DECLARE A MAJOR/MINOR
Students should declare a major by the end of second-year. This is also a good time to explore options such as double majoring or declaring a minor. Your student should examine the courses already taken, elective courses of interest, and meet with their advisor to discuss their options.

SECURE AN INTERNSHIP OR PART-TIME JOB
Students who have declared a major or have a specific interest should consider securing an internship or part-time job that relates to their intended career field. Some majors may even require an internship. Internships and part-time jobs 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. Developing essential professional skills and basic working knowledge will go a long way toward helping your student secure a full-time job. Longevity and growth in a position demonstrate commitment and responsibility to future employers and help to ensure a strong pool of references for the future. Encourage your student to start looking into internship opportunities early. Visit Chapman.edu/internships.

STAY INVOLVED
As a first-year student, your student may have joined a club or organization. Now they should consider adding another or taking on a leadership role. These experiences are not only resume builders, but they will also help your student hone skills that are relevant for the workplace.

STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR STUDENT
Research shows that students with engaged parents were more satisfied with every aspect of their college experience and were more likely to talk with faculty and peers about substantive topics. Your student will benefit from your support and regular check-ins.
YOUR PLACE AS A SECOND-YEAR 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 in their college journeys. Topics may include involvement, academics, relationships with faculty 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.

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
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