



WELCOME
NEW NINERS!

FAMILY TRANSITIONS

Meet the Family & Supporter Engagement Team



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**NEW STUDENT
ORIENTATION**

Overview of the Session

Objectives:

- Recognize what your student may be feeling and facing as they **transition** to college life: emotionally and day-to-day.
- Learn simple, meaningful ways to **stay connected** and **involved** in your student's college experience.





***LET'S GET
TO KNOW
YOU!***



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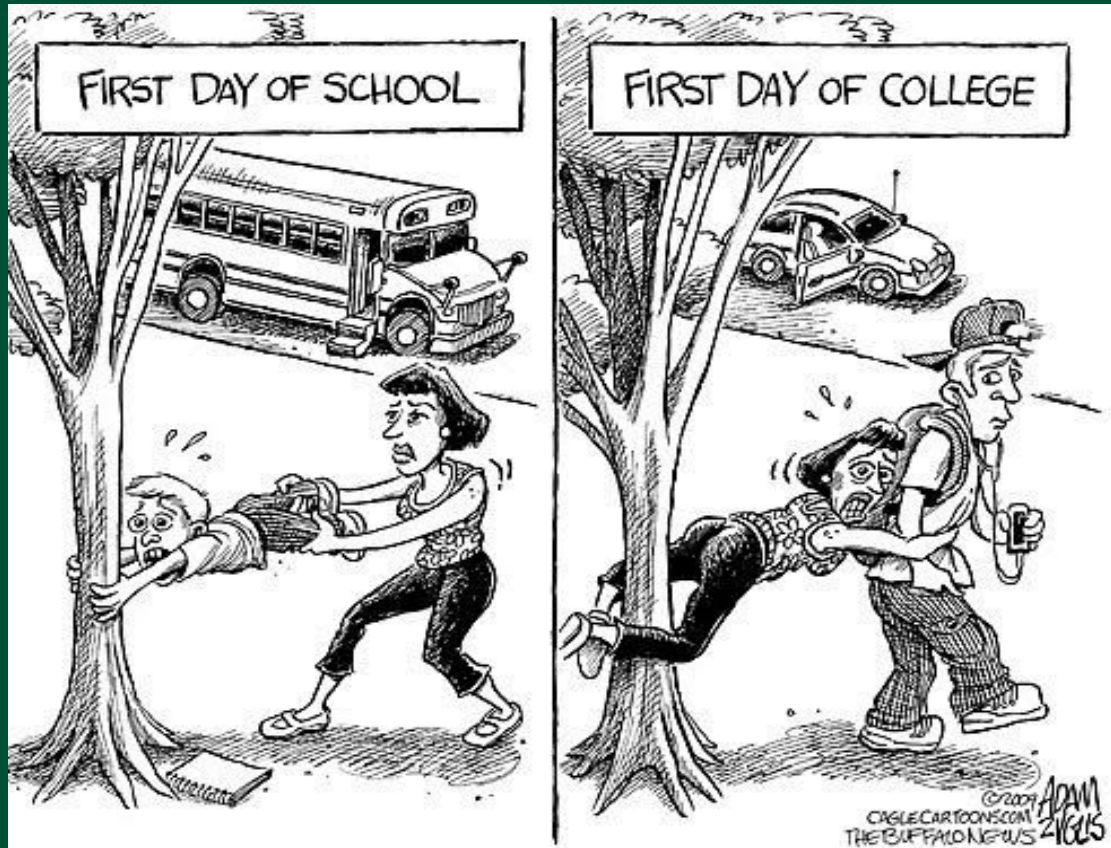
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Was this your
student?



Is this
your
future?

A **transition** is a period of **change** when you or your student move from one phase of life to another, **like starting college**. It's a time of learning, **adjusting**, and growing for everyone involved.





	High School	College
Academics	Students are given a set curriculum to learn from during the traditional time frame of 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Students choose which classes they wish to take and what days/times to take them.
Grades	Parents/family members receive a report card with their student's grades each semester.	Student records, including grades, are protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Parents/family members are not privy to their student's grades without their written consent.
Textbooks	Textbooks are provided by the high school and must be returned at the end of the school year.	At Charlotte, students must purchase/rent textbooks for their classes.
Attendance	Attendance at each class is mandatory and parents/family members are alerted about attendance and/or tardiness issues.	Attendance policies vary and not every professor will take attendance. Parents/family members will not be notified if students don't attend class.
Class Size	High school courses typically have 20-30 students per class	Charlotte class sizes can range from 10 to 100+ students per class.
Time Management & Prioritizing	Time is structured by school officials and parents. Students can depend on teachers or parent/family members to remind them of their responsibilities and to guide them back to their priorities.	Students manage and take ownership of their time. Students must balance their responsibilities and set priorities for themselves.

