

# PARENT & FAMILY

## NEWSLETTER

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### FROM THE HILL

As the spring semester wraps up, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to the families of the **Class of 2025**! Your encouragement and support helped guide your student through their journey on the Hill, and we couldn't be more excited to celebrate their accomplishments at Commencement. We look forward to watching them cross the stage, receive their diplomas, and set off to do amazing things. Please encourage your graduate to stay connected to McDaniel as engaged and proud young [alumni](#)!

For the rest of our families, we hope you'll take a moment to recognize your student's hard work as they complete another successful semester. Whether they're returning home for the summer to work a part-time job, taking summer courses, conducting research, doing an internship, or just catching their breath, this is a special time to reconnect, reflect, and rejuvenate before the fall.

Wishing you all the best as you embrace the longer, brighter days of spring!



Christine Moran  
AVP of Student Success



Heidi Reigel '97  
AVP of Constituent Engagement

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### COMMENCEMENT 2025



**Celebrate your favorite graduate!**

Friday, May 23, at 1 p.m.

Please visit our [Commencement webpage](#) for up-to-date information.

Need a personalized gift to commemorate Commencement or another special occasion in your Green Terror student's life? Check out the following special collections!



Be sure to shop the exclusive [McDaniel College Jewelry Collection](#) for bracelets, necklaces, cufflinks, and more.



Celebrate their years on the Hill with a [customizable print featuring McDaniel landmarks](#).

## CAPTURE THEIR SMILE!



The banner features the McDaniel College seal on the left. To its right, the text "McDaniel College" is in large yellow font, with "2025 Commencement Photos - May 23rd" below it. A yellow button with "DON'T MISS OUT!" is centered. Below this, text instructs users to scan a QR code or click a link to register for email notifications. The QR code is flanked by two smiling graduates in caps and gowns. At the bottom, the "Classic Photography & Imaging" logo and phone number "(800)869-9515" are displayed.

**McDaniel College**  
2025 Commencement Photos - May 23rd

..... **DON'T MISS OUT!** .....

Scan QR Code or Click below and enter your email address to be notified when your photos are ready!

or Click Here

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## RESOURCES

Our calendars are online! Check out [this page](#) to select from the calendar options:

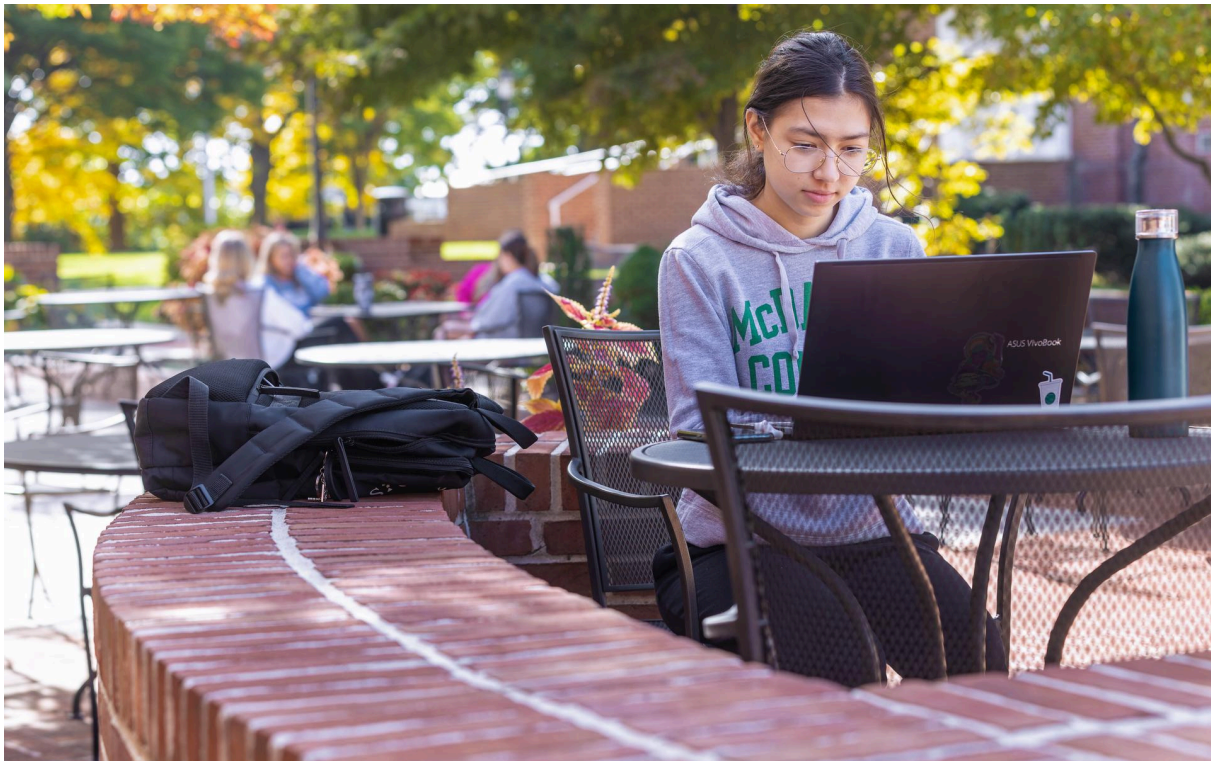
- Public Events
- Academic Calendar
- Alumni Events
- Athletics Events
- Camps & Conferences
- Student Events
- Institutional Events

