

COUNTY REP TIPS

Learn what works from other experienced County Reps!

Gathering parent contact information

1. Contact the Parent Programs Office- all parents of current U of I students are automatically members of the Moms & Dads Associations. The office maintains a database of their contact information.
2. To obtain contact information on parents of **recently admitted seniors in your area who will be attending** the University (our office will have their information available late summer), try these options:
 - a. Some high schools post their seniors' college destinations within the school
 - b. Your local high school guidance office may be able to give you a list of students who plan on attending U of I
 - c. The guidance office may be able to pass your information on to parents
 - d. Word of mouth- who do you and your student know, and who do they know?

Host a welcome luncheon- (make it Illini orange & blue)

1. Your home- a casual backyard get-together
2. A local restaurant
 - a. Counter service- reserve an area for about 1 ½ hours, and invite people to drop by
 - b. Sit down restaurant- reserve an area and negotiate a fixed price luncheon to keep costs simple
3. Host a potluck picnic & invite the whole family- Moms & Dads County Reps may partner on this

Ideas for social activities

▪ Campus

1. Check the Calendar on the Parent Programs website (www.uofiparentprograms.uiuc.edu) and the University calendars (<http://illinois.edu/find/calendars.html>) for upcoming events on campus. You may want to organize a tailgate party or enjoy a concert and dinner with your student.
2. Also see our “Cool Things on Campus” (http://www.uofiparentprograms.uiuc.edu/things_to_do.html) for more ways to enjoy the University with your student.

▪ Local

1. Contact your local Illini Alumni Club (<http://www.uiaa.org/urbana/clubs>) to partner with them on some activities
2. Depending on your time and interest, you may organize any type of event- e.g., a local tailgate party to watch Illini football or basketball (give out Illini door prizes for more fun), an Illini potluck picnic, a care package party to surprise your students with treats from home, an “Investigate Illinois” open house, a Moms Club monthly coffee, etc.