



August 25, 2020

Greetings, Pre-Collegiate Students and Families!

We are writing to share some important updates with our students and families that were highlighted at Pre-Collegiate's Family Alliance Meeting on Thursday, August 13th. Thank you to all who attended Pre-Collegiate's first virtual Family Alliance Meeting! Whether you were able to attend or not, we want to make sure everyone can access the information and updates we shared at this meeting. A **full video recording of the Family Alliance Meeting** can be found on the [resources page of the new Pre-Collegiate website](#), and is [linked here](#) as well. The [Power Point presentation for the Family Alliance Meeting can be found here](#) and contains several helpful links.

We encourage all students and families to watch the full video recording from the Family Alliance and reach out to us with questions, but we will highlight some important updates below:

- **All Pre-Collegiate programming will be offered remotely in Fall 2020.** The biggest change you will notice is that all Pre-Collegiate events in Fall 2020 will be held virtually, rather than in-person.
- **Pre-Collegiate's Fall 2020 High School Calendar** can be found on the [resources page of our website](#) and is [also linked here](#). With many things changing so quickly as a result of COVID-19 guidances, Pre-Collegiate plans to share an updated Spring 2021 calendar in mid-October.
- **Participation Requirements for 2020-2021 Academic Year:** We have updated our participation model to allow for additional flexibility in the 2020-2021 academic year, and to reflect necessary changes that come with moving our programming to a virtual format. [Pre-Collegiate's participation requirements for high school students can be found at this link](#) and on the resources page of our website.
- **Transition Coaching Workshops:** An [overview of fall Transition Coaching virtual workshops dates, times, and themes by grade can be found at this link](#) and on the resources page of our website. Students must participate in a minimum of two TC workshops in total over the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters.
- **College Experience Conferences:** All College Experience Conferences will be held remotely this fall. Pre-Collegiate will send confirmation of virtual conference dates in early September. Students must participate in a minimum of two College Experience Conferences in total over the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters.
- **Fall Dual Enrollment Courses (D20, D22, D49 only):** All 11th and 12th grade students participating in academic year dual enrollment courses through Pre-Collegiate were emailed registration instructions and information about dates and times for their fall course. [Please complete the registration process before the day of class](#) so that you can access Canvas before the first day of your course and take care of any to-dos from your instructor. If you need help with the registration process, have questions about the course, or have questions about how to request academic accommodations through UCCS Disability Services, please contact Ms. Diamond (adiamond@uccs.edu) or Ms. George (jgeorge5@uccs.edu).
- **Transitioning from Pre-Collegiate's Middle School to High School Program:** For current 9th grade students who participated in Pre-Collegiate's middle school program and are interested in continuing to participate in the high school program, please keep an eye out for details about information sessions that will be offered this fall. These information sessions will explain the differences between the middle school and high school programs, as well as steps you will need to take to join the high school program.

Action Steps:

- Please **complete the Updated Contact Information Form** [linked here](#) if there are any updates to your preferred mailing address, phone number, email address, or school. Please complete any updates **before September 8, 2020.**
- If a Pre-Collegiate student has changed schools, they will need to complete the **Educational Records Release Form** [linked here](#) again no later than **September 8, 2020.**
- If you would like to **opt into receiving text message updates** from Pre-Collegiate, **please text the following keywords to 833-579-1075.**

TO OPT-INTEXT (833) 579-1075		
GRADE LEVEL	STUDENTS	FAMILIES
Senior Class of 2021	STU12	FAM12
Junior Class of 2022	STU11	FAM11
Sophomore Class of 2023	STU10	FAM10
Freshmen Class of 2024	STU9	FAM9

Note: If you have multiple students in Pre-Collegiate's high school program, to ensure you receive appropriate updates for your student's grade level, please complete the opt-in process by responding to the opt-in prompts for one child *before* beginning the opt-in process for additional children.

Please note that meeting dates, times, and formats may be subject to change. If we do have to make any adjustments to the programming and details outlined at the Family Alliance Meeting, we will do our best to communicate any updates as soon as possible to our students and families through email, phone calls, and/or text messages. We also encourage our families to refer to the Pre-Collegiate website (www.uccs.edu/pcdp) and the Pre-Collegiate Facebook page for timely updates.

If after reading this information and viewing the Family Alliance Meeting video, you still have questions or concerns, please reach out to the Pre-Collegiate team at pcdp@uccs.edu. At this time, the Pre-Collegiate team is continuing to work remotely, so the best way to get a hold of us is through email, however, we are happy to set up virtual conferences to answer any questions. We appreciate your continued support and participation!

Sincerely,

The Pre-Collegiate Team

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