

PARENT & FAMILY

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HILL

We're so happy to have students back on the Hill — we can truly **feel the energy they bring to campus**. With the spring semester underway, classrooms, residence halls, and gathering spaces are once again full of life. Students are reconnecting as they dive into their courses.

We know that a **strong support system** plays a powerful role in student success — and as their biggest champions (that's you!), you should feel informed and connected. This newsletter is designed to keep you in the loop and highlight the many resources and opportunities available to your student.

Encourage your student to explore the McDaniel Portal, where they'll find a full lineup of events, including athletic competitions, lectures, and fun campus activities. They can also browse and register for events through the **What's Up McDaniel** app, both of which are linked at the top of the portal. Trying something new, attending an event, or joining a campus conversation can be a great way to discover new interests and build community.

While campus life offers plenty of excitement, **class attendance remains essential**. Our small class sizes create meaningful opportunities for students to engage with faculty and peers, ask questions, and stay connected to their learning. Research continues to show that regular attendance supports academic success — so a quick check-in with your student can go a long way.

Believe it or not, the end of the semester will be here before we know it! If your student is graduating, you'll want to bookmark our [Commencement Page](#) so you don't miss any important updates as we count down to the big day.

Thank you for being such an important part of your student's journey. **We appreciate your continued support** as they thrive on the Hill!



Christine Moran



Heidi Reigel '97

ACADEMIC DATES

Sunday, March 1	Study Abroad Deadline
Monday, March 16 - Friday, March 20	UG spring break (no classes)
Tuesday, March 17	Mid-semester UG grades due by noon
Friday, March 20	Deadline to register for a spring internship
Tuesday, March 24	Summer 2026 registration begins

STUDENT SUCCESS

First-year students will meet with their student success coaches to prepare for the upcoming semester. Communication has been sent to sophomores and above about campus resources and strategies to improve overall success.

THE WRITING CENTER

The Writing Center is open and offers one-on-one tutoring throughout the rest of the semester. Students can use services on a drop-in or appointment basis, and sessions are available in person or online via [WC Online](#). If your student finds a tutor they enjoy working with, they can set up a weekly recurring session with their favorite tutor by emailing the director at vflora-nakoski@mcdaniel.edu.

RESIDENCE LIFE

Residence halls close for spring break at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 13. Students may request a break extension through the Office of Residence Life to remain on campus for the week of spring break by Friday, March 6.

Special reminder: The 2026-27 housing deposit is due March 7. All first-year students, sophomores, and juniors are required to live on campus unless they live with their parent/guardian within 30 miles of campus or are 25 years old or older.

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

Please email us at reslife@mcdaniel.edu with any questions. You can also follow us @mcdanielreslife on Instagram.

CENTER FOR EXPERIENCE AND OPPORTUNITY (CEO)

Design Your Future Workshops

Offered in person and virtually, students gain practical tools, expert insights, and personalized guidance to help them prepare for and thrive in today's dynamic job market. Spring 2026 workshops include:

- Level Up Your Interview Skills March 6
- Bright Ideas for Better Cover Letters March 28

In addition to its regular workshops, the CEO is offering a special Senior Success Series. Created with seniors in mind and open to all, these online workshops help students prepare for confident, successful next steps — both professionally and personally.

- Jump Start Your Job Search Feb. 19 | 7-8 p.m.
- Advanced LinkedIn Networking Feb. 25 | 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Managing Finances March 31 | 6-7 p.m.
- Virtual Resume Reviews with McDaniel Alums March 10 and 11 | 6-8 p.m.
- What to Expect on Your First Day of Work April 7 | 6-7 p.m.

Seniors who attend at least two Senior Series Workshops will be invited to a special networking event on April 18, connecting them with recent alumni from the past 10 years who are successfully navigating life after college.

Students can sign up for all career workshops on Handshake.

From the Hill to the Heart of Europe: Fall Semester in Budapest

Applications for **fall 2026 in Budapest** and beyond are open! Take some time [to check out all the opportunities](#). The deadline for fall 2026 is March 1. Encourage your student to make an appointment on Navigate or to drop by the CEO for more information.

Online Information Session:

Study In Budapest

Feb. 18 | 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Students can sign up for information sessions on What's Up McDaniel or email studyabroad@mcdaniel.edu for more information.

OFFICE OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (OSE)

For full event details, find the OSE page on What's Up McDaniel!

Weekend Blitz: Save the Dates

More information will be released on Instagram and What's Up McDaniel

- Feb. 21: Great Wolf Lodge
- March 28: Baltimore Aquarium
- April 25: A Day in Philly

Upcoming Fan Favs:

- March (surprise date): Duck Hunt
- April 18: Porchfest

CAMPUS SAFETY

Planning for Spring Break?

Spring Break shuttle vans will be available for students traveling from campus to BWI Amtrak and BWI Airport. **Students must register in advance to use the shuttle.** The Spring Break Shuttle registration form opened Feb. 16 and closes on March 6 at 11:59 p.m. Students may access the registration form through the online portal by selecting Transportation in the Campus Safety and Parking section.

