Most students are coming home for the holidays and are taking their own cars. Most parents surveyed were concerned about travel safety of their students, not being able to spend enough time with their students during the holidays, and about student(s) leaving items in the residence halls during the breaks.

- For driving safety tips for your student, visit [http://www.depts.ttu.edu/ttpd/cp_tips.php](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/ttpd/cp_tips.php), provided by the Texas Tech Police Department. The Texas Dept. of Transportation posts driving conditions here: [http://conditions.drivetexas.org/current/](http://conditions.drivetexas.org/current/). Encourage your student to visit that site and prepare for inclement weather. Visit [http://bit.ly/1tDiINw](http://bit.ly/1tDiINw) to download and print the Road Raiders list – Tech Parents who can help your student.

- Be flexible about your family’s holiday plans. Students need time to relax after a long semester and may also want to reconnect with friends. Communicate your expectations and share your holiday plans with your student ahead of time so that you can be on the same page. Be open-minded and expect to see changes in your student.

- For information on leaving items in residence halls during the winter break, visit [http://housing.ttu.edu/winterbreak](http://housing.ttu.edu/winterbreak). While the campus police and security staff will still be patrolling campus, it is recommended students do not leave valuables in the halls if they are going to be gone for a long period of time (i.e. jewelry, laptops, etc.)