

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY



NAU

2024-2025 FAMILY CALENDAR

Welcome to Northern Arizona University!

Family Resources supports you and your student by providing easy access to information and answering your questions about life as a Lumberjack.

NAU understands the important role families play in their students' lives and educational success. Continued communication and support from family can help your new Lumberjack succeed at NAU.

This calendar will help you learn about the many offices, academic programs, and resources NAU has to offer, including ways we can work together to support students in reaching their educational and career goals. We have support for you and your student wherever they may be. If your student is attending an NAU Statewide Campus, we encourage you to also view [nau.edu/statewide-campuses](https://www.nau.edu/statewide-campuses) to view your specific campus resources.

Finally, The Lumberjack Family Hub is the official source for information for parents and families of NAU students. Visit families.nau.edu for more information and to sign up.

Welcome to the Lumberjack family!



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannon Clark".

Shannon Clark
Assistant Dean of Students





Your student's NAU journey begins

Lumberjack Welcome

These in-person activities will connect students with various resources to power their academic momentum and success. nau.edu/lumberjack-welcome

Clubs and organizations

NAU has more than 350 student clubs and organizations. nau.edu/clubs

Campus Living

Find everything you and your student need to know about housing, dining, move-in, and success with roommates. nau.edu/campusliving

TIPS

- Register for Family Weekend! nau.edu/familyweekend
- Encourage your students to participate in Lumberjack Welcome activities.
- Have them explore campus resources for help adjusting.
- Talk with your student about setting and maintaining a budget.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- What organizations or clubs do you hope to join this year?
- Are there any support resources that you anticipate needing this year?
- Tell me about your roommate. What is their major? What are they interested in?

August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Make sure you and your Lumberjack download NAUgo, our one-stop mobile app for all things NAU that includes events, alerts, advising, transit, dining, and more.				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 First disbursement of scholarships and financial aid
18	19 Fall tuition due date (regular 16-week) Financial aid refunding begins Payment plan begins	20	21 Move-in begins and Lumberjack Welcome	22	23	24
25 Move-in and Lumberjack Welcome	26 First day of fall classes	27	28	29	30	31 NAU Football vs. Lincoln (CA) Running of the Freshmen

NAU is excited to partner with you to support your student

The **Lumberjack Family Hub** is the official NAU source for parent and family information. families.nau.edu



We're here for you

Family Resources
928-523-6267 | FamilyResources@nau.edu

TIPS

- If your student is getting homesick, encourage them to get involved through a campus club or organization.
- If your student is looking for a job, encourage them to contact NAU Career Development.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- How are you settling in so far?
- Who are some of the new people you've met?
- Tell me about your classes. Are they what you expected so far? What are you learning?

Social media

- facebook.com/naufalgstaff
- x.com/nau
- instagram.com/naufalgstaff
- pinterest.com/naufalgstaff



September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Labor Day (university closed)					NAU Football @ University of Arizona
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 NAU Football @ Utah Tech
Hispanic Heritage Month (through Oct. 15)						NAU Football @ Incarnate Word
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
					Family Weekend →	NAU Football vs. Sacramento State
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Family Weekend ←		Family Weekend 2024 Sept. 27–29 nau.edu/familyweekend				
29	30					



Finding a rhythm: mid-semester support

Advising

Advisors help first-year students select a major, understand degree requirements, navigate campus resources, and stay on track.

nau.edu/advising

FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) typically opens in the fall and must be filled out each year. File early to ensure the most possible aid! studentaid.gov



TIPS

- Enrollment for spring opens the end of October. Encourage your student to reach out to an advisor.
- Share resources such as the Academic Success Centers with your student.
- Start thinking about next year's housing options.



CONVERSATION STARTERS

- Have you met with your advisor yet? How did that go?
- How is your monthly budget going?
- What are you enjoying most about school? What do you miss about home?

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	NAU Football @ Idaho
6	7	8	9	10	11	NAU Football @ Montana
13	NAU Homecoming Indigenous Peoples' Day	15	16	17	18	NAU Football vs. Idaho State Homecoming game
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	Halloween	Financial aid questions? Financial.Aid@nau.edu 928-523-4951	

Ensuring a healthy NAU

Campus Health Services

With our Medical Services, Counseling Services, and Health Promotion departments, you can trust your student's holistic health is in good hands. nau.edu/chs

In addition, the **Lumberjack Care Center** addresses concerns such as food insecurity, financial needs, and overall wellness. nau.edu/carecenter



TIPS

- Celebrate your student's successes with them and plan for upcoming challenges.
- Talk with your student about how they plan to prepare and study for next month's final exams.
- Encourage your student to begin planning for upcoming final exams early.



