



Fostering a Lifelong Connection to Your University



Seton Hall students become Pirates for life, and the same holds true for parents and other family members. Everyone in your family should share in the Seton Hall experience and feel like members of the worldwide Pirate community.

Research shows that parental involvement is one of the best predictors of student success in college. To make it easier for you to engage with Seton Hall during these exciting years, we strive to partner with you from the very beginning of your student's college experience – from the application process through graduation and beyond.

We hope you, as Pirate parents, decide to expand your relationship with the University and share your student's Seton Hall journey.

Priority Opportunities for Support

Parents Leadership Council

Parents Leadership Council members are parents of current and former students who work together to further the mission of Seton Hall. Members collaborate with the University to develop programs and enhance the on-campus learning and living environments, and they assist in promoting and enhancing the University nationally and internationally. Parents Leadership Council members pledge \$2,500 annually to Seton Hall over four years.

Parents Fund for Student Life and Leadership

The Parents Fund supports student life activities for all undergraduates, providing an essential balance to the rigorous academics of a Seton Hall education. Each year, hundreds of parents invest in rewarding co-curricular experiences through the Parents Fund, opening doors to incredible opportunities for students. Your gift can be directed to any of these important initiatives:

- The Student Government Association Fund helps campus organizations take advantage of new opportunities. The fund has helped pay for guest speakers, cover travel expenses for conferences and competitions, and enhance service-learning opportunities.
- The Foundations of Leadership Program, a six-week program for first-year students, explores leadership concepts through interactive activities and reflection.





- The Student Leadership Conference gives students a head start on creating successful lives and careers. Topics include developing a personal leadership style, constructing an efficient budget, achieving work-life balance and hosting effective meetings.
- The SHU Speaks Lecture Series features notable individuals who share insights about personal and professional leadership. Past speakers include baseball Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr. and documentary filmmaker Jennifer Siebel-Newsom.
- When unexpected financial needs arise, Seton Hall provides immediate assistance through the Student Emergency Fund. Assistance can help students travel home or cover academic or personal expenses.

Student Scholarships

Scholarships guarantee that deserving students receive not only an outstanding education in the Catholic intellectual tradition, but also the spiritual and ethical guidance that will transform them into servant leaders. Scholarships also ensure that the University can compete successfully against peer institutions for the best and brightest students. Investing in a Seton Hall education is an investment in the future of students whose contributions to society will pay immeasurable dividends.

For more information about the Parents Fund, visit www.shu.edu or contact University Advancement at 973-378-9800.

Experiential Learning

Internships and study abroad opportunities are hallmarks of the Seton Hall experience. More than 80 percent of undergraduates complete at least one resume-building internship before graduation. The vast majority of internships are unpaid, so the University has established a travel fund that provides commuting assistance for students.

Similarly, a substantial portion of today's Pirates take advantage of study abroad programs in locations around the globe. Because these opportunities are not eligible for funding through University scholarships and other traditional financial aid sources, Seton Hall relies on Pirate parents and others to open doors to these life-changing experiences.

Pirate Parent Ambassador Program

Parents become involved with Seton Hall in myriad ways beyond philanthropic giving. The Ambassador Program provides an opportunity for parents and families of current students, along with recent alumni, to become more involved at Seton Hall by reaching out to prospective and current students and families. Ambassadors share their knowledge, offer support and assist with recruitment and retention. Examples of activities include:

- conducting welcome calls to new Seton Hall families
- attending admissions receptions
- participating on parent panels
- assisting with summer send-offs and move-in day
- volunteering at Seton Hall Weekend, the Parent Recognition Brunch and Commencement
- helping to publicize and support events
- hosting events at your home to engage families with the University ■

