



Dear Parents,

Another spring semester is underway and with it comes the usual array of academic experiences and social activities. At Tulane, that also means Mardi Gras.

We do our best to educate our students in the areas of personal safety and responsible behavior, but we also need your help to ensure that your son or daughter takes those messages to heart. With Mardi Gras quickly approaching, we have sent out an e-mail to all students that express the importance of safety and give them helpful tips to both avoid and deal with troubling situations.

For safety on campus, please share the message with your student to lock their residence hall doors at all times; not to let people into the building – those who are supposed to be there will have access. For safety off campus, they should attend parades in groups; walk on well-lit streets; have designated meeting spots; limit what they carry on their person (ex. few bills, some form of ID, a credit card); and not to get too close to the floats to reduce injury. These tips will ensure a safe and enjoyable Carnival season.

We also hope that you will have a similar conversation with your son or daughter about alcohol. A study conducted by Boise State University indicated the students were less likely to suffer adverse drinking consequences when their parents discussed alcohol and binge drinking with them. We recognize that this can be a difficult topic for some parents to discuss with their children, so we offer some helpful tips:

- Clearly state your expectations with regard to alcohol
- Expand the conversation to include personal safety
- Listen to your son or daughter in a non-judgmental manner
- Assert your expectation that he or she will follow Tulane rules and regulations
- Assert your expectation that he or she will utilize Tulane resources
- Be understanding of the fact that the transition to college can be a difficult time
- Stress to your son or daughter the importance of looking out for others
- Keep the conversation going – call or e-mail your son or daughter frequently, especially the first few weeks of each semester.

If you are concerned about your student with regard to alcohol/drug use or personal safety, please feel free to contact Student Affairs at (504) 314-2188 or any of the following on-campus support resources:

- Tulane Public Safety, (504) 865-5200
- Center for Educational Resources and Counseling: Jill Rovaris, Executive Director, (504) 865-5113
- Office of Alcohol Education Initiatives: Maeghan Livaccari, (504) 247-1538
- Student Health Center: Kim Crowley, Substance Abuse Counselor, (504) 865-5255

We share the same goal: that our students are successful at Tulane. With your input, we can help your son or daughter have a safe and rewarding spring semester.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Cherrey", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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