

# LETOURNEAU PARENT *Guide*

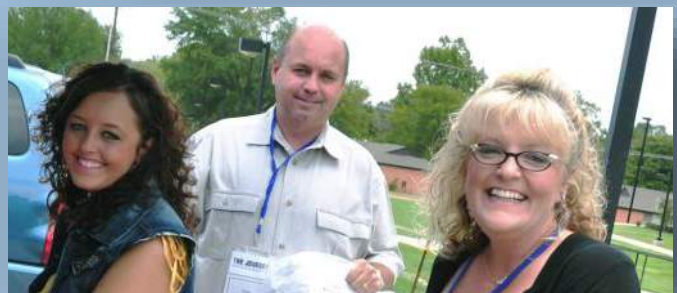
Dear Parents,

***Welcome to the LeTourneau family!*** We're thrilled that you've chosen to send your student to LeTourneau and look forward to investing in your family's life.

The Alumni & Parent Relations team seeks to be a real resource to you throughout your student's college experience. We've collected some campus information to share with you in this new Parent Guide and know it will likely spark additional thoughts and questions so don't hesitate to ask. Please share any ideas and insights you have anytime, we love to hear from you! This Parent Guide (with links!) is also online at [letu.edu/parents](http://letu.edu/parents).

Our thanks,

***LeTourneau Alumni & Parent Relations Team***





# MISSION & *Vision*

*Claiming every workplace in every nation as our mission field, LeTourneau University graduates are professionals of ingenuity and Christ-like character who see life's work as a holy calling with eternal impact.*

LeTourneau is a comprehensive institution of Christian higher education where educators **engage learners to nurture Christian virtue, to develop competency and ingenuity in their professional fields, to integrate faith and work, and to serve the local and global community.**



# COLLEGES & *Schools*

*LeTourneau offers more than 90 academic programs at graduate and undergraduate levels with a wide variety of fields from engineering and air traffic control to teacher education, business and Christian ministry.*

## **COLLEGE OF AVIATION & AERONAUTICAL SCIENCE**

Aviation Maintenance Science  
Aviation Studies  
Air Traffic Control  
Air Traffic Management  
Mission Aviation  
Professional Flight  
Aviation Management  
Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems

## **COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY**

Accounting  
Business Administration  
Computer Science  
Computer Science & Engineering  
Computer Science & Engineering Technology  
Cybersecurity  
Information Systems  
Healthcare Administration  
Engineering (Biomedical, Computer, Materials Joining, Civil, Electrical and Mechanical)  
Engineering Technology (Aeronautical-Electrical, Aeronautical-Mechanical, Electrical, Materials Joining, Mechanical)  
Design & Manufacturing Tech

## **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, ARTS & SCIENCES**

Biology • Chemistry & Physics  
History, Political Science & Criminal Justice  
Literature & Language Arts  
Mathematics  
Pre-Professional (Pre-Med/Health/PT/Law)  
Elementary & Secondary Education  
Kinesiology

## **COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

Nursing  
Counseling Psychology  
Psychology  
5-year Counseling Psychology, B.S. + Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy

## **THEOLOGY & VOCATION**

Biblical Studies  
Christian Ministry (Focus Areas: Children, Youth and Cross-Cultural)

## **HONORS COLLEGE**

Dr. Kelly Liebengood, Director



## **STUDY ABROAD**

LETU has partnered with universities across the globe to offer **international exchange and academic opportunities** in:

South Korea                      Seville, Spain  
Jerusalem, Israel      Hannover, Germany  
Scotland                      Queensland, Australia  
St. Petersburg, Russia  
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

# ACADEMIC *Resources*



The LeTourneau Achievement Center promotes student success by providing supportive resources for both online and on-ground students looking to improve their learning skills and increase their academic success.

