



# RED RAIDER FAMILIES: SUPPORTING YOUR STUDENT'S TRANSITION





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  - Webinar Series
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  - Family Weekend – October 24-26



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# **RED RAIDER ORIENTATION FOR PARENTS & FAMILY MEMBERS**

[go.ttu.edu/parentrro](http://go.ttu.edu/parentrro)



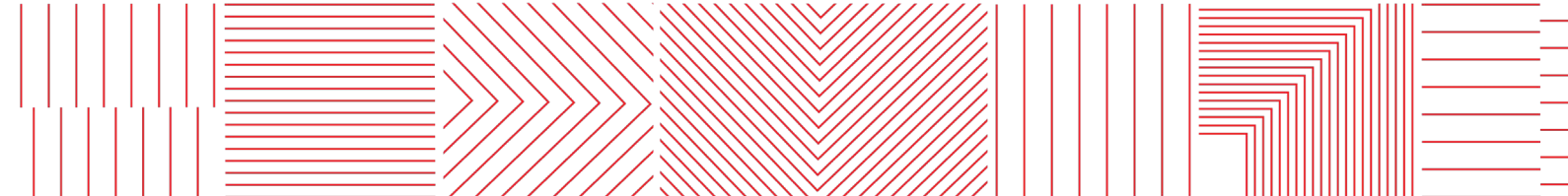
## **RED RAIDER FAMILY WEBINAR SERIES**

- June 4<sup>th</sup> – Tuition, Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Military Benefits
- June 25<sup>th</sup> – Campus Safety
- July 9<sup>th</sup> – Academic Student Success at Texas Tech
- July 16<sup>th</sup> – Preparing Your Student for On-Campus Living



## ON YOUR WAY IN:

- Your Folder Contains
  - Red Raider Family Syllabus
  - Two Postcards from Home
  - One-page Academic & Event Calendar
- Red Raider Family decal
- Double T Pin
- Pen for taking notes



# WHAT WE'LL DISCUSS TODAY

Follow along in your syllabus

- Your Red Raider Family Syllabus
- The Red Raider Family Network
- Texas Tech resources to help your student succeed
- Important dates and reminders
- Questions





# RED RAIDER FAMILY SYLLABUS

- This document mirrors what a student's syllabus may look like.
- You'll notice these topics included:
  - Transitioning to Texas Tech
  - Empowering your Student's Growing Independence
  - Building a Health Social and Emotional Foundation
  - Managing Finances and Practicalities
  - Academics at Texas Tech

# TRANSITIONING TO TEXAS TECH

- You've likely experienced a transition to college already, but a shift to a new institution will be different for your student, and you!
- Ask your student:
  - What's been most different for you so far?
  - What do you wish I understood better right now?
- *Think about: ...the way you show up – whether you're jumping in to help or just checking in – affects how your student handles this transition. Are you giving them room to figure things out while letting them know you've got their back? What does that look like for you as an individual?*



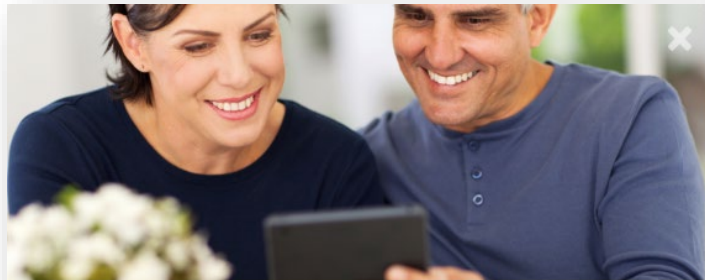
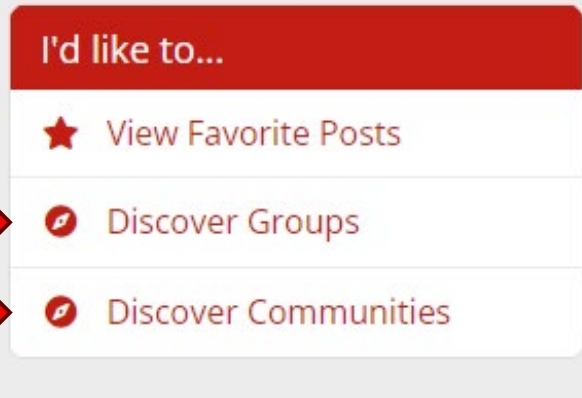
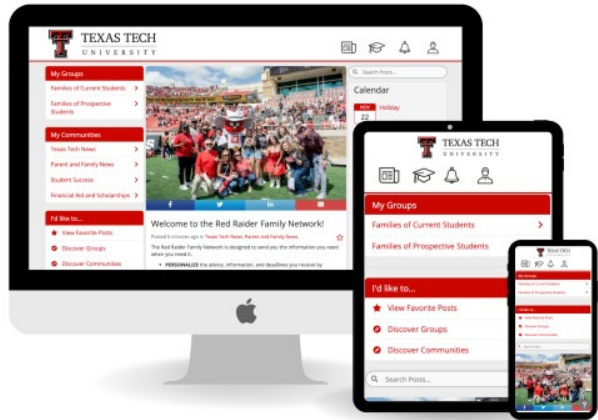
# EMPOWERING STUDENTS' GROWING INDEPENDENCE



