

BULLDOG FAMILY NEWS



Union Anticipates Largest Freshman Class in University History. Read full story [here](#).

A PERSONAL NOTE FROM THE FIRST LADY



Welcome to the first edition of the Bulldog Family Newsletter! My name is Amy Washington and I am honored to serve as the First Lady at Union Commonwealth University as my husband, Dr. DJ Washington, serves as the University President. We have four sons-Kylan, Kamden and twins Kyrie and Kamari. We also have an Aussiedoodle dog named Italia

We understand the importance of feeling connected with your child's education and wanted to offer a resource for our university parents to get important information. This newsletter will be sent to you periodically to provide updates, important dates, and ways for you to connect with your college student. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us at parents@unionky.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS



WELCOME WEEKEND | AUGUST 13-16

Students new to campus will have the opportunity to meet their peers, professors and university staff as they participate in uniquely fun activities. These activities will help them to become acquainted with the campus.

The most popular and highly anticipated team lipsync competition is one of our favorite events! Make sure to ask your Bulldog about this and the special cameo from our president! We hope your student begins to feel at home after bonding with their new friends and campus staff.



CIRCLES CEREMONY | AUGUST 17

During this new student induction ceremony, students are welcomed into the university family receiving a special pin. CIRCLES represents Union's core values of celebration, integrity, responsibility, civility, learning, engagement and spirituality.

This special tradition comes full circle at their graduation during the closing CIRCLES ceremony. Students are able to award a medallion (symbolic of their pin) to whomever they feel best represented these core values during their time at Union and made a positive impact on them.

FALL CLASSES BEGIN | AUGUST 18

COMMUNITY PEP RALLY IN TOWN SQUARE | AUGUST 22

BULLDOG SPIRIT WEEK, BULLDOG PRIDE DAY AND FIND MACK! | AUGUST 24-28

LASER TAG | SEPTEMBER 10

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS DAY | SEPTEMBER 24

FALL BREAK : NO CLASSES | OCTOBER 8-9



MEET THE STUDENT LIFE TEAM

These staff members play an important role in making sure your student has an enjoyable experience on campus.

- **Stephanie Smith** | Vice President for Student Engagement and Dean of Students sasmith@unionky.edu
- **Tori Doyle** | Associate Dean for Student Development and Director of Housing and Residence Life tori.doyle@unionky.edu
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- **Savannah Hamblin** | Director of Campus Life and Civic Engagement savannah.hamblin@unionky.edu
- **Cosmina Vasilescu** | University Counselor/Psychology Assistant Professor cosmina@unionky.edu

MEET MACK THE BULLDOG

Your student may mention chatting with our friendly mascot, Mack! We are launching an AI assisted digital program that will send personalized text messages to "check in" with each student throughout the school year. This doesn't replace our in person, personal touch - it just helps soften the approach. Ask your student if they have received a text from Mack lately.



Save the Date



Family Day | September 19th



Homecoming | October 16th & 17th



CHEER ON THE BULLDOGS

Our athletes are beginning their seasons and appreciate all of your support. Check out upcoming athletic schedules and stay up to date with your favorite team by visiting www.gounionbulldogs.com. Go Bulldogs!



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