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JOIN A COMMUNITY OF INVOLVED & IMPACTFUL

Pirate Parents

The Parent Leadership Council connects you with Southwestern's leadership and empowers you to make a difference.





Support, Connect, Lead: Parent Leadership Council

The Parent Leadership Council (PLC) is an engaged community of parents and guardians who are passionate about supporting Southwestern University's mission of engaging minds and transforming lives. Open to all families of Southwestern students, the PLC offers a meaningful way to get involved and make a lasting impact on the *Southwestern Experience*—through mentorship, volunteerism, and philanthropy. Members connect with University leadership, including the president, and play an active role in campus life through biannual meetings during the fall and spring semesters, as well as regional events throughout the year.

Whether you're sharing your time, talents, or resources, your involvement strengthens our community and helps shape the future of Southwestern. We're excited to welcome you to the PLC. Go Pirates!

Why Do Parents Join?

"Joining the Parent Leadership Council gave us a way to give back and stay connected to the institution as our son attended college. The PLC helped us build relationships with the other parents and gave us access to faculty and staff which tuned us onto campus life. Joining the PLC gives families the experiences of staying connected to your student while at the same time allowing them all the autonomy required. That is highly valuable to us as SU parents."

— **Karen Hrdlicka Cangas '92, P'26 & Jaime Cangas P'26**

"We love having more opportunities to spend time with our student at his college home. Being part of the Parent Leadership Council gives us a deeper understanding of Southwestern and the chance to contribute in meaningful ways to the place where our student is living and learning. We've also enjoyed connecting with other engaged parents who care as much as we do."

— **Kimberly & Tim Dowling P'28**

"We believe that being actively involved in the university experience is one of the most meaningful ways we can support both our student and the broader campus community. Engaging with the Parent Leadership Council at Southwestern University offers a unique opportunity to do just that. Through PLC, we're able to hear directly from faculty across departments about the incredible research they're conducting and the innovative ways they engage students in the classroom. It's inspiring to learn how academic excellence and personal growth go hand-in-hand at SU. More than that, PLC allows us to contribute meaningfully to initiatives that benefit all students, not just our own. Whether through supporting scholarships, enhancing campus resources, or volunteering in person, we are proud to be part of a community that is committed to helping every student thrive."

— **Stacy Dill & Sydney Hoffman P'24, P'27**



Parent Leadership Council Members

What Is the Parent Leadership Council?

The Parent Leadership Council offers parents and guardians of Southwestern students a meaningful way to engage with the University during their student’s college journey and to share their thoughts and questions.

As a member, you’ll be invited to connect directly with Southwestern staff, the president and their leadership team, and esteemed faculty. You’ll also gain valuable insight into campus priorities and play a vital role in enhancing the Southwestern experience for all students.

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Membership Expectation	Details
Eligibility	Parents and guardians of current students may join at any time during their student's Southwestern years.
Term Commitment	Commit to a one-year renewable term. Participate in two meetings each year: one in the fall semester and one in the spring semester. Meetings may include student and faculty panels, senior leadership, and the University president.
Annual Leadership Gift	Members commit to an annual gift of \$3,000 or more to support the Parent Fund or another University designation of choice. Parents who support Pirate Athletics with a gift of \$3,000+ qualify for the Pirate Athletic Association and also receive PLC benefits.
Service Opportunities	Support the University in ways meaningful to your family, such as hosting regional events, send-off parties, serving on parent panels, welcoming incoming SU families, writing notes to prospective families, connecting students with internships, and more.



Benefits of Membership

- Exclusive meetings each semester with the president, University leadership, faculty, and staff.
- Reserved seating at signature events, including **Commencement**, **SING!**, and the **Shilling Lecture**.
- Invitations to private donor receptions and events.
- Regular updates on parent and annual giving progress.
- Advanced information about University events.
- Opportunities to serve as a parent liaison and volunteer for campus programs.
- Engagement with other parents.



Get Involved Today

Your leadership and generosity create opportunities for every student—and help make Southwestern's future even brighter.

Join the
Parent Leadership
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