Kindergarten to College: Parenting a UT Student

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“Our job as parents is to work ourselves out of a job!”

Parents as Partners
The community of learners and educators at The University of Tampa strives to support the development of each student as a productive and responsible citizen who embraces the values of honesty, citizenship, trust, respect, and responsibility.

As a member of The University of Tampa Spartan community, I agree and pledge that I will...

... promote and practice academic and personal honesty.

... commit to actions that benefit the community, as well as engage in activities that better others.

... discourage intolerance and acknowledge that diversity in our community shapes our learning and development.

... conduct myself in a manner that makes me worthy of the trust of others.

... respect the ideas and contributions of all persons, allowing for an environment of sharing and learning.

... accept full responsibility and be held accountable for all of my decisions and actions.
• Write, care packages
• Ask questions... But not too many
• Expect change... It may be a little or a lot
• Encourage them to manage their time

• Let them resolve their own problems
• Visit... But not too often (Family Weekend is great)
• Trust your student
• Encourage involvement and volunteerism

Do this!
Not that

• Don’t ask if they are homesick
• Don’t worry too much
• DO NOT say “These are the best years of your life”
• Don’t resolve their problems for them
• Don’t call or text too much
• Don’t accept one side of the story
• Don’t rob your student of the ability to make decisions
• A college freshman – essentially a high school senior without parents around.

Biggest problem for new students: FREEDOM
Unexpected Detours

- Finances
- Resolving problems
- Communication
- Health and Wellness
- Alcohol and Other Drugs
Finances

- Establish ground rules for spending
- Beware of credit cards
- Define emergency, nothing you can eat, drink or wear!
Communication

• UT Email
• Spartan Web
• Blackboard
• UT Post Office Box
• Global emails
Health and Wellness

- Dickey Health and Wellness Center
- McNiff Fitness Center
- Intramurals
- Wellness Student Organizations
Alcohol and Other Drugs

- UT supports FL state law and our own published policies
- FL is a zero tolerance state for under-aged drinking and driving
- Support students to make healthy choices
- The majority of UT students DON’T abuse alcohol or other drugs.
- Warn your students about fake ID’s
- Students loose housing after first drug violation
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- It has no maintenance fees for the life of the card
- It can be immediately tracked to a driver and cab if there are any safety concerns
FERPA: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

• If you want to speak to me or other faculty/staff from the UT community you must fill out the FERPA form

• I have forms with me if you would like one
Safe Computing at UT

• UT has many security measures in place to protect your student’s information
• Security awareness is the best defense to prevent ID theft and we would appreciate it if you can remind your student to:
  – Maintain a computer repair warranty in case their system becomes infected and needs to be reinstalled by the manufacturer
  – Install computer protection software such as antivirus and antispyware
  – Update their computers (Windows or Mac updates) regularly
  – Never provide their passwords to anyone and change them regularly
  – Be on the alert for phishing attacks where they receive an email or instant message asking for their personal information
  – Become security aware by visiting the FTC’s ID Theft Prevention website at http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0014-identity-theft for more tips on protecting personal information and privacy
• Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns
• Office of Information Security (OIS)
  – East Walker Hall 127
  – Email: infosec@ut.edu
  – Phone: 813.257.3950
Office of Campus Safety

CampusSafety@UT.EDU

(813) 257-7777

Or on campus at ext. 7777
Campus Safety

This is the students’ perception of dealing with campus safety…
Campus Safety

...in reality we are here to help.
ID checks done at night

• Officers are assigned to certain residence halls from 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM seven days a week. They handle complaints and check ID’s of persons entering the building.

• Guests must be signed in by a resident of the building.
Traffic and Parking Enforcement

- Officers monitor all parking areas 24/7
Parking permits are required for all vehicles parking on campus at any time.

To register a vehicle on campus go to WWW.UT.EDU/DECAL.
BICYCLES CAN BE REGISTERED ON CAMPUS (FOR FREE) BY LOGGING ON TO SpartanWeb and following link to Bicycle Registration on Campus Safety page.
Our Main Focus and Mission

To provide a safe environment for students, faculty, staff and visitors while on the campus.
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Who do I call if…

• Campus Safety Office (24 hours/7 days/365 year)
  • 813 257 7777

• Office of Residence Life
  • 813 253 6239

• Dickey Health and Counseling Center
  • 813 253 6250
Or if off Campus…

• Have your student program their phones for our numbers.
• Encourage them to travel to places after dark in groups and always stay together.
• Never go with someone they do not know.
• Do not go into an area they are not familiar with or even looks like it may be a problem.

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Questions

• And even some answers