

# FIRST YEAR VSU PARENT SEMINAR

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*\* Due to such varied schedules, "office hours" will be by appointment only. These meetings should relate to seminar content and can occur via phone, Skype, or chat within BlazeVIEW D2L.*

## SEMINAR DESCRIPTION

The intention of this seminar is to address the transition and information needs of parents and family members of new VSU students. Parents and families play a critical role in the success of their college students, and will frequently turn to university personnel for information and support. This six-week seminar is a unique avenue to support parent and family transitions and to connect parents and families with university information, services and programs.

## SEMINAR OBJECTIVES

- Explore your new responsibilities as a parent to a college student.
- Develop a greater understanding of the college student experience.
- Learn about the student and parent resources available at VSU.
- Gain awareness of the challenges and opportunities facing today's college students, including the academic and non-academic expectations.
- Discover opportunities for parent involvement at VSU.

## TIME COMMITMENT

We recognize that your time is limited and we have designed the seminar with this in mind. The time commitment should not be more than two hours per week. These two hours per week will include seminar readings and seminar activities and can be done anytime that fits your schedule within the particular week.

## SEMINAR ACTIVITIES

All seminar activities will take place in the online environment via BlazeVIEW. We will get each participant set-up in BlazeVIEW D2L and provide a brief training. BlazeVIEW D2L is the online learning management system used at VSU. The seminar will be arranged using units (one unit for each of the 6 weeks of the seminar, plus a unit on orientation of the seminar). Each unit will begin on Sunday at 12:00 a.m. and conclude on the following Monday at 11:59 p.m. All discussions, activities, and assignments for each unit will need to be completed by the end of each unit/week by Monday at 11:59pm.

## CALENDAR AND UNIT TOPICS

Unit Dates	Seminar Unit Topics
Aug. 10-Aug. 16	Orientation for seminar. Getting set-up & brief overview of BlazeVIEW
Aug. 16-Aug. 23	Your new job description
Aug. 23-Aug. 30	Making student/family connections work
Aug. 30-Sept. 6	Helping your student face those inevitable first semester challenges
Sept. 6-13	Helping your student make important connections on campus
Sept. 13-20	Making sure your student is poised for academic success
Sept. 20-27	Pulling it all together: prepared for storms but empowered to move forward