- Encourage ownership of academics and decision-making
- Build trust and healthy check-in routines
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
  - Ask: How often should we check in? What do you need from me right now?
  - How will you share your academic progress with me?
  - Who have you talked to about \_\_\_\_\_?
- *Think about: How will you shift from managing your student's life to empowering them to manage it themselves? Are you encouraging them to take ownership while building trust through open, respectful check-ins?*







You're almost there!

Complete your account to create a username and password, customize your email digest, and receive personalized weekly email digests.

Complete Registration



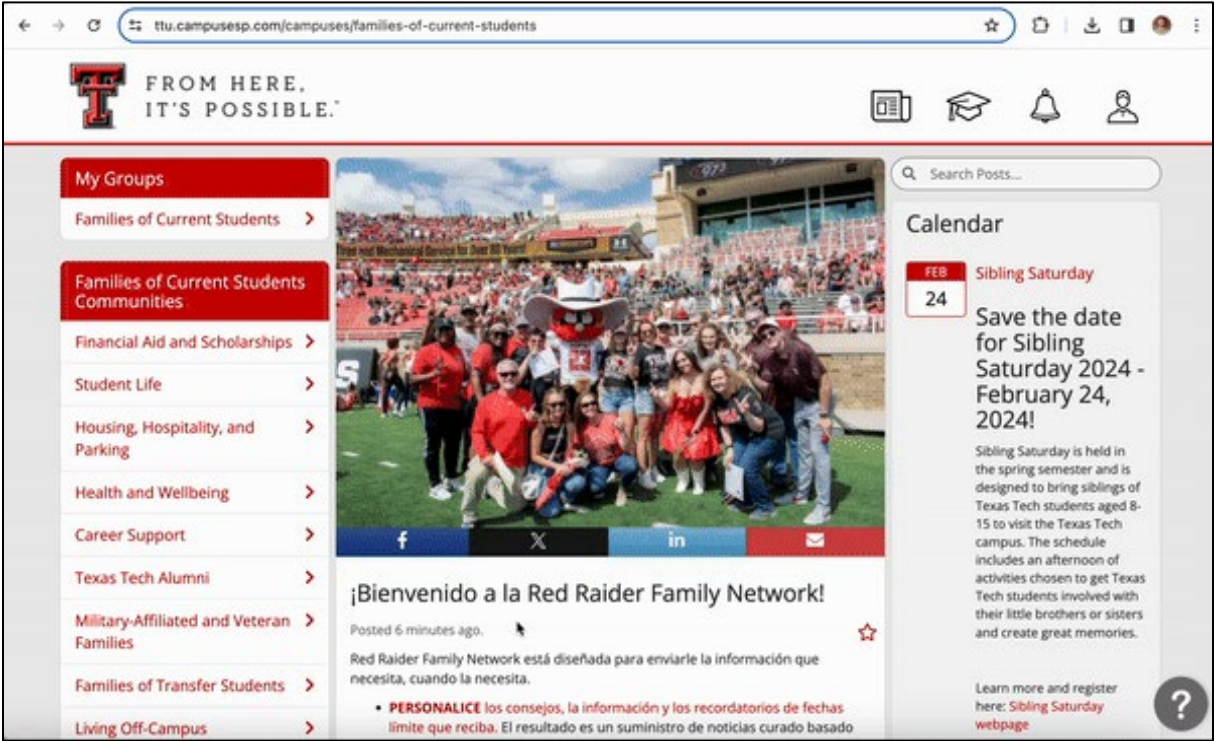
# RED RAIDER FAMILY NETWORK

- Make sure you're signed up – [ttu.campusesp.com](http://ttu.campusesp.com)
  - Complete your registration by logging in – there is more than just receiving emails!
  - Monthly newsletter and newsfeed with emailed digests
  - Browse and join “communities” based on your interests and student’s college



# RED RAIDER FAMILY NETWORK AND FERPA

- FERPA Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
- Once you have **completed** your registration, you can **request** a connection to your student to view class schedule, grades, holds, and financial information
- This will give you an overview, not details
- Talk to your student about your expectations for sharing academic progress



4 CREDIT HOURS	\$8,722.00 FINANCIAL AID	3.625 INSTITUTIONAL GPA	eBill BUSINESS ACCOUNT INFORMATION
Spring 2024 TTU: LH-Less Than Half Time Enrollment STATUS	None FINANCIAL AID OUTSTANDING REQUIREMENTS	None HOLDS	



# BUILDING A HEALTHY SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL FOUNDATION



- Help students balance school, social life, and stress
- Talk about mental and physical health, social opportunities, safety resources
- Ask:
  - What's stressing you out right now?
  - Do you know what to do if you get sick or stressed?
  - How are you balancing school, social activities, and downtime?
  - Do you know how to get a safe ride across campus after hours?
- *Think About: What supports, connections, or activities help YOU feel balanced, fulfilled, and resilient as your student steps into greater independence.*



# MANAGING FINANCES AND PRACTICALITIES TOGETHER

- Help students navigate the financial aspects of college life
- Talk about budgeting, keeping on top of financial aid and scholarship requirements, and career planning
- Ask:
  - How are you managing your finances? How is your meal plan holding up?
