

BULLDOG FAMILY NEWS



A PERSONAL NOTE FROM THE FIRST LADY

Welcome to the second edition of the Bulldog Family Newsletter!

As classes have gotten underway and fall sports seasons have begun, I hope your student is feeling settled in, making new friends, and enjoying the many opportunities available on campus. Since the start of the year, our Campus Activities Board has hosted more than 18 fun and engaging activities for students to enjoy!

This past weekend, we welcomed more than 300 friends and family members to campus for our annual **Family Day**. It was a fun-filled weekend as families cheered on our Bulldogs at four home sporting events, including volleyball, football, cheerleading, and men's and women's soccer.

The smiles on our students' faces said it all. They were proud to show their families around campus and grateful to have their loved ones there to share in the experience. Thank you for making Family Day such a memorable weekend by joining us!

With **Homecoming Weekend** just around the corner, we look forward to welcoming even more families, friends, and alumni back to campus for another memory-filled celebration.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Student Activity Team has been working hard to keep students engaged, connected, and active on campus, all while making sure they have plenty of opportunities to have fun! From campus traditions to exciting new activities, there's always something happening for our Bulldogs.

Take a look at just a few of the 20+ upcoming events happening on campus. We hope to see your student there.

MIDTERM WELLNESS WEEK

During the week leading up to midterms, students can participate in our DIY Stress Ball Station, Stay Afloat This Semester ice-cream float bar, and Wind Down Movie Night. These activities are intended to give students opportunities to relax, connect, and take a break from studying.



FRIDAY NIGHT ON THE FIELD

In October, we will host a themed spirit night during the men's and women's soccer games. Students will be encouraged to support the Bulldogs while participating in a Halloween-themed night.

FALL FEST WEEK

Our October Fall Fest programming will include a bonfire with s'mores, costume contest, bingo, Flicks & Frights Movie Night, and a pumpkin-painting lunch.



BLASTING INTO CHRISTMAS WEEK

Our November and December holiday programming will include A Bulldog Christmas Tradition Day, Christmas Karaoke, Holiday Flick Fest, and Spreading Holiday Cheer.

Fall Break- No Classes | October 8 & 9
Daniel Boone Festival | October 5-10
Homecoming | October 16-17
UCU Theatre Presents: The Apiary | October 22-24
Thanksgiving Break | November 25-27
Christmas Festival Concert | December 4
Final Exams | December 7-10
Winter Break | December 22-January 1
Spring Classes Begin | January 12

Important Dates



Meet Our Student Support Services Team

Our dedicated staff provide workshops, resources, and support to help your student succeed in college and prepare for life after graduation. Recent workshops have focused on topics such as cover letters, time management, goal setting, effective studying, and exam preparation.

The **UCU Tutoring Center** is also available to help students prepare for upcoming exams, strengthen study skills, and better understand challenging concepts. No appointments necessary!

Encourage your student to stop by Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. in the Sharp Academic Center, Room 3106, and take advantage of these and many other free student services.



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UCU Praise & Worship

Once a month, local churches partner with us to provide students with an opportunity for fellowship, worship, and devotion at the Conway Boatman Chapel. All students are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend!

Our first service, hosted by our local church partner Beacon Baptist Church, brought together nearly 30 students, staff, and faculty for an evening of fellowship and worship.

Services begin at 7:00 p.m. and last approximately one hour. We hope to see your Bulldog at our next service on October 18!



STUDENT CHAPLAINS

We are proud to welcome five Student Chaplains for the 2026–2027 academic year! These student leaders will help lead prayer before athletic events, participate in worship services, and organize and serve in community service opportunities, all while growing in their leadership, ministry, and faith.

Please join us in welcoming our 2026–2027 Student Chaplains: Samantha McWaters, Kaelyn Halmon, Isaac Pearson, Jacob Byrd, and Antwan Young.



CHEER ON OUR BULLDOGS

We're excited to have our largest cheer squad in years cheering on our Bulldogs this season! Their energy and spirit are helping make game days even more exciting.

Come join us and cheer on the Bulldogs!

Check out upcoming athletic schedules and stay up to date with your favorite team by visiting www.gounionbulldogs.com.



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