



## Office of Parent Relations

University of Missouri

# Parents as partners

Parents are an integral part of the Mizzou family, and the university recognizes the critical role they play in student success. As part of the Division of Student Affairs, the Office of Parent Relations strives to create positive partnerships with MU parents.

### The Division of Student Affairs:

- ▶ Provides a staff liaison to serve as a centralized resource for every MU parent;
- ▶ Assists parents in understanding their role in the student's transition to MU;
- ▶ Communicates important information to parents;
- ▶ Encourages opportunities for parent involvement and feedback;
- ▶ Provides programs and hosts events that incorporate parents and families into the Mizzou community;
- ▶ Enhances the experience of all students through the support of student-based initiatives and the Parents Fund;
- ▶ Promotes student decision making by partnering with parents and family members to support student development.

### How to reach us

[mizzouparents.missouri.edu](http://mizzouparents.missouri.edu)

S1 Memorial Union

Columbia, MO 65211

Toll-free parent line: 888-631-1098

E-mail: [parents@missouri.edu](mailto:parents@missouri.edu)





## Opportunities for parent involvement:

### Parent Calendar

The calendar supports the Office of Parent Relations' efforts to communicate with MU parents and provide assistance during this time of transition. A free copy is given to all families who attend Summer Welcome, and additional copies are sold through the University Bookstore. Filled with vivid photos, helpful tips and important dates, it is designed by an undergraduate student in the Office of Publications and Alumni Communication and printed on 100 percent recycled paper by MU Printing Services. A variety of departments within the Division of Student Affairs sponsor the calendar.

### Parent E-newsletter

All parents are encouraged to submit contact information by clicking the Stay Informed tab at the parent website, [mizzouparents.missouri.edu](http://mizzouparents.missouri.edu). The e-newsletter provides parent tips and keeps you informed of any important news, updates and campus developments affecting your student.

### Parent Receptions

Looking for an opportunity to gather in an informal setting and share your Mizzou experiences with other MU parents? At these receptions, MU representatives provide updates from campus including news about programs and events of interest to parents. Visit the parent website for upcoming dates, locations and registration information.

### Family Weekend

We encourage all MU families to share in this tradition. Families can participate in open house activities sponsored by Mizzou's academic schools and colleges, cheer on the football Tigers, get to know the Columbia community and visit their student's home away from home. A variety of social events are included, too. Information is mailed to the permanent addresses of freshmen and sophomores during the summer. Check the parent website for more information.

### Parents Fund

All parents are encouraged to contribute to the annual Parents Fund campaign. The fund supports essential programs offered through the Counseling Center, Wellness Resource Center, service and leadership development organizations, STRIPES (MU's safe driver program), as well as guest speakers and lecturers.



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