CONVERSATION STARTERS

- What are you doing to take care of yourself?
- Tell me about the new friends you've met so far.
- What do you hope to do while you're home (or elsewhere) for Thanksgiving break?



November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Cold and flu season is upon us! Encourage your student to learn more about and get a flu shot and COVID-19 vaccine. nau.edu/chs					National Native American Heritage Month	NAU Football vs. Weber State
		Election Day			1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Veterans Day (university closed)					NAU Football @ Cal Poly
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
						NAU Football @ Northern Colorado
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				Thanksgiving (university closed)	University holiday (university closed)	NAU Football vs. Eastern Washington
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



Finishing strong and planning ahead

Academic Success Centers

Here, students can access free academic support resources like individual and group tutoring, peer coaching, test prep, and more. nau.edu/asc

Scholarships and Financial Aid

Many scholarship applications open early each calendar year. NAU's ScholarshipUniverse helps students search for and match with potential scholarships. nau.edu/scholarships



TIPS

- If your student hasn't declared a major (or if they have but are unsure about it), encourage them to talk to their advisor and search Jacks Planner to explore possible options.
- Look for emails that indicate when scholarship applications are opening and when they close.



CONVERSATION STARTERS

- How are you feeling after fall semester?
- What are your goals for spring?
- What is something you've learned about yourself in college?

December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Finals week				Fall commencement Winter break begins	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	First day of class for winter term					
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			University closure			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
University closure		New Year's Eve				
29	30	31				

New goals for the new year

After spending the first semester adjusting to college life, many students are ready to explore new challenges and activities.

Part-time jobs can help pay for college and provide valuable work experience. **NAU's Career Development** office can connect your student with a job that's right for them.

If your student hasn't already, encourage them to **join a club or organization**, or get a group of friends together and start their own! nau.edu/clubs



TIPS

- Review payment deadlines for any outstanding spring charges such as tuition and fees, meal plans, or housing.
- Remind your student to check their To Do List in LOUIE before financial aid disbursement and bills are due.



CONVERSATION STARTERS

- How are you re-connecting with your friends this semester?
- Which classes are you most excited about?
- What is your New Year's resolution in regard to college?

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			University closure — New Year's Day			First disbursement of scholarships and financial aid
			1	2	3	4
	Spring tuition due date Financial aid refunding begins				Last day of winter term	Campus Living Communities re-open
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	First day of spring classes					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (university closed)					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



A commitment to unity

Lumberjacks embrace diversity and inclusion while promoting a welcoming community for students of all backgrounds. Just a few of the campus communities and departments working to support students include:

Office of Inclusion
nau.edu/inclusion

Veteran and Military Services
nau.edu/vets

Office of Indigenous Student Success
nau.edu/oiss

First-Generation Programs
nau.edu/firstgen



TIPS

- Discuss and learn more about your student's Spring Break plans ahead of time.
- Encourage your student to embrace and love their own individuality.



CONVERSATION STARTERS

- What are your plans for Spring Break?
- Where are you planning to live next year? If off-campus, are you ready for the additional responsibilities?

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>ScholarshipUniverse is a tool that matches you with scholarship opportunities based on your information and need. You can even apply for most of them right within the tool itself. Learn more and get started. nau.edu/scholarshipuniverse</p>						<p>Black History Month</p>
						1
Groundhog Day						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
					Valentine's Day	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Presidents' Day					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

Playing with purpose

Spring Break and emerging warm weather mean a host of new activities to get involved in. And there is no shortage of fun recreational opportunities on campus and around Flagstaff.

Campus Recreation

Recreational facilities, sports clubs, fitness classes, and more.

nau.edu/rec

Outdoor Adventures

OA offers trips almost every weekend.

nau.edu/outdoors

Aquatic and Tennis Complex

Access during open swim is free with a Student ID.



TIPS

- Talk to your student about making responsible choices, especially during Spring Break.
- Enrollment for summer and fall terms generally opens in March. Encourage your student to reach out to their advisor.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- Are you staying active?
- What are your plans for this summer (living situation, working, summer classes, etc.)?
- Who is your favorite professor so far? What do you like about them?

