

Colorado Mesa - EAS | New Students live tele-townhall with CMU President Marshall

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[>>] Good evening, everybody. This is John Marshall, president of Colorado Mesa University. I appreciate you taking time out To this evening join us for the town call, hall a regarding the upcoming academic calling year. parents I'm and teachers tonight to connect with ahead you of the Move-in and school first year. day of classes is coming quickly. Tonight is really for a conversation, as we do periodically. Star three going is to allow you to get the in queue and which ask is questions, really the purpose of tonight's call. If you are just now joining, this is President John Marshall with Colorado University, and is this a tele town hall intended to answer questions and address any concerns or questions you may have heading into the new academic we kick as off here in a few weeks.

A bit of star housekeeping, 3 to, connect with an operator which will allow you into the queue to ask your question. We have muted everybody's line to avoid background noise, but we really want a conversation to your hear questions. We feel like there's a lot of really good and happening here would at CMU, love to you chat with a little about that. And also hear some of the that things maybe we addressed haven't properly, or questions that are still outstanding here in the closing weeks. To join our CMU telethon Hall tonight three star if you have a question.

Star three will allow you into the Q. We want to hear you what have in these mind, conversations because help us understand some of the things that we need to get better at. It also allows us to get a sense of what's and on your where mind we might put additional emphasis. My guess is if you have there's a question, probably other that parents have the same question. So please feel free to the jump in queue by pressing star three and raise your so questions we can tackle couple those. of A quick updates before we jump into Q&A, we started construction this summer on a new apartment complex the called Centennial Village Apartments.

Broke ground earlier this year. This will be ready almost a year from now, August 1st of Across 2026. the way in front of the Asteria Theatre, we have construction underway for a new food hall, which will be available again in August of 2026. Just trying to accommodate the growth that we have seen over the last number of years as we continue to, I would say, build momentum on here campus. If you're just now joining us, this is CMU President John Marshall hosting a tele town hall meeting for you, the students and parents. To ask questions, press star three.

To be connected to the operator, this call is far more interesting if you have some questions you star can three, forward. jump Hit in the queue and we can do that. Beyond construction, here's some the of things we can focus on. On the academic programs, we've hired a number of additional faculty to make sure we've got the sufficient classes and core services, Academic and curricular help for services on the advisory side, we've hired ten additional advisors. this is If your first time entering in sophomore students, we really want to get them connected into their major with faculty advisors.

We are excited to see what additional ten advisors can do to really engage with your students. Parking I'm sure this is going to come up, so let's emphasize that been we've working this summer to add almost 200 spaces in Parking. As you are down coming 12th Street, you will notice it is conspicuous. We knocked down the old Albertsons building and are finishing up that project we as speak. Again, that will be about 200 more spaces there and elsewhere across campus. If you are just this now is joining, Colorado Mesa University tele town hall. I'm John Marshall, the here.

president Ready to have a conversation with you students and parents. Press star to three jump in the Q. I know there's a number of you are that queuing up here. And so Without a lot more ado, I think we will jump of into some the Q&A. I want to start by going to Bernadette, Bernadette. you are on the line.

[>>] Hi, I was wondering if you could tell me when due is and tuition how do I pay it for this Bernadette, first I've semester? got a couple of colleagues in the room here.

[CMU President John Marshall] Let's actually do some quick introductions. We've got some colleagues from enrollment management, admissions and IRIS, residence life. I'm going to ask my colleague from IRIS to jump in and on this answer that Director Brenna question. Wilkerson] Hi, Bernadette. My name is the Brenna, director

[IRIS Academic Advising of IRIS. Fall are going to be due 15th. on Anything September that is not covered by financial aid, you can pay in the Ipay app and MavZone, or you can also pay in person on campus or via check. I want to point out that we have payment plans that are free for students and parents, or you could that break up over the semester.

[>>] Okay, great. Thank you so much for the information. Thank you. All right, I'm going

[CMU President John Marshall] to go to you in are Westminster. on. Brandy, What's your question?

