

PARENT & FAMILY

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HILL

Welcome to a new year at McDaniel — and a special welcome to all our new parents and families! You're now part of a vibrant, supportive community, and one of the best ways to connect with each other is through our [Parent & Family Facebook Group](#), where you can exchange tips, ask questions, and lean on other parents for advice.

We're excited to bring back this newsletter, which we hope is helpful to you as a member of our community. You'll learn about upcoming events and opportunities, and we'll remind you of resources and important academic dates you need to know, along with other useful information curated just for parents!

Parent & Family Weekend is one of our favorite traditions at McDaniel, and it always coincides with the last home football game of the season. This year, we're eager to welcome you to the Hill Nov. 14-16. It's the perfect chance to see your student in action — whether they're introducing you to their professors and friends, cheering in the stands, competing on the field, or showing you their favorite campus spots. You'll notice our returning students shining with confidence and our first years making their mark. Stay tuned — more details are coming your way in the September newsletter!

Here's to a fantastic fall on the Hill!



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AVP of Student Success



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ACADEMIC DATES

Monday, Aug. 25

Fall UG classes begin

Monday, Sept. 1

Labor Day (no classes)

Monday, Sept. 22

UG Jan Term 2026 registration begins
(non travel courses)

Monday-Tuesday, Oct. 13-14

Fall break (no classes)

Monday, Aug. 25

Fall UG classes begin

Tuesday, Oct. 14

Mid-semester UG grades are reported to the Registrar

Wednesday, Oct. 29

Last day to withdraw with "W" grade or select P/Dx/F, 4:30 p.m.

Just for the parents of first-year students.

We're delighted that students have been exploring their new community during Orientation. They are participating in campus traditions, while making friends who will last a lifetime! Check out the [full Orientation schedule](#) to see what they've been up to.

RESOURCES

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

- Public events
 - Academic calendar
 - GREEN TERROR TIP! The academic calendar is a great resource to snag the dates for add/drop, fall break, exam week, and so much more!
 - Alumni events
 - Athletics events
 - Camps & conferences
 - Student events
 - Institutional events
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RESIDENCE LIFE

Welcome to the Hill! At McDaniel College, Residence Life is dedicated to helping your student feel at home from day one. Our residence halls, suites, and apartments offer welcoming spaces where students can live, learn, and forge lasting friendships. The Residence Life team provides guidance, community-building activities, and resources to support your student's success while encouraging personal responsibility and respect for others. Remind your student to contact their resident assistant (RA) if they have any questions or concerns.

We're excited to have our fall sports teams on campus and to welcome our new first-year and transfer students on Aug. 21, followed by our returning students on Aug. 23-24.

Curious about the opening and closing dates for our residence halls? Check it out here:

[Residence Life: Opening & Closing Calendar](#)

CAMPUS SAFETY

[McDaniel College's Department of Campus Safety](#) is available 24 hours a day for the campus community, providing services such as safety escorts, incident investigation, emotional wellness/support, and community outreach events. Parents can feel confident knowing that our team works closely with campus partners to promote safety awareness and maintain a secure learning and living environment on the Hill.

Please take time to connect with your student to ensure they are well and know resources are available to them through Campus Safety.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS/BURSAR

[The Bursar's Office team](#) is happy to have your student on the Hill this fall and we wish them a successful academic year!

As a quick reminder for **parents of returning students**, McDaniel has transitioned to PayMyTuition for tuition payments and refunds. Here's what you need to know:

- Students have already received instructions on navigating the new site, registering authorized users, making payments, and setting up payment plans.
- Refunds will no longer be issued by check.
- All student refunds will now be *direct deposited* into the student's bank account. Students must provide their banking information in PayMyTuition to set this up.
- Parent PLUS Loan refunds will also be *direct deposited*. Students will need to add parents as authorized users in the system for these refunds to be processed.

Encourage your student to complete these steps promptly so that payment and refund processes go smoothly this semester.

Fall semester statements are now available online! Here's what you need to know to stay on track.

- Set up an authorized user in our new payment platform so you can view and manage your student's account.
- Provide checking account information for any refunds.
- Final payment deadline: All balances were to be paid in full or scheduled for a payment plan by Aug. 8 for the fall semester.

Looking ahead at important tuition & payment dates:

- Spring Statements Available: Mid-November
- Spring Tuition Due: Jan. 5
- Spring Payment Plan Enrollment Opens: Nov. 15 (Installments due Dec. 1, Jan. 1, Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 1; \$75 enrollment fee per semester; first installment due at enrollment.)

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our office at 410-857-2209 or bursaroffice@mcdaniel.edu.

FINANCIAL AID

We're excited to welcome our students and families back for another great year at McDaniel College! Whether your student is returning or just starting their journey on the Hill, our Financial Aid team is here to answer questions, help navigate the aid process, and ensure you have the resources you need for a successful year.

To provide the best service, each student is assigned a dedicated financial aid counselor based on their last name:

- **A–F:** Emma Sorrell | emma.sorrell@mcdaniel.edu | 410-386-4807
- **G–M:** Lerlene McAllister | lerlene.mcallister@mcdaniel.edu | 410-871-3311
- **N–Z:** Kenzie Elliott | melliott@mcdaniel.edu | 410-857-2255

Please don't hesitate to reach out to your assigned specialist with any questions. We're generally available in person, virtually, or by phone Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

FAFSA Update

The 2026-27 FAFSA is expected to open on **Oct. 1, 2025**. We strongly encourage families to complete and submit their FAFSA as early as possible to ensure timely processing and maximize eligibility, as some aid programs have early deadlines.

