

TIPS FOR FAMILIES OF COMMUTER STUDENTS



THE BEST PART

You can maintain communication & relationship with each other.

You'll have an easier time participating in campus events with your student.

Your student will still be able to participate in family traditions!



THE CHALLENGES

Because time on campus is limited, your student might face challenges in building relationships with peers, staff, and faculty.

Balancing school, a social life, and work might be tough.

Budgeting money and time for commuting can add a level of stress on your student; especially during the first few weeks of the quarter.



TALK ABOUT IT

Revise previous family expectations, such as curfew, being home for dinner, and so on.

Your student will have a new and changing schedule with new obligations. Be flexible and communicative.

Recognizing them as an independent, autonomous adult means including them in family decisions.

Coursework is different. Depending on the quarter and their courseload, the time they spend studying will vary.



PREPARE TOGETHER

Laundry 101: teach your student how to sort and wash clothes

Finances 101: if your student has a debit or credit card, talk to them about budgeting & finances

Should we be online friends? Discuss your online relationship with Facebook, Instagram, or other platforms. Allow your student to set the terms and parameters.

Get a list of important dates: holiday breaks, finals week, tuition due dates, and so on.

We'll help you navigate commuter life.

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