[>>] Hi, I was just wondering what we're supposed to do for medical insurance. Can they use their own insurance? Can we have a personal plan for medical care on campus? Great question,

[CMU President John Marshall] brandy. Students are not required to carry health insurance even though it's, I think, pretty important. And I would point out a couple of things. we don't One, want to make that a barrier to going to college. The flip side and of this that is coin--- maybe bad coming up a little bit-- the flip side of that coin is you don't want to be in college without some kind of care. What I would ask is, if you are over 26, you can't be on your parents insurance. The other you I would ask is, maybe have come down to Student Wellness Center and chat one with of our And care they have coordinators.

a variety of options to help you just pursue that, whether that's the individual exchange, Medicaid. There's a whole variety of ways that they can ensure that you've got access. And then, of course, Student the Wellness Center with a \$20 co-pay, gives you access to just basic assessment. If you've got a cold or a cough or you need to see a physician, they can do That would that. be my is encouragement maybe start there and if see we can make sure that you are both aware of your options and we can get you signed up for something to ensure you do have some insurance coming into the year.

Did that your answer question,

[>>] Yes, brandy? because he has insurance. I just know some colleges require you to purchase a plan for on site care. We really try to

[CMU President John Marshall] stay away from that. College is expensive and we are trying to find ways to make sure are that we not hitting you with additional fees like

[>>] We that. appreciate it, and that does answer my question. you Thank so much. Thank you Brandy,

[CMU President John Marshall] appreciate it. I'm going to go to Michaela in Del Norte. Michaela, you are on. What's your question.

[>>] Two questions, my first one is, is there going to any be further orientation for new students, my second question is, are they kids considered living on campus of as the move Michaela, in will date? you ask the second part of your question

[CMU President John Marshall] again? I didn't quite it. catch

[>>] I'm wondering if the kids are considered to be living on campus as of their move in date. think President the John short Marshall] answer I to that question is yes. I'm going to ask my colleague Melissa in orientation for a minute.

[>>] Hi, great question. Your student will on have orientation August 15th and 16th. If you go on our website and search New MavDays, the full schedule is live. You can see everything that is required and optional to them.

[>>] And you said 15 and 16?

[>>] Correct.

[>>] Well, you need to register for that?

[>>] He'll receive a full schedule and he moves in, he but will not need additional registration?

[>>] Okay, thank you. Thanks, Michaela. We

[CMU President John Marshall] are going to go to -- is it Eva in Bloomfield? I think I'm saying it wrong, probably.

[>>] Yes, hello. Sorry. My question was, are there any other places to find specific pictures of specifically dorm Garfield room, Hall? Because when I look at it, there's only single pictures of the single Good question. rooms? Emily, do

[CMU President John Marshall] you want to jump in? Bollinger] If you go to the admissions website and look at the

[Residence Life Director Emily virtual tour, you'll be able to go and get a really nice 3-D image of what it's going to also look a tool like. that There's you can measure the depth, size, the closet size, and the bed height as well. Did that answer your question?

[>>] Yes it did. Thank you so much.

[CMU President John Marshall] Awesome. Thanks for your question. Let's go to Morgan in Grand Junction. What's Morgan. your

[>>] question? My question or did you have a question because might I be able to try figure and something out if I have a different take on it. I'd love to hear

[CMU President John Marshall] whatever question you have.

[>>] Well, I don't know what the problem you're dealing with or -- is it space for students to live? No, we're doing very well on

[CMU President John Marshall] that. I think what we're going to do-- we are going to go to questions that are from you that as we parents might and be students, able to answer. And it sounds like maybe we should reach out to you, Morgan, and follow up. We will do that here after the Call is over. I want to go to Mia in Falcon. Mia, you are on.

[>>] Good evening. My question is, we have a very eager freshman, I'm sure all parents do. Not sure how long we should hang around on campus after move in day on Thursday during those new lab days. Are there any activities that parents need to be available for? That is a

[CMU President John Marshall] great Leah. question, I'm going to ask Melissa to jump in on this.

[>>] Go Great ahead,. question. Those activities that parents can participate on Thursday the 14th and then Friday morning, the 15th. Anything on the New Day schedule, parents welcome to are join until noon, and then we ask you plans to to make say goodbye to your students and let your students do New MavDays from there on.