The [Parent & Family Resources page](#) is updated frequently with information just for you! Have suggestions for additional page content? Let us know by emailing [pfc@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:pfc@mcdaniel.edu).

The [Academic Success & Support page](#) is a wonderful resource for you to better understand what we offer students as they work toward their academic goals. Be sure to read through it and ask your student if they take advantage of any of the resources we offer!

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## Has your student considered a SUMMER course?



*McDaniel College student learning on a laptop.*

Summer courses help students get ahead, catch up, or meet McDaniel Plan requirements. We have a great selection of online classes for our Summer Sessions (see dates below), which can help students earn credits toward graduation. **Almost all summer online classes are asynchronous (no required time code).** Registration is now open on our website at [2025 Summer Session](#).

#### **Summer 2025**

Session I: May 27 - July 3

Session II: July 7 - Aug. 15

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## **RESIDENCE LIFE**





*Daffodils in front of Ward Memorial Arch.*

We hope everyone is having a good May and that you're ready for your student to return home. If this is your first time having a college student return after living away for a year, please know that it is normal to experience a "readjustment period." There's a good chance that the summer will feel different for life at home. They have lived independently for a while and may have developed new habits, hours of operation, etc. There are many (trust us ... MANY) articles available online about this period. If you're up for some reading, [check out this article!](#)

Your student may already be home, but if you are still waiting for them to drive home (or you are coming to campus to pick them up), remember that exam week is May 12-16. Students should plan to depart 24 hours after their last exam or by 10 a.m. on May 17, depending on which is earlier. Students do need to move out completely for the May closing.

As you plan for the next academic year, we've listed the dates below — just for YOU! Please note that our closing/opening schedule website is typically updated in June.

- **Aug. 23-24, 2025:** Opening weekend for returning students
- **Oct. 13-14, 2025:** Fall break; residence halls do NOT close
- **Nov. 26, 2025:** Residence halls close at 10 a.m. for Thanksgiving break
- **Nov. 30, 2025:** Residence halls re-open at noon
- **Dec. 13, 2025:** Residence halls close at 10 a.m. for winter break
- **Jan. 4, 2026:** Jan Term opening at noon (for students taking Jan Term courses or participating in a winter sports team)
- **Jan. 25, 2026:** Spring semester opening at noon
- **March 13, 2026:** Residence halls close at 7 p.m. for spring break
- **March 22, 2026:** Residence halls re-open at noon
- **May 16, 2026:** Residence halls close at 10 a.m. for May closing

[Residence Life: Opening & Closing Calendar](#) (To be updated for next year in June!)

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**OFFICE OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (OSE)**

Encourage your student to attend programming sponsored by OSE. Students can contact Amanda Gelber at [agelber@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:agelber@mcdaniel.edu) with questions!

Senior Week | Tickets on sale now!

Senior Week tickets can be purchased individually or together. (Save money by purchasing as a package.)

- Orioles Baseball Game | Sunday, May 18 | \$35 | 1:35 p.m. | Baltimore  
How 'bout them O's? Tell your student to join their friends to cheer on our local Major League Baseball team. Transportation is provided, and the bus will depart from Harrison Lot at 11:30 a.m. Limited tickets are available.
- Senior Send Off | Monday, May 19 | \$25 | 6-10 p.m. | On campus  
This unforgettable evening will feature local food trucks, a traditional Maryland crab feast, a beer and wine garden, novelty activities, live music, and more — creating the perfect vibe to toast the end of senior year. Encourage your student to grab their ticket and get ready for a night of fun, friends, and farewell moments on the Hill!

Free Senior Week events include:

- Career Boot Camp | Tuesday, May 20 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. | On campus  
Your senior won't want to miss this opportunity to jump-start their future! Join the Center for Experience and Opportunity (CEO) for a full day of workshops, speakers, and hands-on sessions to help with career goals. Whether polishing a resume or prepping for interviews, this boot camp has them covered. Plus, there will be food, prizes, and plenty of pro tips to help them take the next step with confidence! (PRO PARENT TIP: Did you know that the CEO offers career services to alumni? You'll want to make sure your soon-to-be graduate knows!)
- Hats Off to the Hill | Tuesday, May 20 | 6-8 p.m. | On campus  
All seniors are invited to our annual reception, where we tip our hats to the Class of 2025 and welcome them into the McDaniel College Alumni Association! Hats Off to the Hill is a special celebration where students connect with local alumni, expand their professional networks, and toast their college achievements.

