

RAISING A RAIDER

DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE

The Dean of Students Office supports students and their families throughout the college journey. We serve as a central resource for student advocacy, personal development, crisis support, and campus engagement. Whether your student needs help navigating college life, resolving concerns, or connecting with resources, our office is committed to their success and well-being. We recognize the important role you play in their transition and growth during college and are eager to partner with you by offering guidance, answering questions, and providing tools that empower you to support your student with confidence.

Need to report a concern about your student?

Will they be out for an extended period of time or are experiencing extenuating circumstances?



Complete the Parent & Family Care and Concern report on our website using the QR code or by visiting our website.

If you have a question and don't know where to start, we are happy to get you to the right department or person.

Phone: 414-277-7175

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Parent Checklist

Don't cut the cord... just make it longer.

Before your student arrives...

- ☐ Help them identify supports they may need and how to access them
- ☐ Discuss and establish expectations regarding communication and boundaries
- ☐ Have a conversation about reframing academic expectations
- ☐ Make a financial budget and plan. Decide who will pay for things and how your student will get basic necessities
- ☐ Encourage them to set up a schedule and routine including homework, eating, sleeping and free time
- ☐ Coach your student through daily living skills they will need to take charge (e.g. doing their own laundry, ability to cook 3 easy meals, schedule a doctor's appointment, and taking daily prescriptions without prompting, refilling them when needed)
- ☐ Join the parent and family MSOE Facebook group- it is a great source for information exchange between parents

Once your student starts...

- Let your students know the Dean of Students staff doesn't bite. We are nice, care about them and look forward to meeting them.
- Avoid asking if they are homesick or lonely for the first few weeks.
- Listen but resist the urge to "fix" things. Ask them if they want advice or for you to listen.
- Ask about courses and their learning rather than emphasizing grades as a metric of success.
- Be prepared and expect changes. It's okay for them to explore and find themselves. They may change their mind or deviate from the original plan.
- Remember your student might make mistakes or fail. THAT'S OKAY. They are still growing up and learning to be an adult. Mistakes and failures are all part of the journey.
- Be prepared for that "I can't do this" phone call. Remind them of the resources here to support them. Encourage them to connect with us!