A guide for parents of
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Rhodes Scholars
Survival Tips For Families:

Your student is about to enter a time of transition, both exciting and a little scary. Like it or not, you’re entering this period with your son or daughter. Here are a few tips for parents of college-bound students.
Communicate
It is easy to pick up the phone and call your student or send a quick text at any time during the day. Know that your student is adjusting to their schedule, there may be times in their day that are not as good as others for catching up. After the first few weeks of school, talk to your student about ideal times to call during the week. Setting the schedule early on will help both you and your student have consistency in your communication, as well as keep you from calling during the middle of class.

Stay Involved On- and Off-Campus
There are ways for parents to be involved as members of the UGA family. Attend parent programming and other university events open to the public. Volunteer with the Career Center as a Mentor. Donate to the Parents Fund or become a member of the UGA Parents Leadership Council.

Encourage Independence
As a parent, it is so easy to swoop in and save the day. Now that your student is in college, it is time to perform the tough task of letting your son or daughter start to figure out things on his or her own. Development and maturity comes from thinking critically to solve problems. Rather than solving the problem for them, it is important to ask questions that are supportive and encourage them to find a solution. A great thing to say is, “How are you going to handle that?”

Set Expectations With Your Student
It is important to set expectations with your student each semester. This helps proactively prevent any confusion. Key areas that are important to discuss are grades, course load, budget and involvement opportunities.

Expect Change
It is inevitable. Your student will change while they are in college. As a parent, your role in this process is to help them to the best of your ability. College years are formative years. Although it may be drastic or minimal, your child is gaining a larger perspective in a mature environment that will encourage them to grow. Anticipating these changes ahead of time will help both you and your student as they begin to take place.
The Parents Fund
The University of Georgia’s foremost priority is our students—your sons and daughters. Of utmost importance is their education, safety and advancement, and we know you share these same interests.

Our goal is to ensure that UGA parents and families are informed, involved and engaged. Your generosity helps support student initiatives that enhance support, outreach, and learning opportunities for all students.

Parent philanthropy and engagement plays an important part in supporting student needs at the University of Georgia. A gift to the Parents Fund strengthens our campus community because it supports the most critical needs of our student body.

The decision as to the size of your gift is a personal one – the important part is that parents participate in the Parents Fund. To make a gift to the Parents Fund, please visit our website at give.uga.edu/parents. For more information, contact parents@uga.edu or 706-542-8147.

The Fund Supports:

- NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS
- STUDENT-CENTERED PROGRAMS
Parents Leadership Council

The Parents Leadership Council is a group of highly engaged parents who are eager to be involved on campus and make a direct impact on undergraduate student life. A primary focus of the Parents Leadership Council is to support the Parents Leadership Council Grants Program. Through a minimum annual commitment of $2,500 or more, Parents Leadership Council parents invest in student areas of high need including:

• The Parents Leadership Council Needs Based Scholarship Endowment, a fund that provides financial assistance to students who have substantial need and who, even with the HOPE scholarship and Federal Pell Grant, are unable to afford the total cost of attending the University of Georgia.

• The University Health Center’s Counseling and Psychiatric Services, a group of dedicated and clinically trained professionals who provide individual and group therapy, psychiatric services, psychological testing and nutritional counseling for UGA students.

• Designated Dawgs, a volunteer organization that provides safe, free rides from downtown Athens.

• And many more areas that support undergraduate support needs. As a Parents Leadership Council member, you can be involved in the Parents Council Grant committee that has awarded over $2 million to undergraduate student support organizations.

For more information on the Parents Leadership Council, visit our website at give.uga.edu/plc or contact Anna Gray at parents@uga.edu or 706-542-8147.
**Downtown**

- **Courtyard Athens**
  (706) 369-7000
  166 N Finley St.

- **Georgia Gameday Center**
  (706) 583-4500
  250 W Broad St.

- **The Graduate Hotel**
  (706) 549-7020
  295 E Dougherty St.

- **Hilton Garden Inn**
  (706) 353-6800
  390 E Washington St.

- **Holiday Inn**
  (706) 549-4433
  197 E Broad St.

- **Hotel Indigo**
  (706) 546-0430
  500 College Ave.

- **Holiday Inn Express**
  (706) 546-8122
  513 W Broad St.

- **Hyatt Place**
  (706) 425-1800
  412 North Thomas St.

- **SpringHill Suites**
  (706) 850-2072
  220 South Hull St.

**All Around**

- **Country Inn & Suites**
  (706) 612-9100
  236 Old Epps Bridge Rd.

- **Days Inn**
  (706) 543-6511
  230 N Finley St.

**On-Campus**

- **UGA Hotel and Conference Center**
  (706) 548-1381
  1197 S Lumpkin St.

**Grocery**

- **Earth Fare**
  (706) 227-1717
  1689 S Lumpkin St.

- **Fresh Market**
  (706) 543-6343
  196 Alps Rd. #50

- **Healthy Gourmet**
  (706) 353-3107
  1087 Baxter St.

- **Kroger**
  (706) 543-0209
  191 Alps Rd.

- **Publix**
  (706) 227-6260
  1860 Barnett Shoals Rd.

- **Walgreens**
  (706) 543-2951
  110 Hawthorne Ave.

- **CVS Pharmacy**
  (706) 546-7476
  170 W Broad St.

- **Horton’s Drug Store**
  (706) 543-3454
  101 E Clayton St.

- **Rite Aid Pharmacy**
  (706) 543-3327
  1190 Prince Ave.

