



FAMILY CALENDAR 2019-2020





On behalf of the Illinois College Family Association – we are so thrilled your student has chosen IC as their home away from home!

As parents and family members, you play an important role in the academic success of your student. This calendar provides the information you need to assist your student in finding answers to his or her questions. We also provide relevant tips as you help your student transition into a new phase of life, including ways to empower your student to make positive decisions, get outside of their comfort zone, and navigate new experiences with new people. We value all you do to support your student's success and we want you to feel connected to the College and a part of your student's education.

This calendar has been created especially for you. In these pages you will find information about when students will be focusing on exams, when they will be looking forward to a big campus event, and when they should know about important deadlines. Whether you use it as a planning tool or a conversation starter, I hope you will find it valuable throughout the year. All of us at Illinois College are committed to helping your student thrive as they develop qualities of mind and character needed for fulfilling lives of leadership and service. Thank you for entrusting your student to us. We look forward to supporting your student and connecting with you throughout the years to come.

Sincerely,

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August 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 2019 semester balance due to Student Financial Services	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Last Ready, Set, Go! Registration Day	22 Part 1 of Alcohol Edu & Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates training due Welcome Week begins - new students move in First Night Fun with Hypnotist	23 Required Welcome Week sessions #1-4 Maximize Your Buzz & Maximize Your Appetite!	24 Required Welcome Week sessions #5-8 Rec Night at Bruner
25 Service Blitz Continuing students return	26 Advising Day First-Year seminar note-taking assignments due Opening Celebration	27 Classes begin Involvement Fair & Community Showcase	28 Info sessions for all-campus student organizations	29 Improv Show	30 Glow Casino Night	31 Quad Fest

What's Happening With Your Student

Whether returning to campus after being away for the summer or leaving home for the first time, your student will be adjusting to a new living arrangement. Encourage your student to discuss expectations and plans with their roommate(s) prior to arriving to campus.

Homesickness seems to be an inevitable part of adjusting to college. Dr. Josh Klapow states, "homesickness is a very normal reaction to periods of rapid change and adjustment (such as college)..." and "at its core homesickness is a longing for the familiar". Help your student understand these are normal feelings and that most students are having or have experienced these same feelings. Becoming familiar with his/her new surroundings is invaluable to alleviating these feelings. If possible, it's very important that your student remains on campus for the first six weeks to accomplish this familiarity. Getting involved, meeting new people, and finding their niche will help them acclimate to college. Staying connected with your student will also help during the transition.



September 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day, classes ARE in session Last day to add/drop without an instructor's signature The ABCs of Inclusion - FYS required convocation	3	4 Commuter Student Open House	5	6	7
8	9 Last day to add a course with course instructor's signature Last day to drop a course with advisor's signature Last day for previous semester "Incompletes" Last day to drop a course without a grade The Art of Doubling Down Convocation	10 "More About That" series - FYS required convocation	11	12	13	14
15 Literary Society recruitment begins	16 #Choices - FYS required convocation	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 "More About That" series - FYS required convocation	24	25	26	27 Family and Friends Weekend True Blue BINGO Bonanza	28 Family and Friends Weekend
29	30 Experiencing the World Through IC convocation					

What's Happening With Your Student

Students can become overwhelmed with multiple syllabi and different teaching styles of various professors. This is when academic coaching can be extremely helpful. Walking through each syllabus with an academic counselor looking for important information and due dates can help students feel in control. This will also assist in time management. This is a great time for students to visit the Center for Academic Excellence and find out about all the resources across campus.

Engage your student in a discussion of how many extracurriculars to commit to in the semester. Helping them to dive into one or two student organizations can really assist in their transition to college. Sometimes students want to join too many leaving them feeling overwhelmed and not doing any of them well. It's better to commit to one or two that they can do really well rather than five that they can't give as much time to.

The reality of living with a roommate and managing life independently (laundry, time, meals, etc) can become all too real for some. Knowing one's resources and seeking assistance early in the semester is crucial. Encourage your student to seek assistance as needed.



