



BERRY COLLEGE PARENT NEWSLETTER | AUGUST 2022

WELCOME BACK!

Whew! This summer flew by. Time is a fickle thing – the days can be long but the years are so incredibly short. Each of you are experiencing different emotions as parents of college students – parents of seniors are trying to figure out where the last three years went, parents of freshman are questioning whether or not you are *really* “old enough” to have a child in college, and parents of sophomores and juniors may be questioning if your student is ever going to figure out their path/direction.

As we have been preparing for your student’s return to campus, we have kept in mind where your student might be on their path. This fall, we will introduce students to ways they can engage and get involved through a new VIP initiative, [the Good Neighbor Challenge](#), and many other opportunities throughout the year!

Our goal with these newsletters is to provide you timely and relevant information to equip you in supporting your student as they navigate their collegiate journey.

Lindsey Taylor, VP for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

This fall, we hope students will take time to explore all that is offered for student involvement. With over 70 student organizations, community service opportunities, 15+ intramural sports, dozens of outdoor recreation activities, 22 intercollegiate teams and an average of 200 weekend



Student Care Packages

The Berry College Student Government Association offers a baked goods care package program to help your student feel at home. Orders can be placed on Tuesdays or Thursdays and will begin on August 30th. All proceeds go to services for Berry students.

**Care Package
Order Form**

Important Dates

October 7-9 Mountain Day Weekend

October 15-18 Fall Weekend, No classes

October 24-28 Advisement, Week 1

October 31 – November 11 Advisement, Week 2

events, there is sure to be something that captures their interest!

With so many opportunities to get plugged in, how does a student find ways to connect? The answer is easy – use [Berry Connect](#)! This online engagement platform is our one-stop resource for organizations, events, and resources. Students can join student groups with a click of a button, sign up for activities, and peruse upcoming events. They can even download the **Berry Events app** to their phone or tablet and have quick access to all that's happening in campus life.

We are launching a new initiative called VIP – the [Viking Involvement Points](#) program, an 8-week incentive program housed on Berry Connect that is designed to help students, especially new students, learn about opportunities and get involved on campus. The VIP program (now live) ends at Fall Weekend. Students will learn each week about upcoming opportunities to earn points, and when they reach a certain level, they will be eligible for VIP rewards, including cups, t-shirts, and raffles for an ENO hammock, pickleball set, and more!

Research shows students who are involved tend to have a better college experience. As a family member, you can be a great partner as we encourage them to find at least one thing to explore this year. The annual Student Involvement Fair will be **Friday, August 26 from 4:30-6:30 pm at the Krannert Student Center.**

2022-2023 Academic Calendar

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November 23-25
Thanksgiving Break, No classes

December 2 Last Day of Classes

December 5-9 Final Exams

December 9 Residence halls close at 6 pm for Winter Break

Upcoming Student Events

August 25 Rave Berry

August 26 Student Involvement Fair

August 26 Full Moon Hike

August 26 Block Party

August 27 Slip n' Slide

September 1 Paddle Down the Etowah

September 8 Study Abroad Fair

Campus Event Calendar