PARENTS & FAMILY MEMBERS

WHAT TO EXPECT

PART 1
Welcome to the Red Raider Family!
When you were college age (1985-1990)…

Photos courtesy of the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library
The comic strip Calvin & Hobbes debuted in 35 national newspapers (1985)

The Oprah Winfrey Show debuted (1986)

The Simpsons cartoon first appears as a series of shorts on The Tracey Ullman Show (1987)
- English scientist Tim Berners-Lee invented the World Wide Web in 1989
- The first known web page is written (1990)
- First commercially available digital cameras (1990)
- Kevin McCallister gets left home alone for the first time during the holiday season of 1990.
Today’s College Students …
- They have always been able to refer to Wikipedia
- *Oprah* has always been a magazine.
- The Prius has always been on the road in the U.S.
- King Friday the 13th and Lady Elaine Fairchild have always dwelled in the Neighborhood, but only in re-runs.

*Source: The Mindset, 2018*
A visit to a bank has always been a rare occasion.

People loudly conversing with themselves in public are no longer thought to be talking to imaginary friends.

“You’ve got mail” would sound as ancient to them as “number, please” would have sounded to their parents.

Outer space has never been without human habitation.

Source: The Mindset, 2018
What to Expect during RRO
RRO for Parents & Family Members

- Day One
  - Breakout sessions – Student Business Services, Financial Aid, Fraternity & Sorority Life, Study Abroad, and more
  - Parent/Family Panel – 3:45PM
  - Dinner with your student – 5:45PM
  - Parent and Family Social at the Overton Hotel
    - 2322 Mac Davis Ln
    - 6:30-7:30PM
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- Day Two
  - Academic Session – 8:30AM Sub Allen Theatre
  - Parents & Family Members: What to Expect, Part 2 – 9:00AM
  - Resource Fair – 11:00AM, Red Raider Ballroom
  - Student Financial Aid & Student Business Services Individual Meetings – 10:30AM – 1:30PM, Senate Room
  - Tours – Library, Residence Halls, City of Lubbock
- Academic Advising for Students
- Individual or Group advising
- Before advising, remind your student to:
  - Write down their advisor’s name and contact information
  - Ask questions – write these down ahead of time
  - Discuss filling out a FERPA waiver
How College is Different from High School
No parent/family access to grades without a FERPA waiver
  • Registrar: www.depts.ttu.edu/registrar/

Class attendance

Students will not be constantly reminded in class about assignments
- Students must manage their own time.
- Students often have downtime between classes.
- Students are expected to take responsibility for their actions and decisions.
- Students with disabilities must register with Student Disability Services to receive accommodations.

(www.depts.ttu.edu/sds/)
Eight Conversations to Have with your Red Raider
1. Asking for help is smart
2. Transportation and visiting home
3. Managing assignments, work loads, and deadlines
4. Personal safety
5. How to manage interpersonal conflict
6. What to do when things aren’t perfect
7. How to earn and manage money
8. Managing their new campus home
From *Generation Z Goes to College*:

- 88% of Gen Z students are extremely close to their parents, whom they see as playing roles more like friends and advisers.
- They see their parents and family as sources of emotional and financial support.
- More than half take the opinions and perspectives of their family into consideration in their decision making.

*Source: Generation Z Goes to College, Seemiller & Grace, 2017*
- Communication is key!
- Discuss and revisit expectations and goals
- Encourage the use of campus resources

Source: Straight Talk, Clemson University Orientation
Club Red Ceremony
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