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October 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 2020-21 FAFSA website opens, fafsa.ed.gov	2	3	4 National Taco Day	5
6	7 "More About That" series - FYS required convocation	8	9 Fall Break begins at the end of classes	10 Fall Break	11 Fall Break	12 Fall Break
13 Residence halls open	14 Classes resume	15	16	17	18 Midterm grades computed as of this day for all students	19
20 "More About That" series - FYS required convocation Homecoming week	21 Literary society new member period begins Homecoming week Pep Rally	22 Homecoming week Powderpuff Football	23 Homecoming week	24 Homecoming week	25 Homecoming week Follies Talent Show	26 Homecoming week Parade Formal Dance
27	28	29	30	31 IC 2020-21 FAFSA filing priority deadline		

What's Happening With Your Student

Academic wellness is important during this month. Students may be preparing for midterms, first large assignments, or overall exams. Learning to manage time, like studying gradually throughout the week rather than cramming it all in one night, will alleviate stress.

Conversing about the importance of eating right, getting enough sleep, and prioritizing is also a great talking point at this time to remind students to take care of their own personal well-being.

Beginning October 1st, you can also file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), so this is an excellent opportunity to have a discussion with your students about finances.

Homecoming and other social activities kick into high gear during this time. The temptation of experimenting with alcohol can become a reality for some students. Knowing how to set boundaries and helping students make good choices is crucial at this time.

During this month, students will be asked to make course selections for the following semester. Encourage your student to seek help from his/her academic faculty advisor or an academic coach.



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November 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 Last day for students to drop a course with a W grade Last day to withdraw from college with a W grade "More About That" series - FYS required convocation	5 Downtown Takeover & Movie Night		7	8	9
10	11	12	13 World Kindness Day	14 "More About That" series - FYS required convocation Chicago Area Family and Alumni Reception	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Literary society new member period ends	23
24	25	26 Thanksgiving Break begins at end of classes Residence halls close	27 2020 spring bills mailed Thanksgiving Break	28 Thanksgiving Break	29 Thanksgiving Break	30 Thanksgiving Break

What's Happening With Your Student

Thanksgiving Break is right around the corner, so make sure you communicate with your student about Break and travel arrangements.

Flu season is upon us, so encourage your student to take precautionary measures to battle illness. Health Services is an excellent resource on campus to help keep your student healthy. In addition, getting 7 to 8 hours of sleep per night is an important goal for all!

It is about this time of year that some students believe they can solve their problems by transferring to another institution. At this point, students should be encouraged to give IC at least a full year's try. Remind your student that they may have a worse experience at another institution, and many situations that seem impossible in the first semester often disappear later in the year.

If your student is preparing to graduate in the spring, make sure to remind them to fill out their graduation form before December 1st!



December 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Residence halls open at 1 p.m. 2020 spring 5-month payment plan 1st payment due	2 Classes resume	3	4	5 All Society Showcase	6 Last day of classes Holiday Dinner	7
8 Reading Day	9 Final examinations begin	10	11	12	13 Final examinations end; residence halls close	14 Winter Break
15 Winter Break	16 Winter Break	17 Winter Break	18 Winter Break	19 Winter Break	20 Winter Break	21 Winter Break
22 Winter Break	23 Winter Break	24 Winter Break	25 Winter Break	26 Winter Break	27 Winter Break	28 Winter Break
29 Winter Break	30 Winter Break	31 Winter Break				

What's Happening With Your Student

Final exams are quickly approaching so this would be an ideal time to send your student a letter of encouragement or a small "good luck" care package!

After finals, students are often worn out after a long semester of hard work so be sure they get some rest and relaxation. Students are also happy to have family time and catch up on all that has happened since they left in the fall.

Students may struggle with the independence they found at college and the expectations at home. This is a good time to reassure your student you understand their new found freedom, however, mutual respect is equally as important.

This may also be a good time to figure out what your student is doing for the summer. Discuss the importance of experiential learning opportunities such as traveling abroad and BreakAways. Internships are always valuable as well! It is important that students think about this now, as applications and letters of recommendation will be due in the spring semester.



January 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 2020 spring 4-month payment plan 1st payment due Winter Break	2 Winter Break	3 Winter Break	4 Winter Break
5 2020 spring semester balance due (if not enrolled in monthly payment plan) Winter Break	6 Winter Break	7 Winter Break	8 Winter Break	9 Winter Break	10 Winter Break	11 Winter Break
12 Residence halls open at 1pm	13 Advising Day	14 Classes begin	15	16	17	18
19	20 Last day to add/drop without and instructor's signature	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Last day to add a course with course instructor's signature Last day to drop a course with advisor's signature Last day for previous semester "Incompletes"	28	29	30	31 IRS Form 1098-T mailed and available on Connect2	

What's Happening With Your Student

Some students will be overly excited to return to campus, but for some the twinge of homesickness they felt in the fall will return. Assure your student that they'll adjust quickly once back into the routine of the semester.

