**Student Parking**

With construction slated to begin this year on the new student center, the department of campus safety & security has made arrangements with several local parking vendors to move students that currently park in Lot A (the lot behind the residence halls where the construction will take place). Any student that has already paid for the full year of parking will be able to park elsewhere at no cost to the student. Students that are paying by the term for their parking will be directed to their choice of local parking decks and will need to handle their parking directly with the owners of the deck. Safety & security will not collect money or handle the access for these decks.

Students paying by the term will need to move to their chosen parking location by the end of spring break. Students that have paid for the full year in advance will be notified by campus safety & security as to when they need to move and where to pick up their access cards.

If you or your student have questions, feel free to contact safety & security at 980-598-1900 (open 24 hours a day).

**Parents Play Key Role in JWU Fund**

As a Johnson & Wales University parent or family member, you are an important and valued member of our university community. More than ever, it is crucial for our students to prepare for their chosen career through experiences both inside and outside of the classroom. Programs like faculty advising, safety and security, alcohol and drug awareness, health services and athletics assist students in their development of leadership skills, discipline and team work that complement their academic rigor, professional skills and critical thinking they learn inside the classroom. Together, these experiences provide our driven students with the competitive edge they need to be successful in a global economy.

We invite you to join other parents, grandparents and members of our JWU community in making a gift to this fund. All gifts to the JWU Fund directly support these programs and you can even designate which program you would like to support. We welcome and appreciate gifts of any amount, as every gift makes a difference in impacting the lives of our students. For more information or to give online, please visit http://giving.jwu.edu or contact Nelia Van Goor, director of development & alumni relations, at 980-598-1007.

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**Housing Selection**

The housing selection process for 2010-2011 is underway!

Please visit [http://www.jwu.edu/content.aspx?id=6340](http://www.jwu.edu/content.aspx?id=6340) for further details and encourage your student to follow the appropriate process.

Questions? Contact the department of residential life at 980-598-1800 or reslife.clt@jwu.edu.

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**Tips for Parents from Experiential Education & Career Services**

1) Ask your student about their plans for the spring break and/or the summer – it is never too early to start gaining experience in their field.

2) Encourage your student to organize their job search efforts! If they are searching for a summer internship or summer employment, this information will need to be organized so they are able to appropriately follow up with employers. Encourage them to create an excel spreadsheet which includes the company name, any application deadlines and the date they contacted the company, as well as the contact person.

3) Ask your student the following questions:
   a. Are you involved in clubs and organizations on campus?
   b. Have you visited the Experiential Education & Career Services Office?
   c. Have you attended a networking event? (i.e. Career Fair, Industry Summit)

If they answer "no" to any of these questions, it isn't too late! There are still several events on the calendar for this academic year.