



GENEVA COLLEGE

INTENTIONAL CONVERSATIONS FOR PARENTS & NEW STUDENTS

The purpose of Student Development at Geneva College is to support the overall mission of the college by engaging students in transformational education, ministry and service. To that end, we welcome the assistance of parents, guardians and family members by engaging their son or daughter in a series of intentional conversations. Following are some suggested questions to help start the conversation.

ACADEMICS

- What are your hopes and goals for your grades?
- Do you plan to share your grades with us?
- How many hours a week do you think you are going to need to study to reach those goals?
- Do you know where to go for tutoring and academic support, should the need arise?
- What computer are you planning to bring to school?
- Have you met and spoken with your advisor?
- Do you understand the class attendance policy at Geneva?
- When do you plan to buy your books?
- Are you thinking about study abroad programs? What is the best semester for you to study abroad?
- Have you thought about internships?
- Did you realize Geneva has classes on Labor Day?

FINANCES

- There are about 30 weeks in an academic year. How much money are you budgeting to live on each week?
- Have you signed for your loans?
- Do you need help with planning for your four years of college?
- Can you stay on our insurance until you are 22-24 years old or do you need the college health insurance plan?
- Do you plan to work over the breaks (fall, Christmas, spring, summer)?
- Have you considered summer classes? Check with the registrar to make sure they transfer.

STUDENT LIFE

- Have you read the *Student Handbook*?
- What clubs and activities are you planning to get involved in?
- What intramural sports are you planning to participate in?
- Are you going to use the *Student Handbook* as your planner?
- Did you know that Geneva has staff that can help with roommate issues, career questions and personal problems?
- How many hours a week do you plan to work?
- How many hours a week is practice going to take (athletes, band and theater)?
- Have you contacted your roommate?
- Do you think you will need a car? If so, is it okay to loan it to friends?
- Is your meal plan working out?
- Do you know about intramural sports, spring break missions trips, counseling support groups and student leadership positions?

FAMILY LIFE

- How often are you planning to call home? Should we set a day and time?
- How often are you planning to come home?
- How often do you want us to visit you on campus?
- Have you met your RA (resident assistant) or RD (resident director)?
- Do you understand the health insurance plan you will be on?
- Do you want us to have access to your Facebook account?

SPIRITUAL LIFE

- Are you planning to join a Bible study this year, service project or spring break mission's trip?
- Do you realize that chapel is mandatory?
- Have you found a local church to attend?