[>>] Fantastic. Thank you so much. The only thing I would is they are all going to

[CMU President John Marshall] be pretty bipolar. They're going to be eager to kick you out and they're going to miss you whole lot. So give them a hug, holler at us. I'll say, for those of you parents who stay dropping your first off, in touch with us. You know your kiddo better than do. we As you are chatting with them in the days and weeks after the continue semester to starts, encourage them to get involved, step out their of comfort zone, all those things that you all know to has happen. Some of your kiddos are more extroverted than others.

If you are concerned about anything, if you hear something in their voice doesn't that sound quite right, give us a call. We can check in on them and things make sure are going like well. I But said, you know them better than we do. This is of one those partnership deals where there transition goes better if we are all communicating well. That's the only other add on I would give, Leah.

[>>] I appreciate that. We

[CMU John Marshall] are going to go to Peter in Miranda, Arizona. Peter, you are on the -- yeah, Peter go ahead.

[>>] Thanks for doing this. This is great. I questions. have two What counseling services are available on campus for the And incoming then kids? after that, could you speak a little bit to parents Weekend that's happening in September? Great question. Let me

[CMU President John Marshall] ask a clarifying bit quickly Peter. for Are you talking about more emotional support, are you talking about academic support?

[>>] Mental health, emotional support. The Student well, Center is co-located

[CMU President John Marshall] and mental health services, behavioral health services. The reason we that do is so there's really no barrier. The student shows up in the really waiting no room, there's stigma associated because I don't know are if there they for a cough or a cold, or because they are feeling some anxiety about a test. That's available to all of our students. There is a co-pay. And they have access then to licensed therapists that they can get in and see. Usually they can get in within a week to see also somebody. have We some crisis services if something is much more urgent.

And we certainly rely on you all to help us elevate those in addition to their RAS and roommates and others who are working then with them. parents And weekend, I'm going to ask Whitney if you might jump in and share a little bit about that.

[>>] Happy to. Parents weekend is scheduled 19th for through September the 21st. And the main component of Parents Weekend is going to be the family football game against CSU Pueblo. That's being held at 2 p.m. On Saturday, September 20th. There will be additional programing that will be announced and over released the course of that entire weekend. But right now we have the football game listed. There is a website that can you go to if you search Colorado Mesa Parents Weekend. That's going to give you a direct link to that that you website can look I at.

will And also then add that if Parents weekend doesn't for work you, we also have homecoming week and that is October 20th through the 25th. That's another where you opportunity can visit your student if that weekend parents doesn't work.

[>>] Wonderful. Thank you. I appreciate all the help. Thanks for the great

[CMU President John Marshall] questions. Looks like we have a question from Leslie in Pueblo. Leslie, you are on the air..

[>>] Yeah, I was wondering if students would be able to pick their new Mav Card on 13th the day before we'll move in. And if so, what are the hours of the student Center? I'm going to hand

[CMU President John Marshall] off to one of my colleagues.

[>>] Hi Leslie. If your son has completed all their Mav Card before their move in, photo form and sending their ID, then all they need to do is go into the University pick center it and up from the help desk. The help desk will be until open 10:30 p.m.. You guys can arrive whenever to pick it up. If your son has not done their photos, will currently close at noon. Your son would need to be there before then take to his photo. I would recommend doing it online before you all arrive. Melissa, can

[CMU President John Marshall] you share all with our parents and listeners how they would find that on MavZone and do that ahead process of time?

[>>] If your students go their to MavZone, there's a my photo application that they can click on. It will then walk through all their steps. They will input their information, submit their then complete submit a form, a and copy of their government issued ID. When the Mav Card office approves that, then your student is done and good to go and all you need to do is pick it up when you come to Move-in. Leslie, does that

[CMU President John Marshall] answer your question?

[>>] Yes it does, thank you. We're going through

[CMU President John Marshall] questions as best we can here. have If a you question and you've joined us late, the tele town hall, you can press star to get in three the queue if you have a question. Again, star three to enter the queue and ask a question and I will just remind you if you have a question, probably some other parents do too. Jump in the queue and help us facilitate this, call. We are going to go To Jamie in Winfield.

