Meloria Weekend
Save the Date
October 10–13, 2013

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Dear College Parents and Families,

Spring is upon us!

Anyone who has been on campus recently will know the signs of growth and development are all around. As the newest residents of Rochester, the University has been great for the University community. O’Brien Hall not only more than doubled the amount of student housing available for the new academic year, but it also offered students a new place to call home. O’Brien Hall is a beautiful building, bustling with activity and filled with opportunities for students to connect and learn.

As February arrived, the Rochester men’s basketball team was 18-0, 7-0 in the UAA, and ranked number one in Division III. John Horowitz ’09 was named to the Division III Men’s Basketball All-American Team. Women’s basketball also had a successful season, finishing 22-4, 14-2 in the UAA and ranked 11th in the nation.

As we look ahead to the summer, there are several exciting developments on campus. College Town is being designed to further link the University to the nearby community, offering a hotel and bookstore as well as opportunities to dine and shop for fresh food. The new Health and Human Performance building is taking shape and will open in time for the fall semester. It is an exhilarating time, particularly for students eager to explore digital communications. Other new programs are in the works, including a major in East Asian studies, which is currently under review by the State Board of Education, and a major in urban and social engineering, which was recently approved by the State.

The University is a partner in the College Town project and development is under way. College Town is being designed to serve not only the University community, but also students as well as residents of the area. We are excited about the opportunities for students and others who live in the area. The University community, including O’Brien Hall, will be a beautiful addition to the area.

The Meliora Weekend is a spectacular event that celebrates the University’s commitment to excellence in education, research, and service. It’s an important time for students, families, and friends to connect and learn about the University’s programs and facilities.

Spending time on campus during the Meliora Weekend is a great way to explore the University and learn about the opportunities available. The weekend includes a variety of activities, including tours of the campus, lectures, concerts, andathletic events. There are also opportunities to connect with students and faculty from across the University.

Please mark your calendars for the Meloria Weekend on October 10–13, 2013. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,
Dean of the College
Annual ArtAwake will be held on April 20, 2013. Since 2008, the annual festival has transformed community to the 2010 ArtAwake at 35 State Street. ArtAwake is organized by myriad of local organizations. Since 2008, the annual festival has transformed community to the 2010 ArtAwake at 35 State Street. ArtAwake is organized by the University of Rochester. The Rochester Curriculum is in its epicenter, and we hope that through exploration and advice that students find themselves able to declare their major by the end of the sophomore year. Although most students will declare their major this spring, we do understand that for various reasons some students may not yet be ready to declare their major by the end of the academic year. "These students are encouraged to work with their pre-major advisor, the advisor in the College Centre for Advising Services, and the dean of students if they have questions or concerns about their academic path.

The Meliora Challenge.

The Meliora Challenge: The Campaign for the University of Rochester aims to raise $1.2 billion by June 30, 2014, which is the most ambitious fundraising initiative in the University’s 159-year history. In fact, if the Meliora Challenge’s projected initial popularity leads to broader participation, this could be a much larger campaign. Parents have already been very active and generous in the Meliora Challenge. An important component of alumni are showing their support by making important gifts through the Parents Fund. Look for the stories about University parents who have given at all levels, in the coming months.

We are needed now. For the first time in a century of time, America is truly challenged," and Board of Trustees Chairman Ed Malloy. "We need solutions to engage the economic, education, and health care. The University of Rochester is positioned to tackle those problems. We have the leadership, the staff and faculty, and the resources to make a difference.

We look forward to welcoming parents and family back to campus in May, as we celebrate the Class of 2013. Congratulations to the Class of 2013 and the entire University community.