In one word, how do you think your student is feeling about starting college?



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Empowering vs. Rescuing

Rescuing (Disempowering)

“I’ll email your professor for you.”



“Come home this weekend so you can take a break.”



“You shouldn’t join that club... Focus on school.”



“I’ll handle your financial aid concern.”



Empowering (Supportive & Growth-Oriented)

“Have you reached out to your professor yet? I can help you think through what to say.”

“It’s okay to feel overwhelmed. What can you do on campus to recharge this weekend?”

“It sounds like that club excites you. How do you think it fits into your schedule and goals?”

“Let’s look at the financial aid website together. Do you want help making a list of questions to ask when you call?”

Get Connected to Charlotte's Resources

Academic Support

- University Center for Academic Excellence (UCAE)
- Writing Resources Center (WRC)

Health & Wellness

- Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS)
- Student Health Center
- University Recreation

Staying Involved

- Student Involvement
- Leadership & Community Engagement

First-Generation Families

"I Am a First-Gen Niner"

International Families

International Student and Scholar Office (ISSO)

Veteran & Military Affiliated Families

Military & Veteran Services (MVS)



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Strategies for Staying Connected

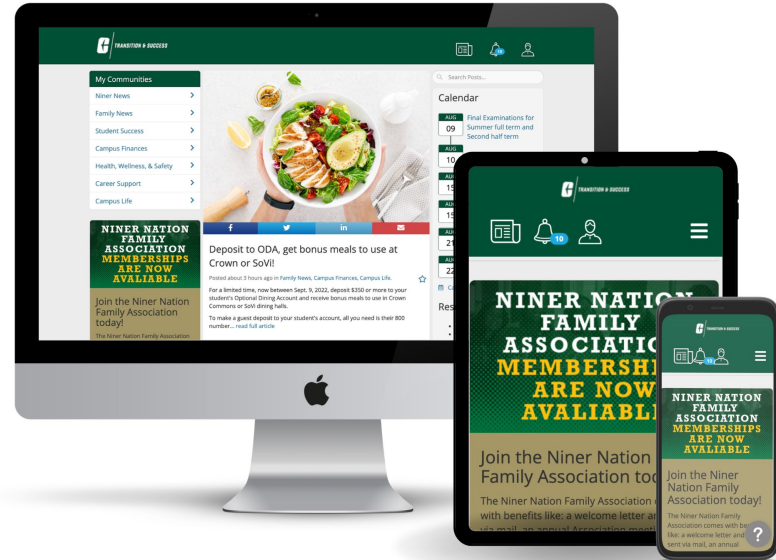
- Regular Communication
- Encouraging Independence
- Participating in Campus Events
 - **Gold Rush** is coming!
 - January 12 - January 16
- Utilizing Campus Resources



STAYING INFORMED & INVOLVED

The 49er Family Hub

- Free platform for engagement and communities
- Access to important campus news
- Learn about campus resources
- Monthly newsletters
- Register for major events



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Niner Nation Family Association

- Access to our annual publications
- Exclusive Content - 49er Family Hub
- Priority registration for Fall Family Weekend, and more!
- Registration opens every summer



Family Council

- Supports impactful engagement opportunities
- Provides family perspectives, and
- Promotes family philanthropic initiatives.
 - Involvement with the Family Council Student Scholarship

STAYING INFORMED & INVOLVED

Navigating the Niner Way: Family Guide

- Comprehensive navigation guide made specifically for families and student supporters
- Covers a wide range of topics
 - Engagement, wellness, financial & career development, etc.

Save the Date

FALL FAMILY WEEKEND

September 12-14, 2025





YOUR TOOLKIT FOR STAYING CONNECTED

- **Attend Family Events**
 - *Family Weekend*
 - *Virtual Lunch and Learns*
- **Show Your Niner Pride**
 - *Wear Green Wednesdays*
- **Visit our Website**
 - *tsi.charlotte.edu*
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 - *@clt_families*
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 - *family@charlotte.edu*







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THANK YOU!