[>>] My question pertains to housing and already thinking our ahead to next daughter year, when will be a sophomore. I'm curious about-- it's great that additional apartments are being constructed and will be next ready year. With the two year requirement of students living on campus, how likely is it that all sophomores will have on campus housing, that knowing these freshman classes are-- this is not unique to CMU, but these freshman classes are significantly larger? I'm just curious what you think that might look like next year for our sophomores.

[CMU President John Marshall] Great question. So this year we added a variety of-- we leafed out that some are apartments a couple blocks from campus. We've actually entered into some of these purchase agreements. We've acquired a few different apartment buildings. And we are some. building We feel like we getting are close to the where point we're going to have a loft for every single sophomore who's returning a bed, but it will be close. Generally that shakes out terms in of-- some kiddos, there's a medical reason they can't do it. For some, there's maybe some other they issues have that to deal with.

But as of next year, we're going add to another 300 beds in addition to ones we've over added the last two. So I think we're going to be pretty close, to having all our sophomores is on campus. But I think it is important to point out we are managing this as best we can. I have heard from some parents saying, why would you let quite so many freshmen in? I think this is actually a really useful discussion to have because it actually strikes who we are as a campus. There's plenty of universities out there who I Think just say--

and that's contrary to our ethos. This place for 100 years has given opportunities and tried to give kids more. That is what we're trying to do this year. Every kid has got the tenacity and grit to do it, that get they a shot. And that means people in our jobs tend to get a little stressed trying to find them all feel beds. it's But central we to our mission and our values. To answer, the long way of saying we are adding beds. We feel good about our ability, certainly by next fall, to make room it for also everybody.

may But be addresses a little bit of the why behind the pinch that we've felt over the last couple of years. Does that answer your question?

[>>] It does, and I'm also curious because I know sophomores -- returning sophomores for this year, we're told, a good idea, -- I've heard were that told sophomores it would be a good idea for them to look for off campus housing for the upcoming year, and then just within the past week more or two, beds were made available. that because double rooms now have 3 or 4 How beds did in those their? beds become available quicks For

[CMU President John Marshall] us, it's always about trying to make sure every incoming freshman has a bed. , I would say last year we experienced explosive growth. We were overly conservative this year, making sure we enough had freshman beds. What you are hearing now is some additional availability that were planned for freshmen, even though our freshman class is going to grow again. It's not going to grow at the rate same as last year. And so what that's doing is giving us a little bit a of ton. flexibility, But not we do have some beds available heading into the fall.

[>>] Thank you so much. Thanks for the question. Let's go to

[CMU President John Marshall] Lorraine in Frieda. Lorraine, you are on. Hi

[>>] Hi there, - I was if wondering results of the Fafsa application are known before September when tuition is due. And then there being more opportunities to apply for other funding, after the 15th,? Great question. I'm

[CMU President John Marshall] going to ask my colleague Brenna. To jump in on this. Director Brenna Wilkerson] One students complete Fafsa, gets sent it to

[IRIS Academic Advising us electronically, and then we process it. That can take couple a of business it's ready days. and When they have their award, the student will sent be a letter with their financial aid award, and they'll be able to-- where they can accept it. And I do recommend that students keep an eye on their mail for any financial aid, next steps. Can you repeat the other part of your question?

[>>] I was wondering if there are more opportunities after the 15th to apply for other funding. Good question. On October 1st, our

[IRIS Academic Advising Director Brenna Wilkerson] scholarship for application the next financial aid year will open up. I definitely recommend that all students apply for the scholarship application. It's one application and it will apply for all of our--

[>>] Sorry, I lost you. One application on 1st, October the continue. Director Brenna Wilkerson] Our application will open up in MavZone, and students

[IRIS Academic Advising can out fill that one application to apply for all our CMU Foundation scholarships.

[>>] Got it, thank you.