Spring Break Shuttle Schedule

Departures from Campus to BWI:

- Thursday, March 12 at 3 p.m.
- Friday, March 13 at 10 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7 p.m.

Returns from BWI to Campus:

- Sunday, March 22 at 2 p.m., 5 p.m., and 8 p.m.

ATHLETICS



Gill Stadium in the snow.

Stay in the know

Follow your favorite Green Terror teams all year long at mcdanielathletics.com. You can watch the action live online at mcdaniel.edu/watch-athletics. Don't forget to join our mailing list to receive breaking news, stories, and recaps on your favorite McDaniel Athletics teams. [Sign up in the Fan Zone.](#)

Student-Athlete Accolades

Women's lacrosse senior [Kat Thayer was selected as a USA Lacrosse Division III Women's 2026 Preseason All-American.](#)

Men's wrestling senior [Thomas Monn became the program's all-time wins leader](#) as McDaniel posted a 26-18 victory over Muhlenberg on Jan. 23.

FINANCIAL AID

As the new spring semester kicks off, we want to share a few helpful reminders to keep your student's financial aid running smoothly.

FAFSA

If you haven't completed the 2026-27 FAFSA yet, no worries, there's still time! Submit it soon at studentaid.gov to make sure you receive the most aid possible.

Review Aid & Billing

Encourage your student to review their financial aid awards and account balances every

semester. If anything's unclear, please contact us by phone at 410-857-2233 or send an [email](#).

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

To continue receiving aid, students need to maintain at least a 2.0 GPA and successfully complete most of their classes. If there are any class changes, it's a good idea to check in with a student success coach or the Financial Aid Office first.

Maryland State Aid

Maryland residents, don't forget to submit your FAFSA by March 1 and keep your MDCAPS account active to stay eligible.

If you need any assistance, your Financial Aid team is ready to help:

A-F: Emma Sorrell | emma.sorrell@mcdaniel.edu | 410-386-4807

G-M: Lernele McAllister | lernelene.mcallister@mcdaniel.edu | 410-871-3311

N-Z: Kenzie Elliott | melliott@mcdaniel.edu | 410-857-2255

We're here to support you every step of the way!

BURSAR'S OFFICE

Statements are available online

E-Billing notifications have been sent to students' McDaniel email addresses. Parents and any other bill payers with access to billing information can view the statements and make payments.

Spring balances

Please review your student statement online and ensure the balance is paid in full. We recommend monitoring the account monthly.

Housing deposits

The housing deposit for fall 2026 is due on or before **March 7, 2026**. You can make the deposit online through the student portal. Authorized users can access it through PayMyTuition. Don't forget: Accounts must be in good standing to participate in the housing lottery.

Summer and Fall 2026

Registration opens April 1, and accounts must be in good financial standing.

Monday, June 1 Summer tuition due.

Monday, June 15 Fall payment plan enrollment opens. The first installment is due at the time of enrollment. Installment amounts are based on your enrollment date. Installments are due July 1, Aug. 1, Sept. 1, Oct. 1, and Nov. 1. There is a \$75 enrollment fee.

Wednesday, July 15 Fall tuition due.

Wednesday, July 15 Health insurance waiver deadline.

Contact our office at 410-857-2209 or bursaroffice@mcdaniel.edu with any questions.

WELLNESS CENTER

The Wellness Center is offering a variety of engaging, skills-based workshops, drop-in events, and group therapy opportunities this semester — all designed to support students' mental, emotional, and social well-being.

Highlights include The Lost Art of Hanging Out, a workshop focused on helping students build meaningful connections and a sense of belonging, as well as visits from therapy dogs to help students de-stress and recharge.

To register for workshops or group sessions, or to learn more about Wellness Center programs and services, students can visit the Wellness Center page on the McDaniel Portal, follow them on Instagram, email wellness@mcdaniel.edu, call 410-857-2243, or stop by the office on the second floor of Winslow Hall.

THE 1867 CHALLENGE

The **1867 Challenge** kicks off on March 11 at 9 a.m. and will run through March 12 at 4:07 p.m. —that's 1,867 minutes to celebrate McDaniel's founding year! This year, your gift also supports [Reaching New Heights: The Campaign for McDaniel College](#), advancing priorities such as scholarship support, academic excellence, and campus improvement projects.

Every gift, no matter the size, helps build McDaniel's future and directly enables the college to reach new heights! With a gift of \$75 (\$7.50/month), you will be eligible to receive this year's I Love the Hill T-shirt. Keep an eye out for more information in your inbox as we approach March 11.

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



Mini snowman in a tree.

- Who do you feel most connected to on campus?
- What is your favorite way to spend a snow day on the Hill? (What is your favorite way to spend a Saturday afternoon on the Hill?)
- Tell me about your favorite spot on campus.
- What are your plans for housing next year?

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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