



Your DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE

November 2018 Parent e-Newsletter

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FAMILY WEEKEND RECAP

During the weekend of November 9th-11th, Hamline parents, siblings, and friends spent time on campus visiting with their students and exploring the Hamline community! If you attended Family Weekend this year, we hope you had a great time experiencing the campus activities that your student is a part of, including theatre and music performances, athletics events, and even a performance with Comedy Sportz. If you weren't able to attend this year's event, we hope to see you next November 8th-10th for Family Weekend 2019!

REGISTRATION & J-TERM CLASSES

J-term and spring semester class registration has begun! Why should your student consider taking a J-term course? Taking a J-Term course is a great way for students to satisfy one or even two of their Hamline Plan requirements with just one class, to explore by delving into an entire new topic of study, and to stay connected to the campus. The best part? J-term tuition is discounted 50% for undergraduate students! If you or your student would like more information about the J-Term courses available at Hamline this January, please visit www.hamline.edu/j-term/.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

Students who plan to remain at Hamline during the upcoming Thanksgiving break should be aware of changes in dining services hours, and make plans for their meals starting on Wednesday, November 21st after 5:00 p.m. through Sunday, November 25th. For students who will remain on campus, there will be an RA on duty every night from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. in the dorms in case they need assistance.

HAMLIN STUDENTS ROCK THE OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIP WORLD

Congratulations to over 275 Hamline undergraduate students who received nearly \$460,000 in outside scholarships this fall! Several scholarship foundations like Wallin, Page, Xcel, Phillips, Blandin, Dollars for Scholars, Horatio Alger, Tozer, Dell and several others have awarded thousands of dollars to Hamline students. Outside scholarship research is beneficial to assist students in financing their education. We strongly encourage all Hamline students to continue seeking scholarships. To help in the search, check out www.hamline.edu/outsidescholarships for scholarship applications and free search tools.

PIPER ATHLETICS INFORMATION

Go Pipers! If you're looking for more information about athletic events at Hamline, be sure to check out hamlineathletics.com, the official Athletics website of the Hamline Pipers. This website is chock-full of information about all Hamline sports, including game times, results, news articles, staff contacts, and even telecast information, so you can watch your student play even when they're away!

UPCOMING UNIVERSITY CLOSURE DATES

We're a few short weeks from the end of fall semester already! The Dean of Students office would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some upcoming University closure dates. Hamline will be closed for Thanksgiving all day on both Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd. Coming up in December, Hamline will be closed on Monday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 25th. As with all University closures, certain offices providing essential services will remain open. Parents, please note that Residential halls will continue to be staffed full-time throughout the holiday season, and Public Safety will also remain open.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE INFORMATION

Closing is a busy time of year, when the Residential Life Office needs the cooperation of all residents to successfully close their rooms for the break.

- **Parents, if your student is not returning for spring semester, please make sure that their contract release request has been submitted to the office of Residential Life on or before November 30th.** The contract release request form is online and can be found by clicking on this [link](#). Residents who will not return as students must move out on or before December 21st to avoid spring term charges. Spring term housing charges begin accruing on January 1st. Students who are not checked out by December 21st will be charged a daily rate from January 1st until the date they officially check out of their rooms.
- **Residence Halls close for winter break on December 21st at 5 pm and reopen on January 1st.** A check list will be attached to each student's door outlining exactly what each resident needs to do prior to leaving campus. Students will not have access to their halls and rooms during this time period and should take all items they will need at home with them.

Winter Break Housing

The Residential Life Office will provide housing over winter break for students who apply by December 14th. A \$100.00 fee will be charged to their student account for all or any portion of winter break. To apply for winter break housing, students should log into hamline.erezlife.com using their Hamline username and password and complete the winter break housing form. December 14th is the last day to apply.

Winter Break Information - Apartments/Hamline Houses

The apartment building and Hamline houses will remain open over winter break. **If your student will not be returning for spring semester, please check that they have submitted their contract release request to the Office of Residential Life on or before November 30th.** The contract release request form is online and can be found by clicking on this [link](#). Students will need to make an appointment with an RA to check out at least 48 hours in advance of their desired check out date. Apartment residents who are released from their housing contract must move out on or before January 15th to avoid spring term housing charges.

THINKING AHEAD—FINANCIAL AID FOR 2019-2020

The 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now available. The [FAFSA](#) is the application for financial aid at Hamline. Gather your student and parent 2017 federal tax information in order to complete the form. This FAFSA will be used to generate financial aid for the fall 2019, spring 2020 and summer 2020 terms. Please note that you and your student will need your [FSA ID](#) usernames and passwords to log in and sign the form.

HAMLIN BOOKSTORE'S ONLINE BLACK FRIDAY SALE

Calling all Pipers! Hamline Bookstore is holding an online Black Friday Sale! The sale begins November 21st and runs through November 28th. Visit the website for more sale details, at www.hamlineshop.com.