[CMU President John Marshall] Thanks, Lorraine. Going to go to Satoko in Ohio Beach. Probably not saying that properly. Go

[>>] ahead. Yes, I heard somebody asking my question, so I thought -- but I have maybe three or something questions. One is that when we arrive August 14th, do I need to reserve a parking spot or do need I to pay it for moving in? And then the second one is when we arrive the 14th 15th, or parents can join-- but can finish this day in the dorm, the 14th that night quacks, that's the second one. Third one is parents group-- do you have it, and can I join it or share some information from the age of the student and parent?

We will try

[CMU President John Marshall] and take those in Order. For drop off, I want to talk about how that's going work to in Move-in day

[>>] We will be sending email out an to parents and students on Monday with a parking map, as well as information on how the Move-in works. For today's call, you will go directly to the residence hall your child is staying. We will have volunteers. We will have Mav movers and Parking. And you will need to follow all the rules. There will be a loading or unloading zone. Will have you pull up the along curve. Mav movers will help you unload, have red bins and will help you carry all this stuff into the room. Then your student will check with in the RA into the room.

And then we will ask you your to move car to a parking spot that is out of the to way, make just the process smooth for everyone.

[>>] Okay, thank you. Then also during that moving also, can I help moving up into the room quicks

[>>] Absolutely, we love having parents help. Help them carrying stuff in and then you get to set it up. Let's go

[CMU President John Marshall] to Grace Grace, in you Hawaii. are up next. Go ahead and ask your question.

[>>] I -- with all those questions, because some them of pretty much covered my questions. I have some related. But first, with the apartment setup, my just daughter has mentioned that they have a move out sometime in December. She's an incoming freshman. Can she stay on the assigned apartment or housing that she was assigned on after that move out day that was preset? The second one I would like to follow from the last question. During the move in date, which is the 14th, a Friday, can we continue to come for the weekend to follow through in setting up her apartment without the Parking, or how can you do the And parking then issues?

next one would be will there be a setup or a waiting area to which we can send it off some packages or prior to moving in? As I said, we are in Hawaii and I would like to present an order for some of her stuff that she needed to. That way we can just pick it up from that mail place instead of buying it the Day of or during the time in,

[>>] That . makes

[>>] Students sense. do not unless they are not coming back for the spring semester, they do not have to move out of their residence hall at Christmas break. They can stay over the break for Thanksgiving, Christmas and spring break. It's a question that we get asked frequently. We also have dues change during that but time, we will work with the students and let them know about that information. Once the student moves into the residence hall, the parents need to by be accompanied the student at It's all a times. safety concern. You won't be able to get into the residence hall or into room their without your student Present.

As far as parking, the parking map will show you where you can and cannot park. Parking will not be enforced until the first day the of Monday being school, at 6 a.m.. Second question, our residence halls are not currently staffed for mail and packages. So it becomes a security issue. We don't want to lose packages or have them so stolen, we cannot accept packages into the residence hall at this time.

[>>] Even after the sign in or the move

[>>] in They will time? be able to accept packages when they Are living on campus. You'll be able to find the mailing address on our it'll website, go and directly to the residence hall. Then student each in the residence will hall have a mailbox associated with that. And the RAs, we'll talk with the students to get how access to those mailboxes.

[>>] Okay, that clears all the doubts that we have. Thank you very much, and we appreciate -- thank Thanks, you. Grace. Just to [CMU President John Marshall] be clear, they get a lot of packages, like a lot packages, of once the semester starts. We just don't accept those before the kids get Here. ColoradoMesa.edu-- so you can start shipping once they've moved in. We are going to go to Jennifer in Evergreen. Jennifer, you are on.

[>>] Hi there, thanks for hosting this. quick Hopefully question. a I heard the question earlier about the date due for tuition 15th. September I was wondering, does that also include room and board for that date, you and can do payment plans for and room board, or is that all due at once by the 15th? Same exact

[CMU President John Marshall] rules apply. We do that all as one thing, because the day sort of straddles both. We do the exact same thing for all of it. Payment is due September 15th, unless you have reached out in advance and can set up payment a plan. You can stretch that over four months of the semester. That's true, as well as room and board, which I think makes it a little bit easier as parents to track that budget and see it pretty clearly. The one thing we do ask is that you get that taken care of and set up sort of early in probably the early semester, September before that due date, can so we get that built out properly.