### **Looking Ahead**

The fall Involvement Fair will be on Wednesday, Aug. 27, from 5-7 p.m. in Memorial Plaza and the ANW Quad! This is a fantastic opportunity for students to meet 70+ student organizations, Greek chapters, departments, and to mingle with each other as we kick off the next academic year!

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## **CAMPUS SAFETY**



As the spring semester comes to a close and we look ahead to the next academic year, the Department of Campus Safety wishes our community a safe and enjoyable summer!

Parking registration for the 2025-26 school year will open on Aug. 1. Parking registration emails and instructions will be sent to students' McDaniel email accounts. Remember, all vehicles parked on campus must display a current parking registration sticker.

We look forward to welcoming our students back in August!

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## GREEN TERROR ATHLETICS



*Driver set behind a tee topped with a McDaniel golf ball.*

The annual [Green & Gold Golf Classic](#) is fast approaching! Held at the Piney Branch Golf Course on Monday, June 9, this event is sponsored by the Green & Gold Club of McDaniel College with the goal of improving our Green Terror Athletics programs. Your contribution to the Green & Gold Club helps ensure that our current — and future — Green Terror student-athletes will enjoy unprecedented opportunities for success.

Registration for the Green & Gold Golf Classic starts at \$200 for a single golfer and \$800 for a foursome. Sponsorship opportunities are also available starting at \$500.

For more information regarding registration and the event schedule, please contact Tammy Neal ([tneal@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:tneal@mcdaniel.edu)) or visit the [Green & Gold Golf Classic](#) registration page.



*McDaniel baseball players congratulating each other.*

### **Baseball Earns Berth in Centennial Conference Championship**

The fourth-seeded McDaniel College baseball team made its sixth Centennial Conference Baseball Championship appearance and second-straight on April 29, defeating fifth-seeded Gettysburg 9-4 in the team's first home playoff game since 2003. With the win, the Green Terror secured a postseason victory for the second consecutive season.

### **Men's Golf Finishes Third at Centennial Conference Championships**

Junior Charlie Dolan finished second at the 2025 Centennial Conference Men's Golf Championship hosted by Waynesboro Country Club to lead the McDaniel College men's golf team to a third-place finish. As a result of his runner-up finish, Dolan earned his first All-Centennial Conference selection. He is the 30th different player to earn all-conference accolades for McDaniel and the fifth to earn runner-up honors.

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## **PARENT & FAMILY COUNCIL**

The [Parent & Family Council](#) is looking to grow! Are you interested in serving in an advisory capacity to college leadership? Let us know by [submitting this form](#). Interest received by July 1 will be considered to start their term at the beginning of the 2025-26 academic year.

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## **STUDENT ACCOUNTS/BURSAR**

The Bursar's team congratulates the Class of 2025 and their families on their accomplishments. We wish your McDaniel graduate the absolute best in their future endeavors.

### **Senior Checklist:**

- Be sure to have your student confirm their mailing address.
- Remind your student to **remove** their electronic consent for their 1098T; this will ensure the 2025 1098T is forwarded to their current address.
- Review the tuition account to ensure it is accurate and clear. You don't want it to get in the way of graduation!



## End-of-Semester Reminders:

- Be sure to have your student return their mailbox and room keys before leaving.
- You'll want to make sure that your student's spring semester account is clear of any remaining balances by May 30 so that nothing interferes with preparing for the fall. Please review the accounts each month, as incidental charges may be reflected.

## New in Summer 2025

This summer we're rolling out PayMyTuition, a new payment platform!

- Students will receive instructions on navigating the new site, registering an authorized user, making payments, and setting up payment plans.
- Student refunds will be directly deposited into the bank account of their choice.
- Parent Plus refunds will be deposited directly into the bank account of your choice.

## Important Tuition Dates & Tasks:

- **June 1, 2025:** Summer tuition is due. (Make sure to set up your PayMyTuition account.
- **June 10, 2025 :** Fall payment plan enrollment opens. (Installments are due on the first day of July, August, September, October, and November. There is a \$75 enrollment fee per semester. Make sure to set up your PayMyTuition account.)
- **July 15, 2025:** Fall tuition and health insurance waiver due.
- **Nov. 15, 2025:** Spring payment plan enrollment opens. (Installments are due on the first day of December, January, February, March, and April. There is a \$75 enrollment fee per semester.
- **Jan. 5, 2026:** Spring tuition is due.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at 410-857-2209 or at [bursaroffice@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:bursaroffice@mcdaniel.edu).

