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We Want Your Opinion
In an effort to improve OSU's Welcome Week events and the marketing of existing services we are asking for input from OSU parents. Please click on the link below to offer your input on student services at OSU. The survey is short and takes most participants only 2-3 minutes to complete.

Parent Survey

Spring Family Weekend and Mom's Day
This annual springtime event will take place on April 11th, 2015. Spring Family Weekend and Mom's Day give OSU parents and families the opportunity to visit campus for some fun, spring events before the final exam crunch. Highlights for the weekend are: A Saturday morning tea with OSU's First Cowgirl, Ann Hargis, the annual Mom's Day Craft Fair in the Student Union Atrium, OSU's Jazz Festival, and Spring Sing. More details can be found at: http://parents.okstate.edu/spring-family-weekend

Education Tax Savings
Remember these ways to save as you work on your 2014 taxes.

Tax Credits
Federal tax credits and deductions are available for families paying for their child's college expenses. The two most popular are the federal American Opportunity Credit and the Lifetime Learning Credit. While these can be substantial credits, up to $2,500.00 per student, per year, you must clarify your eligibility for these credits. The best place to start is IRS Publication 970 on the www.irs.gov website.

State 529 Plans
Just because your student is already on campus doesn't mean that you can't reap the state tax
benefits offered by some college savings vehicles. If your state is one of the 34 that offer a state tax deduction on money contributed to a 529 plan, then just "parking" the money in the account for the minimum amount of time before you send it to the college will allow you to claim this deduction. *Most plans require that money be in the account for 30-90 days before it can be withdrawn for qualified expenses. A helpful website for information on all state 529 plans is: www.savingforcollege.com

*If students wish to file their taxes on paper they can find tax forms, including the Oklahoma resident 511 packet) at the Stillwater Public Library, 1107 S Duck in Stillwater. http://library.stillwater.org/taxes.php The library is serviced by the Scarlet bus route http://thebus.okstate.edu/

Enrollment Holds and Other Issues
Fall 2015 enrollment is in full swing and as students enroll on the Student Information System (SIS) they occasionally run into some problems such as enrollment "holds" or full classes.

If your child faces these issues they can find help from an academic adviser or by reading through the instructions about common enrollment issues sponsored by the Office of the Registrar. http://registrar.okstate.edu/Registration-and-Transcript-Holds

Summer School Sessions
Summer classes at OSU give students a chance to catch up on credit hours, get ahead in their classes, or just take a class they've always wanted to take but couldn't fit into their schedule.

Summer classes are offered in four sessions
lasting anywhere from three to eighth weeks. *Note that some sessions overlap others.

**Summer 2015 Session Dates**

Session 1 May 18 - June 5 - 3 weeks  
Session 2 June 8 - July 31 - 8 weeks  
Session 3 June 8 - July 2 - 4 weeks  
Session 4 July 6 - July 31 - 4 weeks

Each session has its own set of enrollment and drop/add dates that students should be familiar with. More information is available at: [http://registrar.okstate.edu/Enrollment-Guides](http://registrar.okstate.edu/Enrollment-Guides)

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**Remember The Ten Run**

Families visiting their student on campus during the weekend of 4-18-15 are encouraged to join us for the Remember the Ten Run. This annual event is in its 8th year and honors ten members of our OSU family who lost their lives on January 27, 2001. It also supports University Counseling Services in its work to assist those working through grief and trying times.

There are a number of ways to be involved in the run such as participating, volunteering, or sponsoring the event. More details at:

[http://www.remembertheten.com](http://www.remembertheten.com)

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**Outdoor Adventure Spring Trips**

The OA Trip Program has a long and exciting history introducing participants to new activities, new places and new friends. Each semester the Trip Program features a few trips including backpacking, rock climbing, whitewater kayaking, or even sky diving. This spring, trips include everything from a weekend at Robber’s Cave State park to Spring Break at Mount
Rushmore and the Dakotas. Details and program costs are listed at: http://wellness.okstate.edu/outdoor-adventure