



Your DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE

October 2019 Parent e-Newsletter

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FAMILY WEEKEND 2019

Parents, family members, and friends, a reminder that **Family Weekend** is coming up November 8th – 10th. Hamline's Family Weekend is a great opportunity to experience campus life while visiting your student!

Join the Dean of Students office staff for a Mocktail Happy Hour Reception from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. and [Comedy Sportz](#) performance on Friday night. On Saturday, visit the campus for a wide variety of events including a faculty lecture, enrichment workshops on CASA (Hamline's Center for Academic Success and Achievement) and study abroad/study away info. sessions, the Hamline vs. St. John's football game, a family weekend concert, plus Saturday night BINGO and the family weekend movie! On Sunday morning, join us in attending a traditional service at Hamline United Methodist Church. There's something for everyone at Hamline's Family Weekend, and we'd love to see you here!

We hope you'll join us for this great annual event! For more information about Family Weekend, including suggestions on where to stay while you're visiting campus, visit the [Family Weekend webpage](#).

HALLOWEEN MESSAGE

Happy Halloween to all our Piper families!

Each year, the Dean of Students office sends out a message to students reminding them of the importance of considering others and of making good choices when they celebrate Halloween. We recognize that many cultures have celebrations and rituals, such as Halloween, that allow people to disguise who they are, even if only for a single night. However, what one person considers celebratory may be offensive to another, and no one wants a seemingly harmless costume to have unintended negative consequences.

Below are some items that Hamline asks all students to consider as they make their costume selections and Halloween plans:

- Is your costume choice something that is likely to be perceived as offensive or hurtful to members of another race, gender, religion, or culture? Will it reflect poorly on you or adversely affect our Hamline community?
- Will photos or social media posts capturing your celebration be misinterpreted and have a negative impact on your reputation now or in the future?
- If you plan to attend a party or celebration on Halloween night, do you have a friend to go along with you, particularly if you are walking in the evening hours to your destination? Are you being responsible in your choices regarding alcohol? If you are hosting, are you being a responsible host? Are you following Minnesota law?

We hope all students will have a safe and enjoyable time celebrating Halloween this year!

WINTER TIPS AND PREPARATION

With the recent chilly weather, the Dean of Students Office staff thought now might be a good time to provide a couple of reminders about winter weather in Minnesota:

- 1) **Cold weather items:** If your student came to Hamline with summer and fall clothing but neglected their **winter coat, boots, hat, and other cold-weather gear**, now it is the time to bring these items to campus. One of the best ways to avoid illness and missing class during the winter season is to dress appropriately for the weather.
- 2) **Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) and mental health:** Winter can sometimes be a depressing time for students, particularly for those who may be away from home for the first time. Does your student know what to do if they have seasonal depression, or if they feel like they need someone to talk to? A reminder that students have on-campus resources at Hamline's Counseling and Health Center and the Dean of Students Office. If you are a parent who is concerned about your student's mental health, you are welcome and encouraged to call the Dean of Students Office at 651-523-2421 to let us know.
- 3) **Winter parking:** If your student parks on or near Hamline campus, they should be aware of Saint Paul's winter parking restrictions during Snow Emergencies, as well as pay attention to any alterations in campus parking availability due to snow removal. During winter snowstorms, your student should keep an eye on their campus email, as that is where any University closures due to weather will be announced. They can also sign up for the **Hamline ALERT text/email system** on the "Personal Information" tab in Piperline. For off-campus parkers, one of the best ways to stay informed about Snow Emergencies is to download the free **Saint Paul Winter Parking Guide** app, available [here](#).

We hope you, your student, and your family will stay warm, enjoy the season, and plan for an enjoyable winter this year!

LOOKING AHEAD: FINANCIAL AID FOR 2020-2021

Does your student need financial aid for the 2020-2021 academic year? Get a jump start on preparing for next year! The 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available now. Go to <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa> using your 2018 federal tax returns to complete the 2020-2021 FAFSA. As a returning FAFSA filer, just click the *Returning User?* button to update certain information items and not have to start from scratch.

Returning students should continue to seek scholarships. Check out our outside scholarship page at www.hamline.edu/outsidescholarships for scholarship options and free online scholarship search tools.

If you have any questions about financial aid at Hamline, please contact our office at 651-523-3000 or finaid@hamline.edu. Check out our website for helpful information regarding all things financial aid: www.hamline.edu/fa

UPCOMING DATES TO KNOW

Advising Weeks: October 28th – November 8th

J-term and Spring Registration: Begin November 11th

Thanksgiving Break: November 28th and 29th. Please note, food service is closed November 28th through December 1st. Residential Life will be providing nightly programming with food options (including Thanksgiving dinner) for students who remain on campus. Additionally, students remaining on campus are encouraged to prepare by getting meals to go or purchasing items from Leo's to have food for the break. If your student has questions, please email Javier Gutierrez at jgutierrez@hamline.edu.

CAMPUS DISH AND DECLINING BALANCE SPECIAL OFFER

Are you or your student looking for information about dining on campus? Be sure to check out Campus Dish, your one-stop-shop for all things Hamline dining! On Campus Dish's website, you can add declining balance to your student's account, check the hours of operation for various campus dining locations, review the day's menus, and find dietary and nutrition guidelines such as vegan or vegetarian options. Visit <https://hamline.campusdish.com/en> for more information about dining on Hamline campus.

Declining Balance Special Offer

Are you interested in adding declining balance to your student's account? Early bird Black Friday specials are coming in hot! Spring semester declining balance reload is starting in November. November 1st through November 15th, receive \$10 free declining balance for every \$100 you add to your student's account. The best part? When students use declining balance, they don't pay tax when dining on campus! To add declining balance to your students' account, visit <https://hamline.campusdish.com/MealPlans> or call 651-523-2453 to speak with dining services.

