



notes from the nest

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IMPORTANT DATES

- October 11-13 — Alumni Weekend
- October 12 — Family Day
- October 28 — Course Registration Opens for Seniors
- October 29 — Course Registration Opens for Juniors
- October 30 — Course Registration Opens for Sophomores
- October 31 — Course Registration Opens for First-Year Students
- November 21-23 — Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 11-14 — Final Exams
- December 14 — Residential Halls Close at 6pm

A MESSAGE FROM the Provost

Dear Parents and Families,

Congratulations to you and your student! We are almost at the middle of the term for this great Fall 2019 Semester!

October is a wonderfully busy, exciting month on campus. There is just so much from which to choose. The traditional "Boo-Out," the student-led Trick-or-Treat that takes over a whole classroom building, will entertain about 200 community children and families. The week after fall break, Family Weekend and Alumni Weekend feature lots of good food, sporting events, choral performances, even a "ghost walk" in celebration of the MMC Sesquicentennial. At the end of the month, the fall drama production will be Henry James' *The Turn of the Screw*. We also have the distinct honor of hosting the Justice Henry Law Lecture this year featuring a distinguished journalist from The Washington Post as well as a professor from American University, our sister institution in Washington, DC, who will speak on Ethics and the Media! What an embarrassment of riches!

Right now, amid the excitement and encouragement, what your students need from you is a reminder to keep working hard, make sure they are going to class, seek help if they need it, go to the Student Resource Center for tutoring, and talk with their professors.

All kinds of issues bubble up here at midterm, including homesickness. Also, frankly, it is about this time that some first-year students realize that college is not high school and they need to get serious about studying; they worry that they don't have a plan. First Year Experience instructors are there to help for our first-year students, and we have a wealth of resources for our upperclass students as well! Also, never hesitate a minute to contact me (jcheatham@martinmethodist.edu) or the Director of Academic Advising (ccapps@martinmethodist.edu). If we can't answer you, we will know who can. We consider it a pleasure and an honor to serve your student.

-Judy Blankenship Cheatham, Ph.D.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Martin Methodist College



FAMILY DAY

Don't forget that Family Day is right around the corner! Join us **Saturday, October 12** as part of Alumni Weekend (October 11-13) for fun, food, free t-shirts, and fellowship! Family Day is completely free, but we do ask that you register so we can have plenty of food and shirts for everyone! Register online at https://www.martinmethodist.edu/students/family_day_schedule, or give Crissy Jordan a call at 931-363-9882 to sign up!

PLANNING AHEAD

The 2020/2021 FAFSA form to apply for financial aid (grants, work-study, and loans) is already live, and you can begin working on it today at www.studentaid.ed.gov.

A few reminders regarding the FAFSA:

- This is the way for your student to qualify for state and federal aid! Without it, your student may be leaving money on the table. The earlier you get it done, the sooner our Financial Aid office can process your student's aid and get them all set to enter next year successfully and smoothly!
- The FAFSA must be completed every single year to be eligible for state and federal aid. Trust us, we know what a pain that is! Go ahead and get it completed while you're thinking of it, though!
- You and your student will both need to enter the FSA ID you created the first time you set up your FAFSA account. We recommend going ahead and trying to log on together with your student to make sure you both remember your account information!
- The FAFSA is based on your tax return from TWO years ago. Before you go to fill out the FAFSA, go ahead and pull out your 2018 tax return! You can also [click here](#) for simple steps to import that information directly into the FAFSA.
- [Click here](#) for a great informational video that can be very helpful in completing your FAFSA, and [click here](#) for details on which parent/guardian needs to fill out the FAFSA if your family makeup included divorced parents, stepfamilies, etc!

Remember, if you ever have any questions with the FAFSA or other financial matters, we have a team of professionals ready to help! Give our Financial Aid office a call at 931-363-9821!

* If you receive anything in the mail from Financial Aid (sometimes marked "F.A." on envelopes), please make sure that you open it immediately! Our team only mails vital information regarding your student's financial aid, which often includes details on incomplete paperwork, missing signatures, etc. Our team cannot complete your student's aid without these details, so make sure you respond promptly!



HOW YOU CAN pray FOR MARTIN METHODIST COLLEGE

- Pray for **students** who may be experiencing their first hurdles of their college careers: homesickness, challenging coursework, time management struggles. Pray that each student will feel the peace and strength of the Lord, and will be sustained with energy and grace to persevere.
- Pray for **families** who enter this autumn with burdens. Pray that the fall renews within them peace in God's steadfastness and faithfulness, even in times of struggle, despair, or change.
- Pray for **faculty, staff, and administration** who guide and support our students in their academic, social, and spiritual lives. Pray they are filled with grace and dedication to their missions, and that their own renewal spills into the lives of the students they serve.

DID YOU KNOW

that

this academic year marks Martin Methodist's

150th birthday?!

[Click here](#) to see the many events we have planned for our Sesquicentennial celebrations!



ON CAMPUS RESOURCES

- Academic Affairs** — 931-363-9810
- Financial Aid** — 931-363-9821
- MMC Clinic** — 931-424-7338
- MMC Counseling** — 931-424-7338
- Business Office** — 931-363-9817
- Registrar** — 931-363-9809
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- Residential Life** — 931-424-7363
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