**Family & Friends Pathway**
...the Parents Association supporting one another and our students

Who We Are
In 1978, a small group of parents led by Ralph and Barbara Ertel and University staff from the Division of Student Affairs joined together to recognize and formally constitute the educational partnership which exists between student and parent. Since that time, leadership has continued to be provided through those parents listed below.

At Western New England we believe that families often make the difference in a student's University experience. That is why all parents of full-time undergraduates are members of the Parent's Association. Annual dues, which are voluntary contributions to the Association, are established to further enhance Association activities and programs. Membership and contributing dues solicitation occurs on an annual basis.

The Parent's Association is directed by parent representatives with the advice and assistance of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students. Officers are elected at the spring quarterly meeting of the Association. Membership is confirmed at the expression of interest. Meetings are held quarterly, usually in connection with activities scheduled on the campus.

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**Support Offices**
- Alcohol and Drug Education Services
- Athletics
- Campus Bookstore
- Career Development Center
- Counseling Services
- Diversity Programs and Services
- Enrollment Services
- First Year Program
- Food Services
- Health Services
- Public Safety
- Office of Student Volunteerism
- Residence Life
- ROTC
- Spiritual Life
- Student Activities
- Student Disability Services
- Wellness, Recreation, and Intramurals

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**Activities of the Parent's Association**
- Special Messages
- Final Exams Survival Kits
- Senior Flowers
- Quarterly Meetings
- RHA Bed Race

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**Meetings:**
- September 28—10:30 a.m.
- November 2—4:30 p.m.
- December 7—10:30 a.m.
- March 7—10:30 a.m.
- April 25—10:30 a.m.

Location of the meetings will be in the University Commons.

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**Family members are looking to provide assistance when their student has trouble or a problem. But what is the proper advice to give your student? Here are some Do's & Don’ts:**

**ACADEMICS**
**DO SAY:** Have you spoken to your academic advisor about the matter?
**DON’T SAY:** I will call the professor and take care of the matter!

**CO-CURRICULAR SUPPORT**
**DO SAY:** Tell me about some of the fun events going on around campus this weekend.
**DON’T SAY:** COME HOME!

**INFORMATION SHARING**
**DO SAY:** I received a letter from the University about (insert topic here). Let's talk about this.
**DON’T SAY:** I can’t believe what you have gotten yourself into. Why are you being so stupid?

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**Upcoming Dates To Remember**
**Family and Friends Weekend:** November 2, 2019
(RHA Bed Race & Parents and President’s Reception)

**Commencement:** May 16, 2020

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