Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Parents, up until now, you have had access to your student’s grades, personal information, and records. That will all change once your student registers for classes. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that denies access to non-directory information about a student to anyone (yes, including you). Non-directory information includes a student’s grades, GPA, class schedules, financial aid, tuition bill, and records. Now is a great time to have a conversation with your student about FERPA and how it can impact you and your student. There are forms available that students can fill out to grant access to this information to you. Go to uwsuper.edu/registrar to find out more about FERPA.

SOAR, Parent and Family Program, and WoW

Our first SOAR date is about a couple weeks away! All incoming students with 21 or fewer post-high school credits are required to attend Summer Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR). Parents, families, and supporters of new students are invited to Parent and Family Program, which occurs at the same time as SOAR. We look forward to meeting you and your student and assisting with your student’s transition into UW-Superior this summer! Registration for SOAR and Parent and Family Program can be found at uwsuper.edu/fye/orientation/index.cfm.

Weekend of Welcome (WoW) is your new student’s kickoff to the school year. Attending WoW is an opportunity for new students to meet other new and current students, be officially welcomed to UWS by way of the New Student Induction Ceremony, and join in other fun events like ‘Jacket Smash, Playfair, and a hypnotist! New students are expected to attend this three-day extravaganza. Our schedule is coming soon, but your student can register for WoW at uwsuper.edu/fye/wow/index.cfm.

Breakaway

Breakaway is a great opportunity for your student to go on an adventure with other incoming students and current students before the semester even starts! Kayak the Apostle Islands, canoe down the Namekagon River, or Backpack the Superior Hiking Trail. Want to find out more? Go to the Superior Adventures website at uwsuper.edu/recreation/superioradventures/breakaway.cfm to get all the information that you will need!
GradReady

The University of Wisconsin-Superior is proud to announce a new partnership with GradReady! What is it? GradReady is a personal finance website created specifically for busy students like yours! GradReady will teach your student real world money skills that will help them make informed decisions that will enable them to put those new skills into practice immediately. Students will find out how to budget, pay for college tuition, save money, and how to pay off their student loans. GradReady is an amazing resource for students to help gain a better understanding of their personal finances. At this year’s SOAR sessions, we will be requiring students to begin their profile at GradReady. We want students to not only be successful in and out of the classroom but with their finances as well. Another great thing is that GradReady is free for UWS students! Please encourage your student to get a jump start on making a profile at GradReady and to look into some of the tools that are available for them. For more information about GradReady go to uwsuper.gradready.com. Get started today!