



Parents Belong

At Western New England University, we believe that **families often make the difference** in a student's college experience. That is why all parents of full-time undergraduates are members of the Parents Association. Annual dues, which are voluntary contributions to the Association, are established to further enhance Association activities and programs. Membership and contributing dues solicitation occur on an annual basis.

Who Directs the Association?

The Parents Association is directed by **parent representatives** with the advice and assistance of the vice president for student affairs and dean of students. Officers are elected at the spring quarterly meeting of the Association. Membership is confirmed at the expression of interest. Meetings are held quarterly, usually in connection with activities scheduled on the campus. Parents are encouraged to participate in this context.



Please visit our website at wne.edu/parents if you are interested in ordering any of the following:

Special Messages—Cookies or cake can be ordered and students are informed by mail to pick up their order any time when classes are in session.

Survival Kits—Can be ordered and given out during final exams (December and May)

Pride in Bloom—Roses for your graduate on Commencement Day!

The **Parents Association** email address is wneparentsassociation@wne.edu and we'd love to hear from you.

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For more information about the **Parents Association**, or to express interest in becoming an active member of the Planning Committee, contact:

**Vice President for Student Affairs
and Dean of Students**

Western New England University
1215 Wilbraham Road
Springfield, MA 01119-2684
413-782-1282

PARENTS ASSOCIATION



**Supporting Each Other
and Our Students**

How Does a Parent Benefit from Membership?

The Parents Association distributes a number of items to all parents of new students. One of those items is a very helpful parent handbook, the “**Parents Guide to College.**” Another is “**Dates to Remember for Parents,**” a magnet that includes your student’s academic dates for the year, Parents Association meeting dates, Family and Friends Weekend, Homecoming, student recess dates, when residence facilities open and close, and more!

Parents also have the opportunity to become more integrally involved in the direction of the Association by attending the quarterly meetings.

Make a Difference

All parents are invited to actively participate at our quarterly meetings and to help decide how the Parents Association can improve the quality of life at the University.

Some of the Association’s projects have included:

- *Parents Guide to College*
- Family & Friends Weekend–Bed Race
- Homecoming Weekend
- Giveaways–Open Houses, SOAR, Meetings, Opening Day
- Dates to Remember Magnets
- Fall and Spring Final Exam Survival Kits

- Pride In Bloom–Program for Graduating Seniors–yellow roses
- Raffle Gift Baskets for SOAR
- Parent Web page
- Polos and Long Sleeve Shirts
- Parents Reception



The Family Association:

“I encourage you all to join, and participate in the Western New England University Parents Association, or as I like to call it, the Family Association. By joining you will get to experience and be a part of your student’s lives while away from home, and get involved with the Western New England family. I enjoy supporting not only my daughter’s college experience, but the experience of all the students as they spend time learning and developing into who they will become.”

Neil H. Abramson
Parent of Rebecca, Class of 2020

Yes! I would like to help

Please request my assistance in the current academic year, if needed, for:

- Family and Friends Weekend (Fall)**
- Assembling Final Exam Survival Kits (Fall and Spring)**
- Other activities of the Parents Association requiring my/our support**

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Student Name _____

Graduation Year _____

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$_____ to enhance Parents Association events and activities, and to include me/us as an active member(s) of the Association.

Minimum contribution is \$35 per year or \$125 for a lifetime membership. Lifetime membership includes one long-sleeve shirt to be picked up at the first meeting. Please make the check payable to Western New England University Parents Association.

Mail check and this form to:

**Parents Association
c/o Vice President for Student Affairs
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