## Academic resources available to your student include:

- ◆ **Academic Intervention and Mentoring (AIM)** provides individual support to our targeted first-year students as they make their transition to university academics.
- ◆ **Athletic Study Hall** is provided for all student-athletes.
- ◆ **Learning Strategies Consultations** assist students who experience general academic difficulty with note-taking, test-taking, time management, etc.
- ◆ **Learning Strategies Resources** on a variety of topics related to student learning are available in the Achievement Center.
- ◆ **Math Lab** provides drop-in tutoring services for a wide range of math courses from Algebra to Calculus and Differential Equations.
- ◆ **Peer Advisors** are experienced student leaders who have demonstrated academic and community success.
- ◆ **Supplemental Instruction (SI)** is a learning program designed to support students who are enrolled in challenging courses such as Chemistry, Physics, Dynamics and more.
- ◆ **Tutoring** is available for many classes such as History, English, Bible and more.
- ◆ **Writing Center** provides writing tutoring on a drop-in basis.

Please note that the [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#) prevents the University from discussing a student's grades or discipline records. Students must come to university staff directly to discuss these topics.

## **LETU Achievement Center**

**2nd Floor, Student Center**  
**[achievementcenter@letu.edu](mailto:achievementcenter@letu.edu)**

**HOURS M-F: 8AM to 5PM**

**Sat: Closed**

**Sun: 6-8PM**

# STUDENT *Support*



## Counseling Support



*Undergraduate residential students receive services covered by student fees.*

**Judi Coyle, Director**  
**LETU Center for Counseling**

To schedule a confidential appointment students should call (903) 233-3490 or email [counseling@letu.edu](mailto:counseling@letu.edu)

## Disability Support



*Numerous resources are available for students with a disability. Please provide current documentation.*

**Vernessa Gentry**  
**Director of Student Achievement**

To learn more, please contact (903) 233-4471 or email [ada@letu.edu](mailto:ada@letu.edu).

## LETU Health Services



**Office Hours:**  
**8AM-Noon**  
**1-3PM**  
**Mon-Fri**

**Jerrie Reynolds, R.N.**  
**Director of Health Services**  
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(903) 233-4445

- ◆ Treatment of minor illness & injuries
- ◆ Allergy shots and injections (requires a prescription)
- ◆ Referrals and appointments to other health care providers
- ◆ Over-the-counter medications dispensed at no charge
- ◆ Coordinating services with physician
- ◆ “House calls” to residence halls if student is unable to come to office
- ◆ Parental calls during office hours or at other times when notified of need.

*Student immunizations must be up to date and a Health Record on file. Students can complete a Health Record online using their LETU username and password.*

# TRANSITION *Tips*

## **Think about your parting words.**

The closing words between parents and children are crucial. Whatever wisdom you have to offer, whether it is “*I love you,*” “*I’m behind you,*” or “*I’m proud of you,*” say it. Your child will remember your words and hold on to them.

## **Be prepared for new habits.**

Your child will come home from college with a new set of habits, particularly when it comes to food and sleep. When my daughter came home for the first time she decided to call her friend at 10:30 pm. When I expressed surprise, she said, ‘Oh, I know it’s early, but I want to catch her before she makes plans with someone else.’

## **Don’t change their room.**

Your student’s room is “home base” – try not to change it very much during the first semester away. Freshmen in particular can go through some very difficult times, passing exams, establishing new friendships, surviving in a setting where they are not “top dog” and often fearing that admissions has made a mistake – that they do not really belong at college. Give them a safe haven.

## **If there’s a problem, “move like your feet are stuck in molasses.”**

The temptation is to intervene when a child calls home with a problem. Remember that many resources and safety nets exist at college to help them cope with various situations. Express support, but give your children time to solve their own problems – it will ultimately benefit them.

## **Don’t expect the same grades that the students got in high school.**

Few students make it through a challenging and varied college curriculum with a perfect 4.0. Early grades may be lower than you expect but later ones should be better. Your child needs time and experience to learn how to be a college student. Be patient and understanding.

## **Hold out for junior year.**

Freshmen tend to highlight everything in their textbooks because everything seems important. Sophomores highlight several lines on a page as they begin to zero in on the heart of the matter. Juniors highlight a line here or there. Seniors sometimes highlight nothing, they just write critical comments in the margin and cite other sources of reference. By junior year you will realize you’re dealing with an expanded and exciting mind. Be patient in waiting to see the effects of the college experience.

