



Dear TCNJ Parents and Families,

Congratulations on your student's acceptance to The College of New Jersey!

Here at TCNJ, we want to ensure that every student reaches their full potential. As such, we urge parents and families to continue to engage with and support their students.

Parents and family members should keep in mind that the academic experience at The College of New Jersey is very different from that of high school and other institutions. We firmly believe that college should be a transformative experience that turns young adults into high-achieving, independent learners. For this reason, we expect students to take charge of their academics and to autonomously tackle any problems they encounter. Families should encourage students to address any issues head-on, but ultimately it is the student's responsibility to reach out to the appropriate faculty members and campus resources. TCNJ has an advising structure through which students can receive guidance on particular classes or their general academic progress. This advising structure includes faculty members, academic advisor(s), department chair(s), and assistant dean(s).

Students will receive information later this summer about giving their parents and family members access to student records through PAWS Auxiliary Access. A student can set this up through their PAWS account by clicking on the Auxiliary Access link under "Personal Information" and choosing what kind of access to grant the auxiliary users. Accessible options include viewing the student's financial accounts and/or their academic records. If a family member is granted access, they will be given a username, password, and pin number which will enable them to log in to PAWS. For information about student privacy and the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), please visit the Student Privacy web page at <http://recreg.pages.tcnj.edu/student-privacy-rights/>. Students will receive their annual FERPA notification at the beginning of the fall semester.

TCNJ has created an early intervention model that allows students to access a Midterm Progress Report which provides feedback from instructors. Students will receive either a "Satisfactory", "Caution", or "Unsatisfactory" indicator towards the middle of the semester. Please encourage your students to be proactive by checking their reports and reaching out to faculty to discuss their academic standing in their class. The progress report is just one more way that the college works to ensure your student's success.

Over the summer, students should regularly check their TCNJ e-mail account for ongoing information about building their Fall 2014 schedule. Important information and communications will also be posted on the New Undergraduate Enrollment Website (<http://firstreg.pages.tcnj.edu>). As an active supporter and advocate for your student's success, we ask that you encourage them to independently take charge of their academic career which begins today!

Once again, we would like to congratulate you on your student's enrollment at The College of New Jersey, and welcome you to our College community. Please consult TCNJ's parent website at <http://parents.pages.tcnj.edu/> for additional resources. We look forward to supporting your student's transition into TCNJ and their journey to becoming independent and educated adults.

Sincerely,

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