Presbyterian College is a family. A family spanning generations. A proud family with a commitment to excellence. As parents, you are now part of that family, and you will always and forever be connected with PC. The Parents Council takes an extra step in playing an active role in the life of the College - giving suggestions to the administration on student life, improving the Orientation and Family Weekend experience, and making work-shadowing and internships available to PC students.

It is easy to become distanced from your child at college. We encourage you to stay connected by joining our new PC Parents and Family Facebook page, run by parent volunteer Tracy Imler.

Please also mark your calendars for key family-oriented events in August and September - featured in the “Dates to Remember” section of this newsletter.

As your new Parents Council Chairs, we are committed to helping make the PC experience the best it can be, not just for our daughter MollyClaire ‘18, but for all students and the generations to come.

Walt is an internal medicine physician. He is interested in overseas medical missions, having worked through the Presbyterian Church as a volunteer in Pakistan, Nepal, Mexico, and Peru. He loves exploring the natural world and serves as the scoutmaster of a 130-member Boy Scout Troop. AnnaDell has worked in marketing and design in the furniture industry for years and is now with the Antique and Design Center of High Point. We both love to travel and will be celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary this year with a trip to India.

Stop looking at the aquarium from the outside. Instead, jump in with us to swim with the fish here at Presbyterian College! Remember, parents can have fun, too. We’ll see you soon for Family Weekend.

Walt and AnnaDell Pharr

>> Become a Parents Council Volunteer
Dear PC Parents:

This is an exciting time of year for us at PC. Everything has been prepared and we are excited and ready for the arrival of new and returning students.

If this is your first year as a Presbyterian College parent – welcome to the PC family! I am confident that you will find your years as a PC parent to be rewarding. You will have the opportunity to see your son or daughter learn, grow, discover and be inspired.

To parents of returning students – welcome back! Please join me in giving a warm welcome to our new parents. Encourage them to join the PC Parent Facebook Page, where you - our “seasoned” parents – can offer support as they begin this new phase of their lives!

During the school year, your son or daughter will be afforded many opportunities to excel, serve and build relationships. I hope you will encourage them to take advantage of these opportunities to enhance their college experience.

We want to prepare your son or daughter for a life that is fulfilling, both in their careers and personal lives, and which contributes to the greater good of the communities where they live and work. When our students graduate, we want them to “Be inspired for life.”

Once again, we welcome you to the start of a new year at PC. Please let us know if we can be of assistance.

Please share the resources below with your student. There are so many ways for them to get involved and Be Inspired for Life.

**Internships:**  ldowne@presby.edu

**Study Abroad:**  oip@presby.edu

**Undergraduate Research:**  rhfreym@presby.edu

**Volunteering:**  reparsons@presby.edu

Sincerely,

President Bob Staton
Career Services Advises How to Capitalize on Summer Experience

Everyone is hastily finishing off a summertime bucket list as the days wind down, but there’s one more item our students may want to add to that list - updating a resume with accomplishments from a summer job or volunteer work. However, many students struggle to find the best way to capitalize on summer experience, particularly when that summer job may not be clearly related to an intended career.

There are three basic ways every student can make the most of summer experience: create a list of skills which can be easily transferred into other professional settings, meet with a supervisor to debrief on strengths and weaknesses, and document details of specific accomplishments while the information is fresh. Here’s a quick look at all three of these:

Skills which can be used in multiple settings are called transferable skills. Our office has a list of such skills which is available on the Resumes page of our website. These include specific types of communication skills, interpersonal skills, research skills, critical thinking skills, and more. Employers look for these in job candidates, and you can build these skills in ANY job, not just at an official internship in a particular field.

Another key end-of-summer way to help boost your resume power is to include details such as numbers and percentages which demonstrate what you have accomplished in your job. For example, a lifeguard might be tempted to put "provided lifeguard service at local pool," which doesn’t have much punch at all. How much stronger does this become when listed as, “Provided 100 percent safety record as head lifeguard of community pool serving over 100 clients on a daily basis over a ten-week period.” Potential employers learn two things - how well you performed this duty, and how well you pay attention to details.

Finally, make sure you take time to talk with your supervisor before moving back to school. This person has seen you struggle to learn new skills - and succeed. You can learn your strengths as well as your weaknesses. You definitely want to capitalize on your strengths on your resume, and you need to know your weaknesses in order to grow stronger or overcome them.

Our office will be happy to help you with your resume. Whether you want to set up a one-on-one appointment or would like to have one of us do a resume workshop for your student organization, we are here for you! Simply drop an email to ldownie@presby.edu.

Hayden Sanders spent his summer working for Northwestern Mutual in a professional internship. He states, “I had a fantastic time working at Northwestern Mutual this summer. I learned an incredible amount about the business world and all that it encompasses. I was able to help people, study under a senior mentor, and better myself as a person. The experience and memories I gained this summer will always follow me.”
Presbyterian College is proud to announce that the College became a tobacco-free and other smoking and vaping products-free college. All use of tobacco and all smoking and vaping is prohibited in College buildings, in enclosed areas owned by the College, and on College property.

>> More about the new policy.
JOIN US FOR FAMILY WEEKEND

DROP-IN AT THE PRESIDENT’S HOUSE

Sept. 25, 2015
5 - 7 p.m.
Drop-in with your family to meet President and Mrs. Staton, learn about the Parent’s Council and enjoy a wine, cheese and dessert reception.

RSVP

Your reply is requested by
Monday, Sept. 21, 2015
Phone: 864.938.3757
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FOOTBALL ACTION
SAT. SEPT. 26, 7PM