



Dear Families,

We hope that you are enjoying your summer. Earlier this week your student received an email with some reminders and information that will help them prepare as they begin to think about the fall. I encourage you to take a few minutes to talk to your student about the email and to take the opportunity to discuss how they are feeling about becoming a Landmark College student.

Here are a few items that we would like you to be aware of:

- Your student should be working on the student onboarding process. I encourage you to check in with your student periodically to see how they are progressing. The student onboarding portal contains all of the forms and information necessary for them to become a Landmark student. We recommend that students work on one or two sections every few days so that they don't get overwhelmed. **The forms and tasks in the portal must be completed prior to arriving on campus on Thursday, August 31 for Orientation.** Here is a [video](#) that explains the process. If you or your student have questions or need help just email us at campuslife@landmark.edu or call us at 802-387-6714. We're happy to answer any questions.
- Landmark College requires that all incoming students submit a completed health history; a current physical examination which includes a tuberculosis

risk screening; and immunization records. Having an accurate history on file is essential to providing quality care while students are away from home and away from their regular Primary Care Provider. A current physical with documented clearance to participate in physical activities is essential.

Finally, **immunizations required for matriculation into Landmark College are mandated by the state of Vermont** and are reflected in the Landmark College immunization form.

- Civic engagement is an important learning process for all college students. We encourage students to register to vote as well as apply for an absentee ballot in order to vote in elections. This [website](#) has information and links to help your student register.
- Your student should also begin checking their Landmark email account regularly. This is the primary way we communicate with students, so this is a good opportunity to help them start a habit of checking their account.
- Early registration for courses is underway. Once your student completes the steps listed under early registration instructions within the onboarding portal they will be able to set up a phone call with an advisor and register for classes.
- Students will learn who their academic advisor is during orientation. There will be time for you to meet briefly with your student's advisor on Thursday, August 31 as part of Orientation. Students will also be meeting with their advisor Friday, September 1.

We are often asked what the biggest difference is between high school and college. Academically, college is more challenging than high school but the biggest change is that students have much more freedom and much more responsibility. In college students hold primary responsibility for their own success. While we offer a broad portfolio of resources and support structures, a student's habits, attitude, and decisions (or their willingness to grow in these areas), directly impact how well they do.

Use conversations this summer to help your student learn to problem solve by turning complaints into discussions about how they can appropriately confront an issue, seek out resources to help support them, advocate for their own needs, and

become independent college students.

History teaches us that as the summer progresses your student's (and your) stress levels may rise. Be patient, understanding, and supportive. This is a transition, but know that generations of college students and their parents have survived this journey. Our [Family Orientation program](#) is meant to help ease your transition and provide you with the resources you need to best support your new college student. In the meantime, have a wonderful summer.

If you have any questions please contact Student Affairs at 802-387-6714 or campuslife@landmark.edu. Previous family emails can be found [here](#).

Enjoy your summer.

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