- **University Health Center Pharmacy**
  (706) 542-9979
  55 Carlton St.
breakfast

Athens Bagel Company 268 N Jackson St.
Big City Bread Cafe 393 N Finley St.
Ike & Jane Cafe + Bakery 1307 Prince Ave.
Independent Baking Co. 1625 S Lumpkin St.
Mama’s Boy 197 Oak St.
The Grit 199 Prince Ave.
Ideal Bagel 815 W Broad St.

Southern

Pulaski Heights BBQ 675 Pulaski St. #100
George’s Lowcountry Table* 2095 S Milledge Ave.
home.made* 1072 Baxter St.
Marti’s at Midday (lunch) 1280 Prince Ave.
The Place 299 E Broad St.
Saucehouse BBQ 830 W Broad St.
South Kitchen + Bar* 247 E Washington St.

American

5 & 10* 1073 S Milledge Ave.
Clocked 259 W Washington St.
Trappeze* 269 Hull St.
FIVE Bar 269 N Hull St.
Last Resort Grill 184 W Clayton St.
Marker 7 Coastal Grill 1195 S Milledge Ave.
The National* 232 W Hancock Ave.
The Pine 1235 S Milledge Ave.
Porterhouse Grill* 459 E Broad St.

Asian

Iron Factory* 225 W Washington St.
Shokitini* 251 W Clayton St.
Siri Thai* 367 Prince Ave.
Taste of India* 131-B E Broad St.
Thai Spoon 149 N Lumpkin St.
Donna Chang’s 1664 S Lumpkin St.

Mexican

Agua Linda 1376 Prince Ave.
Cali n Tito’s 1427 S Lumpkin St.
Sr Sol 2455 W Broad St.
Taqueria Del Sol 334 Prince Ave.
Taqueria La Parilla 2439 Jefferson Rd.
Taqueria Tsumani 320 E Clayton St.

Italian

Automatic Pizza 1397 Prince Ave.
Depalma’s Italian Cafe* 401 E Broad St.
La Dolce Vita* 323 E Broad St.
Ted’s Most Best 54 W Washington St.
Transmetropolitan* 145 E Clayton St.

*at time of printing, these restaurants will take reservations
Sporting Events
Home to the world famous Georgia Bulldogs, attend a sporting event while you’re in town. UGA’s top sports include football, basketball, baseball and gymnastics, just to name a few.

Live Music
Athens is nationally recognized for its vivid and diverse music scene. Make sure to check out a show at one of our historic music venues including the 40 Watt Club, the Foundry, the Morton Theatre or the Georgia Theatre. You can even enjoy a concert at UGA’s very own Performing Arts Center.

State Botanical Garden Of Georgia
With a stunning array of collections, displays and trails, the Botanical Garden is a beautiful venue where you can enjoy and learn more about plants. With free admission, explore the Garden at your leisure or choose from a variety of guided tours.

Downtown
Athens’ historic downtown is bustling with lip-smacking good food and one-of-a-kind shops. Spend an afternoon walking the streets, browsing unique shops, and enjoying a meal in a local restaurant.

Local Events
Athens plays host to a multitude of community events throughout the year. Sample local food at the Taste of Athens in February, watch the Twilight Criterium bike race in May, enjoy great music at AthFest in June.
and marvel at the Parade of Lights in December.

**Georgia Museum Of Art**

Look no further than UGA’s very own museum for a dose of culture during your visit. Check out one of the museum’s permanent collections, stop in for a visiting exhibit or take a group tour to get the full experience.

**UGA sites**

There are many great spots to visit right on UGA’s campus. Stroll through the Founder’s Memorial Garden, ring the historic Chapel Bell, stand between the hedges in Sanford Stadium or take a picture with one of the many bulldog statues around town.

**Landmarks**

Get a taste of Athens’ heritage by visiting a few of its local landmarks. Visitors can find the famous Double Barrel Canon, the Tree That Owns Itself and countless historic homes in the renowned Boulevard district. You can even take a guided tour of Athens via Classic City Tours.
Planning Your Career

Your student’s college experience is just beginning, but it’s never too early to think about what’s next. There are countless ways for students to take full advantage of their time at UGA to set them on a path for success after graduation.

The UGA Career Center is an excellent resource for career planning assistance. Career Consultants can help with choosing a major for a desired career path, preparing for internship or job interviews, and applying to graduate school. They provide in-depth assistance with resumes, cover letters and internship/job search strategies and even conduct mock interviews. Whether it’s through resume workshops and career fairs, visits to the classroom from successful UGA alumni, or mentoring from UGA faculty and staff, the university offers many opportunities for students to prepare for their career objectives.

The UGA Career Center reports that 96 percent of recent graduates are employed or continuing their education within six months of graduating. UGA’s career outcomes rate for the Class of 2017 is 11 percent higher than the national average.

Of those students:

• 63 percent were employed full time;
• 20 percent were attending graduate school; and
• Approximately 12 percent were self-employed, interning full time or were employed part time.

For more information, visit career.uga.edu/outcomes.
The Red & Black

This student-run college newspaper has kept students, faculty and Athens residents in the loop since 1893.
2018 [FOOTBALL]

Interested in attending a UGA football game this fall?

2018 single game tickets can be purchased at georgiadogs.com/tickets/geo-tickets.html

Visit gameday.uga.edu for parking information, tailgating Dos and Don’ts, and more helpful tips to have a safe and enjoyable experience.

Go Dawgs!

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6-12 - Final Exams

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