Wisconsin Welcome is designed to welcome new campus construction, parking information, and more. Visit: www.housing.wisc.edu/parents. and futons, driving directions that include details about moving-day tips, measurements for carpeting and residence halls move-in: August 27, 28.

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A Newsletter for Parents & Families of UW–Madison Students
produced by the parent program and university communications.

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As a parent, you’re likely concerned with rising costs. Colleges and universities across the country have been unable to pass on the increasing costs of education to students. Despite budget cuts, Chancellor Biddy Martin is committed to protecting the quality of the undergraduate experience. To help offset costs made during the past two budget cycles, Martin recently announced the Madison Initiative for Undergraduates, a supplemental tuition plan that will match the total annual increase in undergraduate tuition rates. In this initiative, the text will be increased for students attending public institutions for the 2009–10 academic year. This is the second phase of $75,000 in nonresident tuition surcharge for students from nonresidents, an increase of $1,165; and $20,000 for nonresidents, an increase of $745; and $23,063 for nonresidents, an increase of $2,612.

The primary goal of this initiative is to maintain enrollment. The center for the study of public policy (CSPP), which is dedicated to understanding public policy issues, found that 65 percent of students qualify for need-based aid. One of the main reasons the economy is a major strain for everyone, including students, is that the cost of education has grown at a rate much faster than average inflation. According to the Center for the Study of Public Policy, the median cost of a year’s tuition and fees for the 2009–10 academic year will be $9,215 for residents, an increase of $745; and $25,263 for nonresidents, an increase of $2,612.

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We’re proud to have shared with you our second annual Parent Program Calendar for families and parents. We hope it will serve as a helpful resource for you throughout the year. If you would like a copy, but haven’t yet received our e-mail, please contact the Parent Program at parents@wisc.edu.

It’s difficult to talk about scholarships without bringing up the topic of student employment. As a parent, you would like to see your student work toward his or her degree. And they can also help themselves by applying early and determining whether changes are warranted or required. Keep in mind that evaluations are based on current aid package. Students may work as few as seven to ten hours each week once they have set class schedules for the following academic year. They will influence a student’s life and career.

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Tuition due for September 18
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Key Dates
The best time to look for scholarship information is during the summer. UW–Madison and its partners recently made financial education more readily available to students. For students and their families, scholarship search resources and tips (continued)

"Explore, but also make sure that your vocational goals are within reach. The Wisconsin Union, the Wisconsin Union Theater, the Madison World Music Festival, among others. Neighborhood associations are helping with the process and the resources listed above. Contact your landlord if issues arise, allowing students to build a relationship with their property owner/management.

- Keep property safe and secure by not parking open doors or leaving valuable items unattended.

- Encourage your student to support local businesses—score a Wisconsin souvenir, tour a cheese factory, or have dinner at the Wisconsin Union Dining Hall. You may find these businesses are more affordable than you thought. This is also an opportunity to support the local economy.

- Encourage your student to complete the federal Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and to apply for any state and institutional aid programs they may be eligible for.

- Contact your student's financial aid officer to review their financial aid award and understand how to make changes if necessary (e.g., to accept or decline aid or change their loan type).

- Ensure your student knows their FAFSA application status, and check the status of any additional aid applications they may have submitted.
**Key Dates**
- September 2: Instruction begins
- September 7: Labor Day
- November: Applications due in for the following academic year

**Resources and Tips**

**Insurance Plan (SHIP)**

- **No classes**
- Students Lori Berquam.

**Student Organizations**

- **Student Union**
- **Student Government**

**Safety:**

- madison is a generally safe community.
- offering a full-service, sworn police department.
- that matter
- that involve drinking. Remind your student that the
- and assertiveness training for women, and emer-
- safety issues, including problems
- of areas of concern, such as carpet stains or
- photos of areas of concern, such as carpet stains or
- a bike deposit. If the bike
- that students are on track for a degree and can finish
- with their academic advisors to ensure
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- frequently with their academic advisors to ensure
- on behalf of WAA. His advice incudes:
- the webinar rental.

**Tuition Bills Online**

- In compliance with FERPA (Family Education and Privacy Act, or FERPA), it is essential that parents or guardians authorize others to receive or sign on behalf of their child.
- The purpose of awarding advanced credit is
- to provide increased flexibility for students who
- preclude the duplication of courses, and to
- provide increased flexibility for students who
- students must first authorize parents or guard-
- the UW libraries Web site “Course Reserves”
- Renters should take photos
- number on your windshield so others can
- the overnight of August 14–15, ASM will
- If the bike
- it cannot carry significant legal, academic, and
- retain the original bike receipt.
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- the university lots, which will have extra security.
- extra security.
- with free world music on the Terrace. View addi-
- students who move into and may not have
- during this hectic time period. Offer to
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- for off-campus
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- students to participate in a shared, academically
- degrees, requirement, or elective credit.
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High school students often need to pay back loans after graduation. This is an important consideration for students and parents who are planning for the future. Textbooks can be expensive. Listed below are some cost-saving alternatives. Be sure to purchase the correct textbook edition. Note that the International Standard Book Number (ISBN), which identifies books published internationally, is included in the 10-digit number that uniquely identifies each subject exam and score will translate to your major. The purpose of awarding advanced credit is to recognize advanced high-quality work, to provide increased flexibility for students who enter with some form of advanced credit. Incoming students should declare their intended major by completing the Declaration of Intention Program CashCourse.org, along with senior seminar program Go Big Read. UW–Madison invites parents and families to participate in a special web-based seminar program to understand how the transition will be different. Consider putting your cell phone number on your windshield so others can see it if you have an unexpected circumstance. Ask your campus housing and parking office for more information about the overall move-in process. The Wisconsin Union Theater Celebrates The Wisconsin Union Theater has a full slate of events for the Wisconsin Union Theater Celebrates the Wisconsin Union Theater has a full slate of events for the year, including a wide range of performances, lectures, and special events. For more information about the overall move-in process and the events listed above, contact the Parent Program Web site.
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An event of this nature is going

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