

# PARENT CONNECTION

## CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE



**WELCOME** to the families of the Class of 2021 and transfer students, and welcome back to returning families! Here's hoping that every student has a great year of academic and personal growth!

As Co-Vice Presidents of Communication for the Parent Network Board, our goal is to share relevant and unique information, and to help you connect with other CMC families. The beginning of the school year is a great time to visit some of the CMC communication channels—and review some forms you may want your student to fill out.

**WEBSITE:** [CMC's website](#) is a terrific resource. Check out the [Families Gateway Page](#). You may also take note of a few specific items to get the year

started off right:

**Calendars:** The current year academic calendar, projected academic calendar and dorm open/close schedule can be found [here](#). These can be helpful as you make travel plans.

**Student Health Forms:** Student Health Services (SHS) complies with all state and federal regulations pertaining to confidentiality of medical records. The [Release of Medical Records and Medical Information](#) allows students to authorize the sharing of their health related information with parents and other providers.

**Student Grades:** CMC complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which states that any student 18 or older (or who attends a secondary school) has the sole right of access to their academic records. This means that all academic information—including grades—goes directly to the student. For a third party (like a parent) to access a student's academic records, the student must submit a signed [FERPA Release](#), *in person*, to the Registrar's Office. (Scanned email is permitted if the student is studying off campus). The form must be resubmitted *each academic year*.

This is a change for parents who are used to receiving report cards. The CMC Office of the Registrar believes that access to student records works best when additional support may be beneficial—not as a means to routinely “keep tabs” on a student. Best bet? Talk to your student about how to share academic progress in a way that works for all of you.

For more information on these topics, please see the [Registrar's webpage](#), the [SHS webpage](#) or the [September 2016 parent newsletter](#).

**CMC PARENTS AND FAMILIES FACEBOOK PAGE:** The [CMC Parents and Families Facebook page](#) is another great resource for practical information, for everything from dorm layouts and travel to local recommendations and more. You must join the group in order to access the page. (Just choose JOIN when you get to the page and you will be authorized shortly thereafter.)

Please reach out to either of us if you have any comments or ideas for this e-newsletter. We welcome your feedback!

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## A TO Z

### CMC from A to Z

By Michelle Cash P'20

**Athenaeum:** The Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum hosts a wide range of speakers for

lunch and dinner discussions. Students register online, and limited numbers of parents or guests may also attend. Afternoon tea is served here, and the chocolate-dipped strawberries are legendary!

**Berger Institute for Work, Family, and Children:** One of 11 research institutes on campus that provide CMC students with graduate-level research opportunities. The institutes' missions range from human rights, leadership, and science to history, family wellness, economics, and finance. [Read more.](#)



### We Asked. You Answered! Parent Communications Survey Results

By Heidi Friedlander P'19

As parents, we all have questions about the student experience! The Communications Committee strives to create parent newsletters that provide answers for your questions and in-depth information on topics that matter to parents. In addition, the Facebook group provides an opportunity for our parents to share their information and tips with others. [Read more.](#)



### How I Spent Summer Break 2017

For CMC students, summer break is about more than lounging by the pool or hanging out with friends. Summer provides time for students to explore new interests and further develop current ones through internships, fellowships, and research. The following seven students did just that and more, via their experiences learning about creating a start-up, interning with investment bankers, teaching high school classes, traveling to Myanmar, developing educational courses, and experiencing governmental policy work first-hand. [Read more.](#)



### Could Fellowships Be in Your Student's Future?

By KK Streator P'18 P'21

Rhodes, Fulbright, Marshall, Mitchell...the list of well-known scholarships and fellowships is long and illustrious. If you're like most parents and many students—including my son—you probably thought only a super select few ("complete rock stars with extraterrestrial abilities" was one description) have a shot at any type of award.

Spoiler alert! Close to 10% of the Class of 2016 applied for Fulbright Scholarships alone (32 students). Half the group (16) was selected as semi-finalists and almost half of those (7) received awards! Bottom line? The type of student who applies, the depth and variety of available awards, and the fellowship advisory expertise that CMC provides applies to a wide swath of the student population! [Read more.](#)

### Help Our CMC Students with Careers, Internships, and Networking

CMC is looking for jobs, internships, and networking from our parent community. The time commitment is minimal and the benefits are enormous for our students, and potentially your business!

Our team is looking for people with expertise in the following areas: Accounting & Financial Services; Consulting; Creative & Entertainment; Government, Law, & Public Policy; Medicine, Healthcare, & Biotech; Science & Environment; Non-profit & Education; Technology & Entrepreneurship.

How can you help?

**1. Post a job or internship for a CMC student or alumnus.** Funding may be available for government, non-profit, and

international positions. [Post your job here](#) or email [Donna Novitsky P'20](#) for more information.

**2. Share your professional knowledge through the CMC Expert-in-Residence Program.** On call, at *your* convenience. [Sign up for more information here](#).

**3. Host a CMC student or group through the CMC Job Shadow Program at your business.** One-day visits during winter and summer break. [Sign up for more information here](#) or email [Paul Giurata P'18](#) for more information.

**4. Participate in the Student/Parent Career Networking Sessions during Family Weekend on February 18, 2018.** Email [Tina Thomson P'20](#) if you are interested.

**5. Join the Parent Network Board Careers Committee.** Help connect our parent community with the Soll Center for Student Opportunity for these and more win-win opportunities! Email [Donna Novitsky P'20](#) if you are interested.

For more information and to sign up for these opportunities, visit the [Career Services parent page](#).

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## Chapter, Regional, and On-Campus Events

### Bay Area Chapter

Sunday, October 1

[Giants vs. Padres Game](#)

San Francisco, CA

### Boston

Monday, September 25

[Reception with President Chodosh](#)

Boston, MA

### CMC Campus

SAVE THE DATE!

February 17-19, 2018

[Family Weekend](#)

Claremont, CA

### New York Chapter

Tuesday, September 26

[Reception with President Chodosh](#)

New York, NY

### Travel

April 4-11, 2018

[Rediscover Cuba: A Cultural](#)

[Exploration](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

June 15-17, 2018

[Euromet XXIX](#)

Lisbon, Portugal



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