

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Welcome to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University! As a parent or guardian of an incoming student you may be feeling a mixture of excitement, apprehension and anxiety - not unlike your student. Be assured you are not alone. That is why we offer Orientation programs.

To help prepare new students for their first semester at ERAU, we designed a program to familiarize them with our campus, provide opportunities to meet faculty, staff, and other new students, and of course, to have fun! **New Student Orientation is Wednesday, August 20th – Friday, August 22nd followed by Welcome Weekend Activities on Saturday, August 23rd and Sunday, August 24th.** Fall classes begin Monday, August 25.

To help you, as a parent, become acquainted with our campus community and its many resources, we designed a separate program offered in conjunction with the Student Program. Your questions may be different than your son's or daughters and your exposure to the ERAU community will be from a different perspective. With this in mind, Parent Orientation and Student Orientation are, for the most part, separate programs. **Parent Orientation is Wednesday, August 20th and Thursday, August 21st. Please check-in between 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the gymnasium of the ICI Center.**

Please review the enclosed materials and plan your time accordingly. Don't miss **Convocation**, the first official event of the academic year, on Wednesday, August 20th at 3:30 p.m. in the ICI Center. Convocation is our traditional, academic assembly hosted by the Chancellor which welcomes new students and parents to the university. You are also invited to attend the **Fall Reception** that evening, beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the John Paul Riddle Student Center. Dress is casual for both events; come as you are!

Parent Orientation provides you an opportunity to learn more about ERAU and the experience which awaits your son/daughter as an ERAU student. Even though Parent Orientation concludes on the afternoon of Thursday, August 21st, consider staying an extra day or two to enjoy your weekend and the activities provided by our local Daytona Beach community. You'll find there is much to do!

If you need further assistance, please visit our website at www.erau.edu/orientation or contact my department directly. **If you plan to join us, please complete and return the enclosed postage-paid RSVP card no later than August 8th.**

Sincerely,

Paul W. Bell, Associate Dean of Students