

Parent & Family Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 8/18: International Student Move-In Day
- 8/21: Domestic Student Move-In Day
- 8/21-8/29: New Student Orientation
- 8/21-8/22: Parent/Family Orientation:
- 8/30-First Day of Classes
- 10/9-10/10: Family Weekend

Using the Parent Module

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, colleges and universities maintain the right to keep student records confidential. In order to allow more transparency but also in keeping with these federal guidelines, the Office of the Registrar, has set up a "Parent Module" for parents and families to stay up to date on their students' records, if the student has allowed their parents/families access.

To access this feature, go to the Pratt website (www.pratt.edu) and find the Registrar page under Student Services. The Parent Module is listed under "Guidelines" and then "Parent Module".

Be sure to have a conversation with your student regarding this feature and what you will have access to see.

WELCOME NEW PARENTS

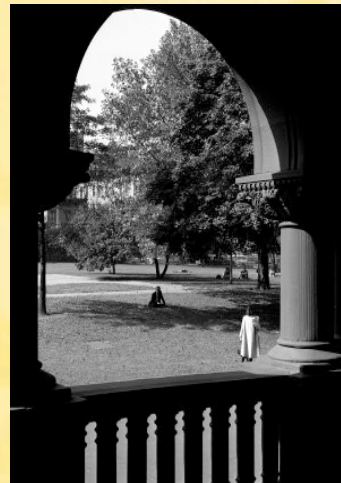
On behalf of the Office of Student Activities, welcome to the Pratt family. You and your student are about to embark on an exciting journey together through the college years. The purpose of this newsletter is to help you become more familiar with Pratt Institute and what you can expect from the coming year.

Parent/Family Orientation

In addition to your student's orientation, there are special orientation sessions geared around the interests and needs of parents and families. Here is the schedule at a glance:

Saturday, August 21st: 9:00am-11:00pm

- Check-in
- Panels and presentations about Pratt Institute and the different student affairs offices and how they can assist you and your student.
- A welcome by Pratt's president, Dr. Thomas F. Schutte.
- Family dinner on the lawn.
- Parents and families only trip to see Million Dollar Quartet.



Saturday, August 22nd 8:00am-1:30pm

- Parent and Family Meet and Greet.
- Workshops by the Registrar, Bursar and Financial Aid.
- Presentation on the Importance of Foundation Year
- Tour of the Clinton Hill neighborhood
- Farewell lunch with your student.

What to expect from Move In

New Student Move-In day is an exciting, but also stressful time. Keeping the following in mind will better prepare you for what to expect.

- ◆ Most of the 1st year buildings have a parking area in which you can unload your belongings.
- ◆ Elevators are limited, and lines can get long, so please be patient if you choose to wait on them. If you would rather not, there are stairs as well.
- ◆ August in New York City can be quite hot and humid, so please check the weather before your arrival so you will not be surprised.
- ◆ Make sure you check-in with the Orientation staff BEFORE you check-in at your students' residence hall to insure that they have the schedule of events.
- ◆ Your student's Resident Advisor will be present on the floors during check-in to answer questions and fill out your check-in paperwork, if you can't find them, they are busy helping another student and their family.

SAVE THE DATE: FAMILY WEEKEND 2010

The office of Parent and Family programs is pleased to announce the dates for this year's Family Weekend. This year, it will occur from **Saturday, October 9th-Sunday, October, 10, 2010.**

What is Family Weekend exactly? This special program is filled with excellent opportunities for families to continue to learn more about Pratt Institute and to "live a day in the life" of their student. Families will be able to take advantage of Pratt's location with a tour of the historic Fort Greene/Clinton Hill neighborhood, a trip to a Broadway show, and other cultural institutions such as the Brooklyn Museum of Art, Brooklyn Academy of Music, and the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens. The weekend will close with a family brunch hosted by the President of Pratt Institute, Dr. Thomas F. Schutte where you will hear all about Pratt's future. Be sure to save the date! For more information, please visit www.pratt.edu/family_weekend.