

PANTHER PARENT GUIDE TO JUNIOR YEAR

KEEPING YOUR JUNIOR ON TRACK

CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Junior year is the perfect time to take advantage of the many valuable services that will help students identify, develop and implement their career goals. Encourage your student to attend career development events such as the annual Career Expo and Career Excursions.

APPLY FOR INTERNSHIPS

It is highly recommended (and may be required by some majors) that your student complete at least one internship. Internships give students the chance to “test drive” employment in a particular field or position and help them gain valuable professional skills and experience that can’t be learned in a classroom. Encourage your student to apply early. Visit Chapman.edu/internships.

RESEARCH GRADUATE SCHOOL

If your student plans to continue their education, then exploring programs and reviewing admission requirements should be on their to-do list during junior year. Students can use the summer to start visiting grad schools, meeting with admissions offices and learning more about programs.

KEEP CONNECTIONS

The personal connections students make during their time at Chapman will be extremely valuable as they prepare to enter the working world. Encourage your student to build relationships with faculty and staff, and to seek academic and professional opportunities outside the classroom. These include assisting professors with research, attending academic conferences or seeking other opportunities to learn with our esteemed faculty.

TAKE ON A LEADERSHIP ROLE

Your student has many opportunities to take on leadership roles within the Chapman community. Leadership opportunities can be found through our clubs and organizations, on sports teams, in Greek organizations, and even in the classrooms. Leadership positions are not only great resume builders, but will also help students hone skills that are relevant for the workplace.

STEPS TO GRADUATE ON TIME

Chapman has provided your student with an online Program Evaluation tool in StudentCenter.Chapman.edu, which they can use to ensure they are on track to graduate. Encourage your student to bring it to their academic or faculty advisors in course selection planning and to use it as they register for classes.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Support your student through this time of exploration and development. Encourage them to broaden their perspectives on post-graduation plans, make professional connections and continue to build their networks.

CLASS RINGS

If your student has completed 60 units, they are eligible to purchase an exclusive Chapman Class Ring. Visit Chapman.edu/students/seniors to view the collection or to purchase a ring.





RESOURCES

Office of Parent Engagement

(714) 997-6558

Academic Advising

(714) 744-7959

Business Office

(714) 997-6617

Career and Professional Development

(714) 997-6942

Center for Global Education

(714) 997-6830

Financial Aid

(714) 997-6741

Student and Campus Life

(714) 997-6761

Student Employment

(714) 997-6674

YOUR PLACE AS A JUNIOR PARENT

GETTING INVOLVED AS A PARENT AMBASSADOR

As your student continues to be involved, we invite you to do the same! Volunteer as a Parent Ambassador at events on campus and in your home area. The Office of Parent Engagement provides a range of volunteer activities that will help connect you with fellow Panther Parents, faculty and alumni throughout the school year.

There are a number of ways to learn more and sign up to volunteer: visit Chapman.edu/parent-volunteer; look for volunteer opportunities in each monthly parent e-newsletter, Parent Connection; or attend our Annual Parent Volunteer Night, held in September. If you were unable to attend Parent Volunteer Night, you can watch a video of our Facebook Live event to learn about the exciting opportunities available. Visit facebook.com/ChapmanUniversityParents.

THE CHAPMAN FAMILY HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

Spend time with the Chapman Family for an eventful and memorable fall weekend. Enjoy events with your student including Faculty Master Classes, Chapman Family Tailgate and traditional Homecoming football game. Visit Chapman.edu/homecoming to learn more.

PARENT SPRING SUMMIT

Held in February, our annual Spring Summit offers class-year tracks designed specifically to inform, educate and provide parents with the tools to support their students at specific points in their college journeys. Topics may include internships, career planning, graduate programs and more. Visit Chapman.edu/families for the date and to register.

WELCOME RECEPTIONS

These summer gatherings are held all over the country to welcome new students and parents to the Chapman Family. Host or join us at an event in your area to represent the Chapman Family and share your experience. Visit Chapman.edu/welcome-receptions for more information.

THINK CHAPMAN FIRST

Does your company offer internships or have employment opportunities? “Think Chapman First” and recruit Chapman students and alumni to join your organization’s team. Contact Career and Professional Development or visit Chapman.edu/tcf for more information.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Visit Chapman.edu/families or contact the Office of Parent Engagement at (714) 997-6558 to learn more about how you can get involved as a Panther Parent.



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