This is an important time to have your student reflect on their grades from the previous semester and set goals for the upcoming semester. If they didn't get involved in anything outside of the classroom during the fall, remind your student that it's never too late to check out a new student organization through the Center for Student Involvement.



February 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Spring Break begins at the end of classes Residence halls close	29 Spring Break

What's Happening With Your Student

Encourage your student to apply to present at the annual Celebration of Excellence held later in the Spring semester. This is a great time to showcase academic work they are proud of!

Late February and early March is the time of mid-term exams and projects. Stress is likely to be high. Staying focused on goals and utilizing campus resources, such as the Campus Writing Center and Speech Lab, are keys to success.

Many students are planning Spring Break - most IC students relax, work, and visit with family and friends. Others will go on a BreakAway or travel with the Alternative Spring Break trip.

Encourage students to attend Black History Month events. Understanding one another's cultural backgrounds fosters a sense of community students can be proud to be a part of!

Encourage students to beat the winter blues by joining in Spring Intramurals or hitting the pool or weight room in Bruner Fitness Center.



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March 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Spring Break	2 Spring Break	3 Spring Break	4 Spring Break	5 Spring Break	6 Spring Break	7 Spring Break
8 Residence halls open at 1pm	9 Classes resume	10 Midterm grades computed as of this day for all students	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Last day for students to drop a course with a W grade Last day to withdraw from college with a W grade	31				

What's Happening With Your Student

Many students are headed away from campus for Spring Break. Regardless, of where they choose to spend it, encourage your student to stay safe, get a few moments to relax, and then be ready to finish the semester strong!

This is the time to kick good academic habits into high gear - the power of study groups, good sleep, and staying ahead on course material can't be overestimated!

Students will need to begin thinking about what courses to take for next year's fall semester. It's important to schedule a meeting with their faculty advisor ahead of the course registration date.



April 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Easter Break begins at the end of classes	10 Easter Break	11 Easter Break
12 Easter Break	13 Classes resume	14	15	16	17 Celebration of Excellence	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Last day of classes	25
26	27 Final exams begin	28	29	30		

What's Happening With Your Student

The weather is warming up, so students may want to spend more time outdoors, so make sure your students are still staying on top of his/her academics and studying.

Final projects, exams, papers, and presentations are due, so stress levels may be high. If your student stays organized and manages their time effectively, then the stress will be naturally alleviated. Encourage your student to take it one day at a time and to use the resources that the Center for Academic Excellence has to offer.

This is also the time students may be declaring a major or thinking about summer internships. Career Readiness and Experiential Learning is a popular resource utilized at this time to sharpen the student's resume, cover letter, and interviewing skills to prepare for summer opportunities.

Graduating students need to get their cap and gown. If your student is considering graduate school, make sure all of their applications are in by the required deadlines as well as any required exams (GRE, MCAT, LSAT, etc.)



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May 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Final exams end Residence halls close at 4:30pm for students not participating in Commencement	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Baccalaureate and Commencement	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

What's Happening With Your Student

Speak to your student about his/her summer plans. Some students may be staying in Jacksonville for internships or summer jobs, others will be preparing to return home. Make sure your student has their fall plans finalized including their housing and roommate selection.

This is a time of transition, whether students decide to stay in Jacksonville or return home. It will be different without classes and having friends from college around. This transition may be difficult for a short time, but with support will not last long.



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June 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

What's Happening With Your Student

Summer is a good time for students to do some self-exploration to see which major or career options they may want to research or pursue. It's also a good time to reflect on the previous year and all of its successes and challenges.

During this time, students may take summer classes at local community colleges as well to make up more credit. Make sure your student has met with someone from our Registrar's Office to ensure those credits will transfer over to IC.



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July 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Health Services deadline for completed health forms	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

What's Happening With Your Student

Tensions may arise due to students' increasing independence. At this point in the summer, students are missing their college friends. This is a time of change as your relationship begins to transition into an adult-to-adult relationship. It's important to keep the lines of communication open and make expectations clear.

Students may be living away from home for the first time during the summer due to jobs or internships and may be missing family vacations/ events. Keep in regular contact with your student to help them feel connected.



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