  - Do you need help completing the FAFSA form?
  - Do you know what the career outlook is for your major?
- *Think about: How you are preparing your student for financial and career independence – how are you balancing guidance with allowing them to make their own money decisions, plan for their future, and learn from their experiences?*





# NAVIGATING ACADEMIC LIFE AT TEXAS TECH

- Learn about academic expectations, tools, and resources
- Encourage use of advising, IT Help, and responsible AI use
- Ask:
  - How do you plan to study for midterms? Do you know where to go for tutoring?
  - What are your professors' office hours?
  - Do you have all the textbooks and access codes you'll need?
  - Do you plan to use AI and know the guidelines for each of your classes?
  - Is your laptop ready to go? Do you have the free Microsoft products downloaded?
- *Think about: How can you be a source of encouragement, without pressure, as your student adjusts to the academic demands of upper-level courses?*



# WHAT'S NEXT? IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS



- Fall Move-in
  - Tech-in Timeslot Program – email from University Student Housing
  - Refuel & Refresh with Parent & Family Relations
    - August 21<sup>st</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. and August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Raider Welcome
  - August 21<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>
  - [www.raiderwelcome.ttu.edu](http://www.raiderwelcome.ttu.edu)
  - Transfer Welcome Week
- First Day of Classes
  - Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>
- Family Weekend
  - October 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>
  - [www.go.ttu.edu/familydays](http://www.go.ttu.edu/familydays)



# SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

- This Afternoon
  - Transfer Connection
    - SUB Canyon Room
  - 12:30pm – 2:30pm
    - SUB Red Raider Ballroom
      - Campus Resource Fair
      - Apartment Fair
      - Student ID Pickup
    - RRO Information Table
      - Walking Campus Tour
  - 2:30pm – 3:00pm – RRO Check-Out in the SUB Allen Theatre
  - 3:00pm – 4:00pm
    - Library Tours – University Library Front Desk
    - Rec Center Tours – Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreations Center

# QUESTIONS

- What questions do you have about your student attending Texas Tech?
- What questions do you have about supporting your student from a distance?
- What resources in the syllabus do you have questions about?



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