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• The Tandem Journey (Marsha Baxter Magolda)
  - The student is in the pilot seat steering the direction, and the parent is the stoker (or the motor), keeping the energy up.

• Consultant Extraordinaire!
Parent and Family Affairs

Creating an effective partnership with parents

The mission of the Office of Parent and Family Affairs is to provide parents and family members an opportunity to play an active, supporting role in the education of their student; to provide a forum for fellowship and networking with other parents; and to further the educational goals of the University of Maryland by improving communication between parents and the University community.

Our goal is to offer support to you and provide you with the information you need so that you can, in turn, be a good resource for your son or daughter.
Overview of Services

SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT for PARENTS

Phone the Parent Helpline: 301.314.8429
Send an email to parents@umd.edu

WEB SITE: www.terpparent.umd.edu

Parent Warmline (Counseling Center): 301.314.7651

eCONNECTION newsletter

TERRAPIN PARENT handbook
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FAMILY WEEKEND: October 2 - 4, 2015

MARYLAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Helpful Tips for Parents

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We’d love to call you, but…

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Parental access to student records kept by the university is limited—this includes access to grade reports, transcripts, finances, counseling, health, and student conduct records.

Therefore, we cannot discuss the contents of records with parents without written permission from the student.

Student can grant access by creating a Parent PIN.

This will allow you to view financial records, grades, class schedules, and unofficial transcripts.
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- Understand FERPA
- Set expectations for your students and hold them to these expectations
- Help your student to take ownership and responsibility for his or her actions
- Avoid the urge to take care of the issue for your student
- Encourage your students to be timely, accountable and advocate for themselves
- Be a resource
- You may not have control, but you still have influence. Continue to talk to your student about alcohol, sexual misconduct, etc.
- Be involved and stay connected!
“YES, MOTHER, I TOLD YOU, I’M DOING FINE ON MY OWN AT COLLEGE.... HEY, COULD YOU LOG ON AND FIND MY SCHEDULE, ORDER MY BOOKS AND CALL ME WHEN IT’S TIME FOR CLASS?”
Remember…

• College is fun and challenging for students and parents. Enjoy it!
• Learn as much as you can today about the university and its resources. Making this connection will help you and your student.
• We’re here for you, too! Contact the Office of Parent and Family Affairs if you or your student need any assistance.

The bests call we receive:
“Help me to help my student” OR
“I’m just calling to make sure I’m pointing my student in the right direction…”