We look forward to supporting your student's success this year while working together to make the financial aid process smooth and stress-free.

CENTER FOR EXPERIENCE AND OPPORTUNITY

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It's been a busy summer in the Center for Experience and Opportunity (CEO) planning events, gathering resources, and developing experiential learning opportunities to prepare students for personal and professional success. Through career development, international programs, and more, we help McDaniel students build their education around individual interests, talents, and passions in a way that's truly their own.

The Career Development office supports students across all majors and academic disciplines as they explore and develop their individual career paths. We encourage students to consider how their interests and academic backgrounds can lead to a variety of careers and support them through our Professional Pathway model. The Professional Pathway model allows students to connect with a broader range of employers and alumni to explore the expanding landscape of future employment. We meet students wherever they are in their career journey, offering a wide range of resources, events, and opportunities that align with their personal goals. The McDaniel College Professional Pathways are:

- Quantitative, Computing, and Business Sciences
- Kinesiology, Health, and Natural Sciences
- Humanities, Arts, Education, and Social Sciences



McDaniel students taking a photo in Budapest.

STUDY ABROAD

Studying abroad can be some of the most cherished and unforgettable moments of a student's life. Each student's experience will be unique while the potential benefits can be transformative and far-reaching. It's important to note that studying abroad requires careful planning, consideration of individual goals, and research into available programs and destinations.

McDaniel College offers a wide variety of semester programs, short-term opportunities in January or summer, and exciting international internships. The **International Programs** team is excited to help students explore their options to find the best personal fit.

It's never too early for students to start reaching their global goals! Students can learn about all of the opportunities at the Study Abroad Fair on Thursday, Aug. 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., right outside of Englar Dining Hall in the lower level of the Roj Student Center.

Important Study Abroad Application Deadlines:

McDaniel Faculty/Staff-Led Jan Term 2026 Programs – Sept. 15

Independent Jan Term 2026 Programs – Oct. 1

Spring 2026 (Budapest and all others) – Oct. 1

A preview of what's ahead in Career Development

We'll continue to welcome employers to campus for recruitment tables — an excellent chance for students to learn about internships, jobs, and other career pathways. In addition to employer-led and club-sponsored workshops, a series of our own career development events, including Career Cafés designed to help students build essential career skills will be offered throughout the semester. Our popular Prepped & Ready Week will return, featuring the Pop-Up Career Closet and a dedicated Mock Interview Day to help students polish their professional presence. We're also excited to continue our signature events:

- Virtual Job, Internship, & Employer Exploration Fair – Wednesday, Oct. 1

- Professional Pathway Showcase: Quantitative, Computing & Business Sciences – Wednesday, Oct. 22
- Professional Pathway Showcase: Kinesiology, Health & Natural Sciences – Thursday, Nov. 20

Students are encouraged to register for events and explore opportunities on Handshake.

Funding Experiential Learning

The CEO manages internal grants and awards to support students' educational experiences outside of the classroom such as:

- Student attendance at professional conferences (registration and travel costs)
- Internships (support for housing, transportation, and other expenses)
- Study Abroad (semester, summer, and Jan Term program costs)

Grant recipients are chosen based on multiple criteria, including financial need, academic performance, field of study, the nature of the experience, and the strength of their application, which should illustrate a clear alignment between the experience and the student's personal, academic, and career aspirations.

Applications are accepted throughout the year with deadlines on the first of every month. Information, including a link to the application, can be found on the CEO page in the MyMcDaniel portal.

*Applicants must be current undergraduate students in good academic and financial standing with the college to apply for and receive Experiential Learning funds.

Workforce Recruitment Program: Secure a Schedule A Letter NOW!

If your student has a disability and is interested in federal internships or jobs, encourage them to apply to [the Workforce Recruitment Program \(WRP\)](#). WRP connects college students and recent graduates with disabilities to federal agencies and private employers actively seeking to hire. Participants build a resume, complete a practice interview, and are added to a searchable employer database.

A Schedule A letter from a qualified professional is required to apply this year (this is a change from previous years); [a sample letter and additional details are available at wrp.gov](#). Applications are open Aug. 25 through Oct. 9. For additional info or assistance, students should contact Joanna Hamburg, associate director of career development, at jhamburg@mcdaniel.edu. An information session will be held in early September.

WELLNESS CENTER

McDaniel's Wellness Center partners with students to support their health and well-being during their time here on the Hill.

The Wellness Center is the integrated office of Counseling and Student Health, providing mental health counseling, nursing care, and wellness education and promotion. The multidisciplinary staff empowers students to make informed choices regarding their overall health and well-being so that they can thrive on the Hill and beyond.

The Wellness Center is located on the second floor of Winslow Hall and is open 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. In addition to scheduled appointments, students can walk in to see the counselor on duty or college health nurse for more immediate needs.

Encourage your students to utilize this important resource!

If you have any questions at all, please give us a call at 410-857-2243 or email us at wellness@mcdaniel.edu.

You can also [visit our website](#) or follow us on Instagram (@mcdaniel_wellness) to keep up with all the programs we offer!

GIFT HIGHLIGHTS

The success of many initiatives in the [strategic plan](#) are dependent upon the generosity of our donors. Thank you to the following donors for their recent gifts to the college. We can't do what we do without you!

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