Your student’s success at Purdue is our highest priority. Recent studies show that international students who participate in BGRi have a higher academic standing. Student Success staff will explain what your students will be learning and experiencing this week and beyond. Purdue University Parent & Family Connections engages parents as partners in student success by helping parents and families understand the goals of the University community, serving as a central point of contact, and creating positive long-term relationships between parents, families, and the University. The Director of Parent & Family Connections will share information about how international parents can assist during their student’s transition to Purdue.

Student Success: [www.purdue.edu/studentsuccess/](http://www.purdue.edu/studentsuccess/)
Parent & Family Connections: [www.purdue.edu/parentandfamily/](http://www.purdue.edu/parentandfamily/)
Purdue Parent & Family Connections

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Purdue Parent & Family Programs

COMMUNICATION

- Parent & Family monthly e-newsletter
- Parent & Family HelpLine
- Parent & Family Connections website – International section
- Facebook page & interactive groups
- Emergency notifications text messaging
How do you define success for your student?
So...what happens now?
The Adjustment Process

- Realities of adjustment
- Parents can be advocates and fans at home
- Students need your support & encouragement
Important Things to Know

- They are okay
- You will be okay
- You must prepare yourself emotionally for this separation
Keeping in Touch

- Set expectations
- Call, text, FaceTime, Skype
- Cards, letters, care packages
Top 10 Things for Parents of First Year Students to Know

#1 Academic Expectations can be Different from High School

- Academic standards
- Fewer lecture hours
- Expected to work on own
- Grades may be significantly lower during the first year
- Students may change their program during or after their first year
- Students may be reluctant to follow their interest out of concern for disappointing their families – your support means a lot!
#2 Know Services Available to Students & Refer

- Accessing help is not a sign of weakness, it is a sign of being self aware & contributes to academic success
- Many campus resources
- Not sure where to guide your student for help? Contact Parent & Family Connections!
#3 Be Prepared for Change

- The university experience will be a period of growth
- Changes may occur quickly
- Each student has their own unique experience, just as each parent will as well
- Encouraging your student to become more independent during their university experience will allow them to success here and after they graduate
#4 What Parents May Experience

- Feelings of happiness, excitement, and pride
- Sense of sadness, loss, fears and concerns about your student’s future & wellbeing
- This is normal – do take care of your own wellbeing as you support your child
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#5 Balancing Academics and Social Life

- Purdue expects students to think and act as adults
- Expectations at home may be different than how they choose to live at college
- Listen to your student’s viewpoint and talk with them about any new views
#6 Be Aware of Important Dates

- Talking with your student about tuition payment deadlines, class drop dates, exam schedules, etc will help you understand what’s going on in their lives
- Mark dates on a calendar for easy reference
- Utilize the Parent & Family calendar and Purdue websites
#7 Money Matters

- Talk openly about all issues regarding money and financing
- Help your student understand family expectations about managing money
- Money management is a learned skill
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#8 Understand the Experiences of Students Living On Campus

- Roommates
- Privacy
- Sleep schedules
- Study schedules
- Cleanliness of room
- Cooking food in the room
#9 Expect University Culture Shock

- At times, your student may feel overwhelmed
- Both you and your student will face changes that will take time to adjust
- If you are ever concerned about their well being you can remind them of services such as:
  - The Dean of Students Office
  - Counseling and Psychological Services
  - Residence Hall Staff
  - Academic Advisors
  - Contact Parent & Family Connections
#10 Discuss Communication Expectations

- How often do you expect to have contact with your student?
- What kind of contact will you have?
- Develop a plan for when their technology doesn’t have power or they need to miss a scheduled time to talk
Tips from International Parents

Peter & Esther Lamuren

- Parent & Family Advisory Board
- Nigeria
- Graduate student, studying Electrical Engineering
• Encourage your son/daughter from the onset to have a **positive mind of success** and they should always remember that *Purdue has excellent academic history*.

• Advise your child to **make use of Purdue website/resources** first to find out all necessary information he/she might need rather than relying on what others/friends tell them.
• Do not be afraid, alleviate your fears because you will have answers to most of your questions through support from the school, academic advisors, website, and remember this is an ongoing process until your son/daughter graduates.
• **Check/call on your child regularly** using all means of communication (FaceTime, WhatsApp, BBM, Skype, Email, Phone calls, Text message, Letters, etc.). This reassures, and helps them to know you are still there for them in spite of the distance.

• **Ask your son/daughter questions** often about their welfare and academics to know how he/she is coping.
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