



Your DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE

December 2018 Parent e-Newsletter

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DECEMBER GRADUATES!

Congratulations to all of our December Hamline graduates! We are proud of you, Pipers, and hope that you and your loved ones will join us as we honor your academic achievements during Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 19th, 2019. For more information about Commencement, please visit Hamline's website at hamline.edu/commencement/.

END OF SEMESTER CELEBRATIONS

Hello from Hamline, where finals are running from now through December 20th! Last night, students gathered in the Bishop's Bistro to celebrate the end of the semester during Hamline's traditional **Late Night Study Breakfast**. Students were served pancakes, doughnuts, and plenty of delicious sides cooked and served by Hamline faculty and staff members, and then stayed on to enjoy music, dancing, and fabulous door prizes.

Speaking of celebrations, the Hamline Programming Board is preparing to host its semiannual **End of Semester Party** in Anderson Center on Saturday, December 15th from 1:00-4:00 p.m. There will be a hot chocolate and tea bar as well as tons of desserts and activities, including free massages. Students are encouraged to come in their pajamas - those with the coolest pajamas will win extra prize tickets!

SEMESTER BREAK & J-TERM DATES-TO-KNOW

Fall semester final exams run through Thursday, December 20th. Please be aware that many University staff take the winter break period between fall semester and J-term as time away from work. If you have urgent questions to be answered, please contact University offices before December 21st at 5:00 p.m., or after January 1st.

Students who are taking a J-term (January term) course will begin classes on Wednesday, January 2nd. The University will be closed in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 21st. J-term classes run through Friday, January 25th, 2019. Spring semester 2019 classes begin on January 30th.

REGISTRATION REMINDER

A reminder that there is still time for your student to enroll in both J-term and Spring semester courses. 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/.

FAFSA PRIORITY DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 1st, 2019

If your student plans to take fall semester classes in 2019, winter break is also a great time to work on completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The priority deadline for submitting the 2019-2020 FAFSA is February 1st, 2019, and the earlier your student applies, the more grant money they are likely to receive, depending on their eligibility. Early filing also helps ensure that your student doesn't miss important deadlines for state-based funding, as state-based funding may have different deadlines than federal funding.

WINTER BREAK FINANCIAL PLANNING

With fall semester in the books and students headed home for the holidays, winter break is a great time to do some financial tidying up with your student before J-term and spring semester begin. Maybe they have questions about tuition, the cost of living on campus, or the hidden costs of living off-campus in an apartment. Do they know how to figure out how much financial aid they should take out for the upcoming semester? If they are using loans to help pay for school, do they have a sense of how much they have borrowed so far? Are they continuing to apply for scholarships and other assistance while they work on their degree?

If you or your student have questions about financial planning while attending college, you are welcome to reach out to the Hamline Financial Aid Office at 651-523-3000 or 800-888-2182 during winter break before December 22nd, or throughout January. And for more advice on helping your student plan out their financial future, check out the Money Matters blog on the [Collegiate Parent website](http://collegiateparent.com/category/starting-college/money/) at collegiateparent.com/category/starting-college/money/.

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.

- **Residents who will not return as students in spring semester 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. **Friday, 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. Apartment residents who have been released from their housing contract must move out on or before January 15th to avoid spring term housing charges.

WINTER BREAK PARKING

Hamline Public Safety requests that all students who plan to leave their cars on campus over winter break please move their cars to the outer edge of the parking lots in case the lots need to be plowed.

If your student has any questions about parking over winter break, please let them know to contact Public Safety at 651-523-2100.

DID YOU KNOW?

Hamline students contribute over 150,000 hours of community service each year?

For more Hamline Fast Facts, check out the About Hamline webpage at www.hamline.edu/about/fastfacts.

