Dear UNF Parent,

I am delighted that your student has chosen to attend the University of North Florida. There are endless opportunities awaiting him or her from stimulating and challenging academics to enriching campus life experiences. The mission of the Division of Student Affairs is to create a supportive and engaging educational, social and recreational environment outside the classroom through co-curricular programs and services. We have 26 departments established to provide exceptional service for student success. Below is just a sampling of our offerings.

Living Learning Communities (LLCs)
Students enjoy all the usual advantages of living on campus in a residence hall with a peer group that shares academic goals and interests.

Student Affairs International Learning Scholarship (SAILS)
SAILS awards provide funding for undergraduate and graduate students to engage in international educational experiences that enrich academic and individual development.

Leadership minor
This academic minor provides an in-depth study of leadership from a theoretical perspective balanced with practical applications.

Expansion of co-curricular and extracurricular programs, events and opportunities
Students can participate in more than 200 organizations, 1,500 events and programs and take advantage of amenities such as our state-of-the-art Student Wellness Complex and Osprey Café.

The Office of Parent and Family Programs is dedicated to providing on-going communication with UNF parents and offers opportunities, events, programs and activities for parent and family participation. It is also a big part of New Student Orientation, where you will learn more about UNF’s resources and student support services. For additional information about Parent and Family Programs, visit the website, www.unf.edu/parents.

I look forward to meeting you at New Student Orientation.

Warmly,

Mauricio Gonzalez,
Vice President for Student and International Programs

Why is there a parent/guardian/guest fee and what does it pay for?

The fee for parents/guardians to attend Orientation is $50 per family. The fee helps cover the costs of Orientation publications, snacks and materials and includes the first year membership in the UNF Parents Association. As a member, you will receive a t-shirt, mailings, invitations to events, a monthly electronic newsletter and a subscription to the alumni Journal. We cannot offer reduced fees for partial attendance.

Make a reservation for parent orientation

We know that you’ll want to attend the same Orientation as your student, so please wait until he or she has a confirmed Orientation date before selecting yours. If your student switches to a new Orientation date, please contact the Office of Parent and Family Programs so your reservation can be transferred to the new date. (Call (904) 620-1567 or e-mail parents@unf.edu). Guest reservations are transferable within a family.
Parents wishing to attend Orientation should register online. Visit www.unf.edu/orientation/parents. Click on orientation for important parent information — like a checklist of things to do before attending New Student Orientation. If you need reasonable accommodations to participate, please contact our office five days prior to your scheduled session. If you have any questions, contact parents@unf.edu.

Parent sessions

While there are some sessions for both parents and students together, parents (and siblings if they attend Orientation) may not attend the student sessions with their student. The student sessions are designed to help them prepare for the academic rigors of college and make the transition from high school to higher education. The parent sessions provide information about University policies and resources.

Hotels

For the two-day programs, parents will need to find local lodging. A list of hotels offering a UNF discount can be found at www.unf.edu/parents under Member Discount Programs.

Academic Advising

The UNF academic advising team will be on hand to meet with your student during Orientation. Though your student might have already chosen his or her classes, the adviser will provide counsel about the first year and planning for the future. It is an important meeting that will set your student on the path to academic success. For more information, please see www.unf.edu/ace