security on campus with the following programs:

- Safe Walk Program
- Laptop and bicycle registration

THERE’S HELP IF NEEDED AFTER ASSAULT

No family wants to think about the trauma of sexual assault. It’s crucial, however, to be aware of assistance that is in place to support your family and your student if needed.

- Crisis Hotline
  765-495-HELP (4357)
  Open 24/7/365

- Purdue University Police Department
  911 (emergency)
  765-494-8221 (non-emergency)

- Lafayette Crisis Center
  765-742-0244

- Purdue University Student Health Center
  (or local emergency room)
  765-494-1700

- Women’s Resource Network
  765-494-9879

- Office of the Dean of Students
  765-494-1747

- Safety measures such as door lock, room assignment and phone number changes at University Residences, 765-494-1000

- Report anonymously at
  www.diversity.purdue.edu/report-hate

Purdue University is committed to maintaining a community which recognizes and values the inherent worth and dignity of every person; fosters tolerance, sensitivity, understanding, and mutual respect among its members; and encourages each individual to strive to reach his or her own potential. In pursuit of its goal of academic excellence, the University seeks to develop and nurture diversity. The University believes that diversity among its many members strengthens the institution, stimulates creativity, promotes the exchange of ideas, and enriches campus life.

Purdue University views, evaluates, and treats all persons in any University related activity or circumstance in which they may be involved, solely as individuals on the basis of their own personal abilities, qualifications, and other relevant characteristics.

Purdue University prohibits discrimination against any member of the University community on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, genetic information, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, or status as a veteran. The University will conduct its programs, services and activities consistent with applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and orders and in conformance with the procedures and limitations as set forth in Purdue’s Equal Opportunity, Equal Access and Affirmative Action policy which provides specific contractual rights and remedies. Additionally, the University promotes the full realization of equal employment opportunity for women, minorities, persons with disabilities and veterans through its affirmative action program.

Any question of interpretation regarding this Nondiscrimination Policy Statement shall be referred to the Vice President for Ethics and Compliance for final determination.
Your student may have begun using strange words and terms. Expect to hear some of the following phrases. And when unknown jargon creeps into conversation, it’s OK to ask your student for a quick translation.

**Blackboard.**
(aka Blackboard Learn) An e-learning system for teachers to post specific information for each class.

**Bursar.**
Purdue official in charge of funds at the University. Responsible for tuition and fee assessment, invoicing and payment processing, and financial aid processing.

**Callout.**
A general meeting sponsored by a student club or organization to attract new members. (Callouts are especially popular, since they typically involve free pizza.)

**CODO.**
Change of Degree Objective; to change majors.

**Co-oping.**
Participating in Purdue’s cooperative education for professional practice program. A co-op student alternates semesters of study with semesters of work in an area related to his or her major. Not to be confused with co-op housing.

**Co-op housing.**
Housing units for students who save money by managing aspects of house operation such as meal planning or maintenance and improvements. Not to be confused with co-oping.

**Co-Rec.**
The France A. Córdova Recreational Sports Center.

**Dead Week.**
The last week of the semester, right before finals week.

**Drop/Add.**
To drop or add classes from a student’s schedule.

**FERPA.**
The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Federal law that prohibits a school from disclosing certain personal information (grades, GPA, etc.) from students’ education records without consent.

**HSSE.**
Pronounced “hissy.” The Humanities, Social Sciences and Education Library.

**ITaP.**
(aka Information Technology at Purdue) Purdue’s central IT organization.

**Mortar Board.**
Purdue’s official student planner with scheduled activities and events.

**OWL.**
The Online Writing Lab at Purdue. Students’ go-to resource for all things writing.

**Power Hour.**
A class lasting one hour and 15 minutes (as opposed to the typical 50-minute class period). Typically held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**The Exponent.**
The independent newspaper published by Purdue students and distributed free at many campus locations.

**RA.**
A resident assistant. He or she is a student trained to be a resource for students living in University Residences.

**TA.**
A teaching assistant. TAs are graduate or undergraduate students who instruct classes or assist professors.