## **Children in college don’t become “college students” overnight.**

They start out as high school students at college. It takes time to learn how to be a college student – how to study, how to eat, how to do laundry, how to play, how to handle money, etc. Be patient, this process requires about one semester by which time your student will have studied for and taken major exams, written papers, given in-class reports, messed up, done well, drunk gallons of coffee, eaten uncountable pizzas and attended a variety of college events.

## **Let your child handle problems on their own unless...**

Parents know their children better than anyone else and if they hear what I call “that voice” from their children (the voice different from ordinary complaining, the voice that really means the child is in trouble) they should call the school. *Don’t come running, just call the college.* Good places to start would be the office of the Dean of Students or perhaps the dorm’s Resident Director or RA. No matter who is called, the relevant people will be notified and help will be set into motion. College professionals are very experienced in dealing with these situations. You encourage your children and support them. Express confidence in their ability to deal with what’s going on and wait for them to work things out.

**“9 Tips on How to be a Good College Parent”  
(The Washington Post, 2014)**

Do encourage your student to download the [LETU BUZZ](#) app for event updates, to coordinate rides home during breaks & more!

# ACADEMIC *Calendar*

## FALL 2016

August 15-17	International Student Orientation
August 18-22	New Student Orientation
August 22	Classes Begin (meal service begins with breakfast)
September 5-9	Spiritual Emphasis Week
October 17-18	Fall Break (no classes)
November 23-25	Thanksgiving Break (no classes)
December 5-8	Final Exams
December 9	Residence Halls close for non-graduates
December 10	Fall 2016 Commencement

## SPRING 2017

January 7	Student dorms re-open
January 9	Classes Begin (meal service begins with breakfast)
January 16	Martin Luther King Day (no classes)
January 23-27	Missions Emphasis Week
February 20	President's Day (no classes)
March 11-19	Spring Break
March 30-April 1	Homecoming & Family Weekend
April 14	Good Friday (no classes)
May 1-4	Final Exams
May 5	Residence Halls close for non-graduates
May 6	Spring 2017 Commencement



Full sports schedules can be found at [letuathletics.com](http://letuathletics.com)

Interested in a show at the LeTourneau University Belcher Center? View the calendar and purchase tickets at

[belchercenter.com](http://belchercenter.com)

# PARENT *Homework*

## Stay Plugged In

Please make sure that you have shared your current information with the Office of Parent Relations

You can update your contact info at any time at [letu.edu/parents](http://letu.edu/parents) by clicking [Update Your Info](#)

## Read E-Newsletters

The Office of Parent Relations sends out a Parent E-Newsletter. Please take a few moments to read through the newsletter and share feedback with us!

## Send Care Packages

Missing your student? Chances are good that they are missing you too!

[Send a fun & creative Care Package](#) to your student throughout the school year through a *new* partnership with Christian-based SoulFeed.

Order at [letu.edu/parents](http://letu.edu/parents)

## Attend Homecoming & Family Weekend

Be sure to come back to LETU **March 30-April 1** for Homecoming & Family Weekend festivities!

## Is It Birthday Time?!

Is your student celebrating their birthday on campus? Well, they need a cake!

Let the Parent Relations team help! Simply [place an online order](#) and we'll deliver the sweet treats to your student's dorm room!

Order at [letu.edu/parents](http://letu.edu/parents)

## Talk About VineUp

The Career Services and Alumni Relations teams collaborate to offer our students and alumni the opportunity to network online via [VineUp](#).

Ask your student if they're on [VineUp](#) yet! LETU alums are ready to share career advice, prayers & ideas!

## Join the LETU Parent Facebook Group

Connect with fellow parents on Facebook! Join [LeTourneau University Parents](#) to ask questions, share insight, prayer requests and much more!