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Did you know? Enrollment for summer and fall starts now! Encourage your student to meet with their academic advisor to discuss courses for next academic year. nau.edu/advising</p>						<p>Women's History Month</p> <p>1</p>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Spring Break						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
St. Patrick's Day						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24					
30	31	25	26	27	28	29



Getting organized

April is a busy month—the end of your student’s first year is in sight!

Preparing for finals: make sure your student knows when and where their final exams take place.

Cline Library: the library is an excellent place to study and take advantage of resources. nau.edu/library

Moving out: be sure to review move-out dates and policies. nau.edu/campusliving



TIPS

- The Academic Success Centers on campus offer test prep strategies and studying tips.
- The end of the academic year can be stressful; remind your student of their successes and offer them your support.



CONVERSATION STARTERS

- How are you preparing for your finals?
- What are you doing to take care of yourself?
- When do you move out of your dorms and how can I help?

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		April Fools' Day				
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Tax Day				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Earth Day				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	<p>If you haven't already, don't forget to fill out your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Even returning students need to fill out a FAFSA each year. studentaid.gov</p>		

Crossing the finish line



TIPS

- Final exams take place May 5–8. Send your student a text or a care package reminding them that you love them and believe in them!
- Allow your student to share their college experiences—good or bad—with you.
- Remind your student to consistently check their NAU LOUIE account to ensure everything is up to date with no remaining balances.



CONVERSATION STARTERS

- Overall, how do you feel this year went? Was there anything surprising? Were your expectations met?
- What classes are you going to take this summer or next semester? How will you use what you learned this year?



May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month		
				1	2	3
	Cinco de Mayo Finals week				Spring commencement	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Mother's Day	First day of summer classes					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Memorial Day (university closed)					
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



Soaking up summer



TIPS

- If your student doesn't have a job or internship (or even if they do), encourage them to explore volunteer opportunities in the community. It's a great way to get connected and gain experience in a field they're passionate about.
- Talk to your student about their goals for the upcoming school year.
- If your student is signed up for summer classes, remind them that these classes often move at a quicker pace. Encourage them to practice good time management skills.



CONVERSATION STARTERS

- In what ways do you feel like you've grown as an individual over the past year?

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day
Father's Day				Juneteenth (university closed)		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Second-year strategies



TIPS

- Encourage your student to begin packing for the back-to-school move early. This way, you both ensure they have everything they need.
- Review campus resources with your student again to ensure another successful year.
- Remind your student to check that everything is in order for the next year (i.e., check for any LOUIE To Do List items, finalize any student account or financial aid items).



CONVERSATION STARTERS

- Are you staying in contact with your NAU friends this summer? How are they enjoying their summer?



July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Independence Day (university closed)	
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Important NAU departments

Contact information and websites

Academic Success Centers

928-523-7391
nau.edu/asc

Admissions and Enrollment Services

928-523-5511
nau.edu/admissions

Bookstore

928-523-6691
nau.edu/bookstore

Campus Dining

928-523-2372
nau.edu/dining

Campus Health Services

Appointments:
928-523-2131
Billing: 928-523-6343
nau.edu/chs

Campus Living

928-523-3978
nau.edu/campus-living

Counseling Services

928-523-2261
nau.edu/counseling

Disability Resources

928-523-8773
nau.edu/disability-resources

Emergency

911
nau.edu/police

Family Resources

928-523-5181
nau.edu/parents

First-Generation Programs

928-523-6980
nau.edu/firstgen

JacksCard

928-523-1905
nau.edu/jackscard

Motorist Assistance

928-523-9066

Office of Inclusion

928-523-5656
nau.edu/inclusion

Office of Indigenous Student Success

928-523-8086
nau.edu/oiss

Office of the Dean of Students

928-523-5181
nau.edu/studentlife

Police Department (non-emergency)

928-523-3611
nau.edu/police

Registrar

928-523-5490
nau.edu/registrar

Scholarships and Financial Aid

928-523-4951
nau.edu/finaid

Student and Departmental Account Services

928-523-3122
nau.edu/sdas

Student Service Center

928-523-9501
nau.edu/servicecenter

Student Support Services

928-523-6980
nau.edu/sss

University Advising

928-523-4772
nau.edu/advising

University Transit Services

928-523-6623
nau.edu/parking

Land Acknowledgement

Northern Arizona University sits at the base of the San Francisco Peaks, on homelands sacred to Native Americans throughout the region. We honor their past, present, and future generations, who have lived here for millennia and will forever call this place home.

