Welcome back to Cardinal Nation! We are so excited to have all of our students back on campus!

Our biggest piece of advice that we can give to you, our Cardinal Families, is to encourage your student to get involved! According to research conducted by Ohio State, students who are involved and have a connection to campus life are more likely to succeed academically. That same study reports that highly-involved students are 3x more likely than uninvolved students to be considered for jobs by employers. Additionally, students who are highly-involved were rated as 18% more career-ready than the uninvolved students.

Ask your cardinal how they plan to get, be, and stay involved on campus!

Stay Connected
"Under Our Wing" is published once a semester to give you a quick glance of important things happening this semester.

Please follow us on social media for information throughout the semester and photos!

Facebook: LU_Parents
Twitter: LU_Parents
**How Can Your Student Get Involved NOW?**

1. **Week of Welcome**
   Week of Welcome is happening now and continuing through August 26th!

   Encourage your student to attend all of the events to meet others, get free swag, and have fun!

   Some of our major events include Casino Night, the Aquatics Glow Party, Meet the Greeks, Late Night at the Set, and First Year Games!

   For a full list of events, you and your student can visit lamar.edu/wow or your student can scroll through our events on LU HUB

2. **LU LEAD**
   LU LEAD is a certificate program that helps students develop their leadership skills. This program meets weekly for activities, presentations, and engaging conversations about leadership on campus, now, and in the future.

   If your student is interested, have them search LU LEAD through their LU HUB! Applications close this Sunday, August 20th!

3. **LU HUB**
   If your student hasn't already, please encourage them to log into their LU HUB account! LU Hub is where your student can view events and join clubs/organizations!

**Mark Their Calendar**

Help your student mark their calendar. Here are some important dates for Fall 2023:

- **August 17th**
  First Day of Classes

- **August 21st**
  Last Day to Register

- **September 1st**
  Census day and last day for full refund on dropped courses

- **September 4th**
  Labor Day Holiday

- **September 7**
  Final non-payment purge

- **September 17th**
  Lamar University's Centennial Celebration!

- **October 24th**
  Last day to drop or withdraw

- **October 31st**
  Last day to apply/pay for December 2023 graduation

- **November 4th**
  Homecoming & Family Day!

- **November 20-24th**
  Thanksgiving Holiday

- **November 28**
  Last Class Day

- **November 30-December 7**
  Final Exams

**Homecoming & Family Day!**

Mark Your Calendar!

Family Day will be held on **Saturday, November 4th**!

We know this event is going to be a blast for you and your family!

We will open registration for this event soon, so please follow us on social media for updates and announcements!
Lamar University is Celebrating 100 Years!

Lamar University was founded on September 17th, 1923 as South Park Junior College. In its first fall semester, South Park Junior College enrolled 125 students.

Lamar University now is a community of 15,000 students with more than 100 programs of study leading to bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees.

LU has gone through many changes in our years, helping us to move toward success and growth for our students!

Here are some major moments Lamar University’s history:

- 1932 - Our cardinal mascot, Big Red was born!
- 1951 - The school became a state-supported four-year institution
- 1954 - Lamar University’s Alma Mater was written by Professor Gilbert Rhodes Smartt
- 1956 - Greek Life welcomed its inaugural members
- 1960 - Red and White became our official school colors
- 1971 - Our name officially changed to Lamar University
- 1984 - Our 10,080-seat Montagne Center opened its doors!
- 1995 - Lamar University joined the Texas State University System
- 2010 - After a 21-year hiatus, LU relaunched its football program
- 2021 - Lamar University welcomed its 16th president, Jaime R. Taylor!

LU Community Birthday Bash!

September 17th, 2023
4:00pm - 8:00pm

Everyone is invited to celebrate Lamar University’s 100th Birthday!

Bring the entire family to celebrate with food and fun! We are so proud of the progress we have made, but our progression would not have been possible without you and your students! So, come celebrate!

The Community Birthday Bash will begin at 4:00pm in the Quad. Our Family Fest will take place in the Sheila Umphrey Recreational Sports Center from 5:30pm - 7:00pm. Finally, we will have a Centennial Fest Gusher Finale at the Spindletop Gladys-City Boomtown Museum with live music, fireworks, and a gusher demonstration.

For more information, please visit lamar.edu/centennial