## Contact Us Anytime!

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(903) 233-3840





# RESIDENCE *Life*

## LeTourneau Residence Halls

### Men

Davis Hall

Mabee Hall

Pennsylvania Hall

Evelyn LeTourneau Hall

South Hall

Thomas Hall

Tyler Hall East

Tyler Hall West

### Women

Davis Hall

Gilbert Hall

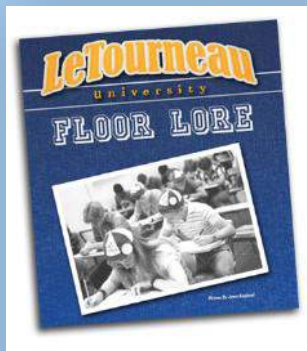
South Hall

### Other Housing:

Graduate Student Housing

Married & Family Housing

Village Apartments



***Floor unity is a BIG deal @LETU! [Learn all about floor history & traditions in "Floor Lore" at letu.edu!](#)***

## Quick ResLife Facts

- ◆ Each hall floor is assigned an upper-classman who serves as the Resident Assistant (RA) and helps develop each floor's spiritual, academic and social growth. A [Resident Director](#) supervises the RA's and provides both programming and counseling for students in that hall.
- ◆ **Laundry facilities:** South, Gilbert, Thomas, & Davis Halls have laundry facilities on the first floor and Tyler Hall's is on the north side of the building. Residents of The Quad, Trinity Halls (Mabee, (Pennsylvania,, Evelyn LeTourneau), and Village Apartments share a large laundromat east of Trinity Halls. Married Student & Village Apartments use laundry facilities in the Village Center's living area. Cost is 75 cents to wash and 75 cents to dry.
- ◆ All hall mattresses are 80 inches long and require extra-long sheets and bedding.
- ◆ Countertop ovens/grills, hot plates or electric frying pans aren't permitted in individual rooms. Students may bring a small refrigerator and microwave.
- ◆ Students must complete [Vehicle Registration](#) and bring proof of liability insurance to obtain a campus parking sticker.
- ◆ Residence halls are open for all breaks during the semester (Fall, Thanksgiving, Easter, Spring Break, etc.). The Corner Café is open during all breaks except Spring Break.
- ◆ Student's aren't allowed to build lofts or shelving systems. There are bookshelves and small shelving units that meet [university guidelines](#).
- ◆ White plasi-tac, 3M Brand & Command Strips or Mavalus Brand dorm & teacher's tape are best for hanging posters/decorations.
- ◆ Bicycles must be kept outside the residence hall. It is recommended that students lock their bikes while not in use.
- ◆ No candles or open flames are allowed at any time. Flameless alternatives such as wax melts and oil diffusers are fine!

# PARENT *Resources*



The LeTourneau Parent Relations team seeks to be a real resource for you throughout (and beyond!) your student's time with us. We invite you to ask questions, share insights and ideas, attend campus events and more!



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## LETU Alumni & Parent Relations

Allen Family Student Center, 1st Floor

[letu.edu/alumni](http://letu.edu/alumni) • [letu.edu/parents](http://letu.edu/parents)

[Facebook:](#) LeTourneau University Parents

## Your LETU Parent Council

The [LETU Parent Council](#) serves as a liaison between parents and the university community. Members provide ideas and feedback to the Alumni & Parent Relations team regarding programs and services that support our families.

The Parent Advisory Council meets on campus each semester (New Student Orientation in the fall and Homecoming in the spring) and is actively engaged in ongoing conversation with the University and fellow parents throughout the year.

Please send any questions or ideas to the Parent Council by emailing [parents@letu.edu](mailto:parents@letu.edu) or calling Lauren Land at (903) 233-3843. If you're interested in learning more about serving on the Council, contact Lauren. Thank you!

**2016-17 LETU Parent Council members:** *Bob and Kathy Heim (Weston, MO), Tommy and Danica Jennings (Sunnyvale, TX), Duncan and Niki Johnson (Atlanta, GA), Ed and Diane Martin (Lumberton, Texas), Rod and Pam Smith (New Braunfels, TX) and Randall and Malinda Walker (Texarkana, TX).*