

Welcome to Northern Arizona University!

Parent and Family Services 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 to view your specific campus resources.

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

Welcome Week

A chance for students to plug in to the campus community and find friends with similar interests. nau.edu/welcomeweek

Clubs and organizations

NAU has more than 400 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

- Encourage your student to get involved in Welcome Week.
- 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 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	Tuition due date (regular 16-week) Early move-in day (approved groups)	Early move-in day	Early move-in day	Move-in days	Career Development Part-time Job & Internship Fair	26
21	22	23	24	25		
Move-in days →	First day of fall classes					
27	28	29	30	31		

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

Parent and Family Services
928-523-6267 | ParentandFamilyServices@nau.edu



TIPS

- Register for Family Weekend!
- 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/nauflagstaff

twitter.com/nau

instagram.com/nauflagstaff

pinterest.com/nauflagstaff



September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>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.</p>					1	2
3	Labor Day (university closed)	4	5	6	7	8
10		11	12	13	14	9
17		18	19	20	21	16
24		25	26	27	28	23
				Career Development Career & Graduate School Expo	22	29
						30
						NAU Football @ University of Arizona
						NAU Football @North Dakota
					Hispanic Heritage Month (through Oct. 15)	NAU Football vs. Utah Tech Running of the Freshmen
						NAU Football vs. Montana
						NAU Football @ Sacramento State



Finding a rhythm: mid-semester support

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

Advising

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



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 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						NAU Football @ Weber State
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Indigenous Peoples' Day				Family Weekend →	NAU Football vs. Portland State
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Family Weekend →						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	NAU Homecoming →					NAU Football vs. UC Davis
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Halloween	Family Weekend 2023 Oct. 13–15 nau.edu/familyweekend			
29	30	31				

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 security, financial needs, and overall wellness. nau.edu/carecenter



TIPS

- Celebrate your student's successes with them and plan for upcoming challenges.
- Connect your student with NAU's Career Development office.
- 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 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			National Native American Heritage Month			NAU Football @ Montana State
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	Veterans Day, observed (university closed)	NAU Football vs. Northern Colorado Veterans Day
				Career Development Virtual Career Fair		NAU Football @ Eastern Washington
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
				Thanksgiving Day (university closed)	University Holiday (university closed)	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



Finishing strong and planning ahead

FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens this month and must be filled out every year. fafsa.gov

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 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Financial aid questions? Financial.Aid@nau.edu 928-523-4951					FAFSA opens this month	
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Finals week				Last day of fall classes Fall commencement	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	First day of winter session					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	Winter Break (university closed)					
Winter Break (university closed)						
31	25	26	27	28	29	30

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 you believe in them and that they will have a great spring semester.

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 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Winter Break (university closed) New Year's Day →					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	Tuition due date (regular 16-week)	8	9	10	11	12
					Last day of winter session	13
14	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (university closed)	First day of spring classes	16	17	18	19
			Career Development Part-time Job & Internship Fair			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 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Black History Month		
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			Valentine's Day			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Presidents' Day					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

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 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Women's History Month	
					1	2
3	4	5	6	Career Development Career & Graduate School Expo	8	9
	Spring Break					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
St. Patrick's Day						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24						
31	25	26	27	28	29	30



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 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	April Fools' Day					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Earth Day					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Crossing the finish line



TIPS

- Final exams take place May 6–9. 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 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month			
			1	2	3	4
Cinco de Mayo	Finals week				Last day of spring classes	
5	6	7	8	9	Spring commencement	11
Mother's Day	First day of summer classes					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Memorial Day (university closed)					
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 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Father's Day			Juneteenth (university closed)			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23						
31	24	25	26	27	28	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 2024

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

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

Counseling Services

928-523-2261

nau.edu/counseling

Disability Resources

928-523-8773

nau.edu/disability-resources

Emergency

911

nau.edu/police

First-Generation Programs

928-523-6980

nau.edu/firstgen

Gateway First-Year Advising

928-523-4772

nau.edu/gateway

Campus Living

928-523-3978

nau.edu/campus-living

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

Parent and Family Services

928-523-5181

nau.edu/parents

Parking and Shuttle Services

928-523-6623

nau.edu/parking

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 Admissions

928-523-5511

nau.edu/admissions

University Police (non-emergency)

928-523-3611

nau.edu/police

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.

