



Your DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2016 PARENTS' E-NEWSLETTER

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SPRING TERM DATES TO REMEMBER

It's hard to believe, but Spring term is right around the corner already! **A quick reminder to all parents that the new semester begins this Wednesday, February 3rd.** A few other important dates to note are Midterm Break, which will run the week of March 21st—25th, and of course, Finals Week, which will run Monday—Thursday, May 16th—19th. Parents of students in their final year, mark your calendars: Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 21st.

WELCOME PARENTS OF NEW AND TRANSFER STUDENTS!

The Dean of Students Office would like to take a moment to give a special “Welcome!” to all parents of new and transfer students who are starting at Hamline this spring semester. Our office is a resource for both Hamline students and their parents, so please feel free to contact us with any questions you may encounter as you and your student settle in to Piper life! **To contact the Dean of Students Office, please call (651) 523-2421 or email us at an-studentaffairs@hamline.edu.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT STUDENT BILLING

Spring tuition was due on January 15, 2016. Bills are available to view through your student's Pipeline account. Please make sure that your student's payment has been made or they have enough financial aid coming in to pay the entire balance. If a payment is not received, your student will go on Financial Hold that could prevent them from making any changes to their registration.

Please contact the Student Accounts Office at [651-523-3000](tel:651-523-3000) with questions.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION FOR 2016-2017

Applying for Financial Aid for 2016-2017? Remember to complete your FAFSA about two weeks after you have e-filed your 3015 tax returns. For questions, please contact the Office of Financial Aid: (651) 523-3000; finaid@hamline.edu; or visit our webpage at <http://www.hamline.edu/offices/financial-aid/apply/>.

FAFSA Priority Deadline: April 20th, 2016 (www.fafsa.gov)

Parents: You need your own **FSA ID** to sign your child's FAFSA electronically. Sign up for one today @ www.fsaaid.ed.gov.



DECLINING BALANCE NOW ROLLS TO SPRING SEMESTER

New for spring semester of 2016: Did you know that if your student had declining balance as part of their meal plan in fall semester, any amount of the declining balance left unspent automatically rolled over to spring semester? Declining balance is attached to a student's Hamline ID card and functions like a debit card. It can be used to purchase items at any of the dining locations across Hamline campus, including Subway, Leo's, Piper Grill and Starbucks.

Looking to save a little money? Check out our [Credit/Cash vs. Declining Balance worksheet](#), which breaks down the savings your student will see whenever they use declining balance to purchase food items on campus.

Want to purchase declining balance or a meal plan for your student? Visit <https://hamline.campusdish.com> and click on **Meal Plans** to view all available plans, including declining balance options. Note that you must be logged in and have your student's card linked to your account in order to make a meal plan/declining balance purchase.

STUDENT LEADER SELECTION 2016

Parents, do you think your student might be interested in working as a Resident Assistant, New Student Mentor, Transfer New Student Mentor, CashCourse Intern, or on the Programming Board next year?

Applications are now open for Student Leader Selection, a collaboration between multiple offices to identify and select students for various leadership positions across campus for the 2016-2017 school year. A description of each student leader position, plus contact information and application instructions are available at <http://www.hamline.edu/studentleadersselection/>. **Online applications are due on February 12th at 5:00 PM.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Hamline's third annual **Winter Wonderjam Concert** is coming up on Saturday, February 20th at Anderson Center. More information is available at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1086945478004129/>

The **Fireball Dance** will be on Friday, March 11th at MUSE Event Center in Minneapolis.