Talking Points

Before leaving Freshman Registration & Family Orientation....

- Do you have your student ID card or did you have your picture taken for it?

Course Schedule:

- Do you have at least one course that will go toward your major or a potential major of interest to you?
- Do you have at least one class that you are excited about?
- Did you get all of your questions answered?

For the car ride home...

- How did your day go?
- Did you meet any interesting people you’d like to get to know better?
- After today, what excites you about UW-L? Any concerns?
- Tell me about your Eagle Guide?
- Did anything surprise you today? How so?
- Did you get any suggestions on how to prepare for college over the summer?
  Things to take care of/learn about?
- What do envision for your first few weeks on campus in the fall?
  Involvement, study habits, social connections, visits or communication with family and friends, etc.

Personal safety tips from University Police

Use the buddy system – it’s always a good idea to utilize the buddy system whenever you go out, but especially at night or when attending events. It is no secret that a higher proportion of crimes against person or property occur at night. By staying with trusted friends, you make yourselves a less desirable target.

Preplan and travel on well-lit paths – for the same reasons you should travel in groups at night, it is also important to follow the beaten path. In most cases, the beaten path is the brightest path as well. Stay in the light and avoid places where a person can hide. Know your route and where you are going. If possible plan an alternate route.

Be alert – if you move from one destination to another and the only thing you recall about the trip is the last text message you received, then there’s a problem. These days, too many people are buried in their cell phones and pay little or no attention to their surroundings.

Secure your property - Whether it is your bike, computer, or wallet, always maintain control of and secure your valuables. Record serial numbers, always lock your doors, use u-locks and register your bikes, and consider investing renters insurance.
For over the summer….

At the parent session, they encouraged us to share our hopes with you…

- Personal safety (refer to tips from University Police & pg. 27 of the Resource Guide)
- Social media, Time management and study skills, Finances
- Alcohol and other drugs, Sexual relationships and friendships: taking care of others in balance with taking care of yourself

Money:
Let’s setup a monthly budget so you know what to expect and how to access money. If we are helping to finance your education, these are our expectations….

Dietary or medical concerns?
- Who do you need to talk to and what information do you need to gather to address these concerns?
- How will you purchase special needs or medications?
- How will you access health care if needed?

Academic:
- What are your academic goals?
- What are your class attendance goals? Is it okay to miss some classes?
- How will you communicate with instructors?

Laundry:
- How frequently do you expect to do laundry?
- Do you want to learn how I do laundry?
- Is it okay to leave your laundry unattended?

Roommates:
- Have you connected with your roommate(s)?
- What happens if there is a conflict?
- Have you discussed room decorations & preferences?