First Year Raider Experience

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Questions?
Use the Zoom Q&A feature
Purpose of Today's Webinar:

- Overview of student's first semester at TTU
- Provide tips for support
- Let you know about resources on campus
Fall Semester Timeline

- **AUGUST**
  - MOVE-IN
  - NAVIGATE CAMPUS
  - START CLASSES
  - LUBBOCK - YOUR NEW HOME

- **SEPTEMBER**

- **OCTOBER**

- **NOVEMBER**

- **DECEMBER**

**Figuring it All Out**

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- Finding their path around campus
- Start classes
- Navigate a new city
AUGUST

RaiderReady - First Year Seminar
- 8-Week, 1 credit course
- Develop academic success skills as they build relationships and community

Move-In your Residence Hall with University Student Housing
- Schedule Move-In Day starting in June
- What to Bring / What Not To Bring

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- 2 weeks of FUN & FREE events designed to welcome new and returning students

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RRP 1100 RaiderReady: First Year Seminar is designed to assist students in successfully managing the transition from high school to Texas Tech.

This course helps First Year students:

- Develop academic success strategies
- Explore resources on campus
- Practice effective communication skills
- Manage stress and promote well-being
- Build relationships with faculty, staff, and fellow Red Raiders
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Learning & Adjusting

- Experiencing traditions on campus
- Adjusting to new-found freedom
- First assignments/tests returned
- "Do I fit in here?"/Finding their people
- Possibly starting to experience feelings of homesickness
SEPTEMBER

Labor Day
- September 4
- First holiday/no class day
- Outdoor Pursuits Center, Palo Duro Canyon, Buffalo Springs Lake, 4ore Golf, etc.

Tech Leadership Institute
- Applications due September 3
- 8-week leadership development program

Texas Techspo
- Thursday, September 21 from 11 AM-3 PM
- One-stop-shop to learn about "free" services available to students

University Life Coaching
- Explore, develop, and enact powerful, personalized action plans for any goal related to their college experience!
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OCTOBER

Applying your Knowledge

- First Midterm Exams
- Prepare for Registration
- Financial Aid & Scholarships Open
Midterm Season
- Academic Resources
  - The Learning Center
  - Supplemental Instruction
  - University Writing Center

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- CLASSES REGISTRATION
- THANKSGIVING
- CHANCES OF GETTING SICK

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER
Wrapping up the Semester

- Midterm grades are posted
- Register for Classes
- Thanksgiving Holiday approaching
- Chance of getting sick
Spring/Summer Registration
- Utilize Raider Success Hub (RSH) for all your registration planning!
- Make an appointment with Academic Advisor
- Create a plan in DegreeWorks & Schedule Builder

Parent & Family Relations
- Thanksgiving Bus Trips
  - Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Austin, El Paso

Student Health Services
- Establish Primary & Urgent Care
- Full Service Pharmacy
- Nurse Advice Messaging Center
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**DECEMBER**
- **Finish Strong!**
  - FINAL EXAMS
  - WINTER BREAK
  - FINANCES / EXPENSES
  - FINAL GRADES POSTED
DECEMBER

Finish Strong!

- Final exams
- Preparing to go home for Winter Break
- Sadness about leaving new relationships during holidays
- Finances on the mind with holiday expenses
- Final Grades posted
Final Exams
- University Libraries
- Student Counseling Center
  - MySSP, TAO, TogetherAI

Planning for Move-Out
- Talk with your CA about check out procedures
- If there are changes to your living arrangements, develop a plan for moving back in.

Financial Resources
- University Career Center
  - On-Campus or Off-Campus Jobs
- Red to Black Peer Financial Coaching
  - Create spending plans
  - Build and use credit wisely
  - Maximize financial aid
If at any point in the semester your student is having trouble navigating the transition to Texas Tech, affirm that they are not alone and they have support!

**Student Success Specialists can talk with your student about:**

- Time Management
- Adjusting to life at Texas Tech
- Getting involved on-campus
- Financial Struggles
- Mental Health & Stress Management
- and MORE!

Student Success Specialist are embedded into every academic college.
Upcoming Webinars:
- Parents & Families: What to Expect at Red Raider Orientation – May 16
- Preparing Financially for College – June 7
- Campus Safety – June 28
- Preparing for on-campus living – July 26th

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