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# CENTER FOR EXPERIENCE AND OPPORTUNITY (CEO)

## A Focus on Career

Summer is a great time for college students to advance their career learning and build momentum toward future goals! **Encourage your student to start the summer by reflecting on the past academic year and updating their resume, Handshake profile, and LinkedIn presence to reflect new experiences and accomplishments.** Volunteering is another valuable way to gain hands-on experience, build networks, and explore career interests. Students can take advantage of free online resources like LinkedIn Learning for certifications and Forage for virtual job simulations, both of which enhance skills and strengthen their personal brand. Families should also know that the CEO remains open all summer, and students are welcome to schedule virtual appointments with CEO staff through Handshake for ongoing career support and guidance.

## Study Abroad

Is your student unsure if a semester-long program is the best fit for them? Not to worry! **Jan Term 2026 programs are now available to explore in the McDaniel Study Abroad Portal!** Students can log in to [global.mcdaniel.edu](https://global.mcdaniel.edu) with their McDaniel email and password to search and apply for programs.

**Summer is the perfect time for students to think about their next experiential goals during their college career!** The CEO will remain open in the summer, and students who are interested

in learning more about study abroad opportunities are welcome to book virtual advising appointments with Kerriann Ring, assistant director of international and off-campus programs.



**Fall 2025 study abroad cohorts are set and ready to go!** 15 McDaniel students will be studying abroad next fall in a variety of locations, including South Korea, Ireland, Costa Rica, and, of course, McDaniel Budapest. In exchange, we will be welcoming 16 international students to study here at McDaniel this fall, coming from McDaniel Budapest and beyond.

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## FINANCIAL AID

### FAFSA and Financial Aid Renewal

If your student has not yet completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2025-26 academic year, please remind them to submit it as soon as possible. Doing so helps maximize full financial aid potential.

### Scholarship Opportunities

Spring is a great time to explore additional scholarship opportunities. Encourage your student to visit our [scholarship database](#).

### All About SAP

We want to continue to remind you and our students about the financial aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy. SAP is evaluated at the end of the spring semester. Every educational institution that participates in federal financial aid programs is required to enforce SAP standards. For students to maintain eligibility for financial aid at McDaniel College, they must maintain the minimum required cumulative GPA of 2.0, successfully complete at least 67% of their attempted credits, and complete their academic program with no more than 192 credits. Take time to [read the full policy](#).

### Preparing for Summer Courses

If your student is considering taking summer courses, they may be eligible for financial aid. Remind them to visit the Financial Aid Office to determine available funding and enrollment requirements.

Make sure to follow our Instagram ([@mcdaniel\\_financial\\_aid](#)) for important updates, additional scholarship opportunities, and special programming offered by the Financial Aid team!

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# WELLNESS CENTER

It's that time of year again — college students are coming home for the summer!

We know you couldn't be more excited to have your student around, but you also probably know there will be challenges and adjustments along the way. To make the transition smoother, here are some tips to help you show your child the support they need while taking care of yourself!

- Remember to communicate clearly with your college student. Let them know what expectations you have for them while they're home, such as chores or curfews, and be sure to discuss any issues that may arise.
- Give them some space. College is a time of growth and independence, so it's important to let your student continue developing these skills while at home. Please support them in deciding how they want to spend their time. Brainstorm ideas with them and help them consider the impact of their decisions but let them decide.
- Don't forget about the little things. College can be stressful, so coming home to a familiar environment is nice. Stock up on their favorite treats and cook their favorite comfort foods. Do the family activities you have done while they were growing up.
- Finally, it's important to set aside quality time just to talk and listen to each other. This helps create an environment of understanding and connection, which will make their homecoming a happy one. Doing something special that celebrates their accomplishments can be a wonderful way to show how proud you are.

It's a time of adjustment for both parents and children, so be gentle with each other. Having compassion and a sense of humor goes a long way.

Wishing you a wonderful summer!

[The McDaniel College Wellness Team](#)

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## FUTURE STUDENT REFERRAL PROGRAM

Don't forget! The [McDaniel College Future Student Referral Program](#) allows parents and alumni (remind your soon-to-be Class of 2025 graduate) to refer an unlimited number of high school students who will graduate in 2026 to the Hill. Because these referrals have YOUR vote of confidence, we reward them by doubling their [Visit Incentive Grant](#).

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## Conversation Starters: Prompts to connect with your student about the Hill

- What are your personal goals for the summer?
- How will you recharge this summer?
- What excites you most about returning to McDaniel in the fall?



*Flowers in front of the fountain in McTeer-Zepp Plaza.*

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## Let's Get Social



Follow McDaniel College social media accounts to be in the know! Don't forget to join our McDaniel College Parent & Families Facebook Group. All accounts can be found on the [Parent & Family Resources](#) page.

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