Welcome to the second issue of the 2014 Ursuline College Parent Newsletter for parents of new students! Our goals are to provide you with information about campus resources available to assist students in being successful at Ursuline, introduce faculty members who teach new students, suggest ways you can support your student and keep you informed of general news at the College. We invite your feedback and suggestions for future issues. Please email them to Sr. Virginia DeVinne, Associate Director of URSA, at vdevinne@ursuline.edu.

**CAMPUS RESOURCES**

This month we spotlight the Ursuline Resources for Success in Academics (URSA). This entity includes a variety of academic services on the third floor of Mullen. Located in MU 306 are Sr. Virginia DeVinne and Dr. Mary Jo Cherry. MU 312 houses Eileen Kohut, Jill Carroll and Eileen Turoff, and in MU 316 is Morgan Weber. Services for students include academic support, disabilities services, advising, scheduling and alternative credit options along with tutoring in statistics, accounting, biology, nursing, math, chemistry, nursing math, psychology, reading comprehension, writing, study skills, test-taking and time management. Students may sign up for individual tutoring, small study sessions, workshops and the use of computer programs. Programs offered here are PAS (Program for Academic Support), RAISE (academic probation support) and LEAD (for first semester students who are the first in their family to attend college). URSA also co-sponsors UCoach with the School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Professional Studies. Encourage your student to contact these offices for any type of academic support.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENTS**

To help yourself and your student through the early stages of college adjustment consider practicing the following thoughts and behaviors:

- Remember to be continually loving, supportive and caring.
- Affirm confidence in student potential.
- Listen, listen, listen.
- Keep your sense of humor.
- Consistently communicate with your student.
- Keep in mind that time management challenges students.

Source: *Helping Your First-Year College Student Succeed*, Richard Mullendore & Cathie Hatch

**DIVERSITY TRAINING SCHEDULED FOR FACULTY AND STAFF**

The Office for Inclusion, Equity & Multicultural Affairs has scheduled a series of professional development workshops open to the entire faculty and staff at Ursuline College for 2014-2015. The first session was held on Monday, October 20: “Professional Development: Managing Diversity in the Classroom II,” presented by Dr. Tameka Taylor of Compass Consulting. The second session is “Introduction to Safe Zone Training” on November 17, presented by Allison Subasic, Penn State University. The spring semester will offer “Advanced Safe Zone Training and the Catholic Church” and “Respecting My Space and My Place: Building Interpersonal Skills.” This is the second year Ursuline has offered a series of workshops resulting from the college’s commitment to fostering greater respect for diversity on campus.
MEET UC FACULTY
This month we feature Mary Kay Deley. She teaches first year students in Chemistry 103, 103L and 108L. Deley finds new students a joy to teach and says “they begin their college career with such enthusiasm.” She states that the most challenging aspect of teaching freshmen is helping them become acclimated to the fast pace of college classes.

Deley received her bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering from Youngstown State University and her master’s degree in biomedical engineering from the University of Akron. Deley began teaching at Ursuline thirteen years ago. Deley was the 2012 recipient of the college’s Marie LoPresti Award for Community Service. She was promoted to Assistant Professor in 2014.

REGISTERING FOR SPRING CLASSES
The Spring 2015 schedule of classes will be online in late October. You may want to encourage your daughter/son to make an appointment with her/his academic advisor to select spring classes. This is an important student responsibility. Online registration will begin November 18 so all advisor appointments should be completed by then. Athletes must turn in completed registration forms by November 14. All financial obligations must be met in order to register.

COMMUTER STUDENTS ALSO FACE TRANSITION ISSUES
“Although the adjustment is not as drastic as dorm living, students who live at home must also make lifestyle changes. A student’s schedule will probably be more varied than it has been in the past, which means that he/she will be coming and going at odd hours.” College: What Parents Need to Know, Alan Farber, Ph.D. Dr. Farber goes on to say that commuter students will benefit from getting involved in a variety of campus activities. This will, in turn, promote more engagement in the total college experience. Involvement in organizations is a plus in the eyes of prospective employers.

COLLEGE GLOSSARY
Catalog: the official publication of the college containing info about its regulations, requirements and procedures, as well as a description of every course offered. Ursuline’s catalog can be found at www.ursuline.edu/Documents/Undergrad_Catalog_2013_15.pdf

Dean: an upper-level college administrator who heads a division of the college called a “school”

Dean’s List: a list of students who attain a semester GPA of 3.5 with no incompletes

President’s List: At UC, a list of full-time students who attain a semester GPA of 4.0 with no incompletes