

PANTHER PARENT GUIDE TO SENIOR YEAR

KEEPING YOUR SENIOR ON TRACK

FOCUS ON SENIOR PROJECT

Most majors have some sort of final project or capstone, be it a thesis, a film, an art show, etc. These projects can take considerable effort and require careful work, so please encourage your student to plan their time accordingly.

PREPARE GRAD SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

If your student is applying to grad school, they should know which programs they wish to pursue and how and when to apply. Encourage your student to stay on top of deadlines and be proactive in the application process.

PREPARE RESUME

Presenting an updated resume that documents your student's experience and capabilities is key for success in the job market following graduation. Encourage them to work with Career and Professional Development for help building or updating their resume.

ATTEND CAREER EVENTS

Career and Professional Development hosts events throughout the year to help seniors prepare for their career search and explore job opportunities. Many of these events will give students valuable face time with employers and the opportunity to network. Visit Chapman.edu/career for more information.

CONNECT WITH ALUMNI

The Office of Alumni Engagement will support your student long after graduation. As a senior, your student is invited to all alumni events throughout the year to begin building their Chapman network. Encourage your student to participate in as many of these opportunities as possible. Visit Chapman.edu/alumni for more information.

COMMENCEMENT

Commencement will be here before you know it. Encourage your student to check the Commencement website often (Chapman.edu/commencement) to ensure they are on track to graduate, and that logistical and traditional steps toward graduation are being completed on time. Encourage your student to create and follow a checklist to ensure nothing is missed.

SUPPORT

Be sensitive to the range of emotions your graduating senior may be experiencing, from excitement to fear to anticipation. Many things will be changing in your student's life, and it is crucial they have a good sounding board. Your support will be much appreciated as your senior transitions from the end of their college journey into the next stage of life.

ONCE A PANTHER PARENT, ALWAYS A PANTHER PARENT

As the University continues to engage your student as a blossoming young alumnus, we hope you will also continue your connection. Parents of Alumni are the best advocates for Chapman. Your insights can help current parents along their journey. Our Parents of Alumni continue to volunteer on campus, attend educational and social events together, provide internship and job opportunities to our students and alumni, and support Chapman by making donations to the Chapman Fund, which provides scholarships for our students. For more information about the Parents of Alumni program, please contact the Office of Parent Engagement at (714) 997-6558.

CLASS RINGS

Senior students have the opportunity to purchase an exclusive class ring. These rings serve as a special way for your student to commemorate their unique Chapman journey. Visit Chapman.edu/students/seniors to view the collection or 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 Engagement

(714) 997-6761

Student Employment

(714) 997-6674

YOUR PLACE AS A SENIOR 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; check out the Volunteer Corner, which can be found on the left side of 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, and a traditional Homecoming football game. Visit chapman.edu/homecoming to learn more.

PARENT SPRING SUMMIT

Held in late 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 now and into the future. Topics may include Commencement preparation, career planning, alumni services, study abroad 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.

SENIOR LEGACY

Honor your graduating senior by making a Senior Legacy gift to the Chapman Fund, which supports student scholarships. Encourage your student to make their own gift to start their legacy at Chapman. More than 86 percent of Chapman students rely on scholarships and financial aid, and a gift to this campaign will enable future generations of the best and brightest students to come to Chapman. Please visit chapman.edu/seniorlegacy.

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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