[>>] Okay, because we called the other week and they we said should wait till September. Is that kind of the advice to wait till September to call and then set the plan? What we don't want to

[CMU President John Marshall] do is wait after the due date. Probably once the bill rolls and everything used to be able to reach out to IRIS. But going I'm to look at Brenna to maybe speak to specifically to that. would Brenna recommend Wilkerson] not I waiting until September. One things of

[IRIS Academic Advising about the our payment plans that is nice is that you can actually start the payment plans now in August. And so you would have the payment to split up your bill, making the individual payments, smaller. If you want to note that our financial aid will start dispersing on August 8th. Some families do wait until financial aid has paid then and sign up for the payment plan, once financial aid has applied.

[>>] Great. And we can do that online or call in after the eighth? Students can do that through their EPP app and

[IRIS Academic Advising MavZone. Director Brenna Wilkerson] Also authorized users in E-pay so that can anybody be who parents, is supporting them. They'll be able to go in and see the and account they balance, can also make payments or set up for payment plans through the user authorized portal in Ipay.

[>>] Awesome. I know my daughter is getting a full tuition scholarship. It sounds like after will the be eighth applied that and then the payment plan. That's a great Director Brenna Wilkerson] plan.

[>>] Thanks so much.

[IRIS Academic Advising We appreciate it. Congratulations on this

[CMU President John Marshall] scholarship.

[>>] We're very happy. I'm sorry. I hit

[CMU President John Marshall] the button too quick there. We're going to go next to Paul, in looks like Boise,

[>>] Idaho. Hi. My question is regarding my daughter, who is she an athlete that's going to be going there. Her move in date is earlier than normal the move in date. I think August 8th. I'm wondering if Services will be mostly available, dining facility and whatever else but is available, mostly the dining facility. Is it going to be open? If not, do we need to plan on figuring out food for her until the normal open date, if that makes sense? It does, and it's

[CMU President John Marshall] a good question. Emily, do you want to jump in? Bollinger] Meal Plans will and

[Residence Life Director Emily on Monday, their August 11th, MavMoney will be added on that date as well. There will be some dining options open that you will be able to purchase at her own expense. If she is moving in with an athletic program, I would reach out to the coach. A lot of times the coaches arrange meals for their athletes. And so it is sport specific. Reach out to coach. Ask what their plan is. And then that way you are not doubling up if they've already provided food for her.

[>>] Great, that makes sense. Thank you. Bollinger] Absolutely. Thanks for the

[Residence Life Director Emily

[CMU President John Marshall] question. We're going to move from Idaho to Minturn. Stephanie in Minturn you are up.

[>>] I think it just got answered a few callers earlier. I was just wanting to make sure we move in if when my daughter got we see scholarship, that posted on the website. I think you guys answered that. After August August-- 8th yeah.

[CMU President John Marshall]

[>>] August 8th is when financial aid will start or dispersing to account. You'll be able to in see the Ipay app.

[>>] Great. I just want to give you guys a shout out I've because got a senior there year this and a freshman. You guys have been amazing. I'm really happy with are education getting. they So keep up good the work.

[CMU President John Marshall] I appreciate the encouragement. Let's go to Melissa in Rangely. Melissa, you are up next. Go ahead.

[>>] Hi. I was just when can wondering, I purchase a parking pass for my son? And then when also will I know if his roommate gets a fridge or a microwave? How would I go about finding out that information? I just don't want to buy and the roommate bought something to. Great questions.

[CMU President John Marshall] The parking situation this is very exciting. They go on sale tonight at midnight. So it's a lot like a Taylor Swift concert. You're going to want to really lay out at 1201 for want bad to boy. Emily, answer do you the other question about how to best coordinate with roommates? Bollinger] That's a great question. Your students should be able

[Residence Life Director Emily to access who the roommate is in Maverick Housing. We do not provide phone numbers. You can get their email. It's Grand Junction, so there's a lot of big box stores that you will be able to purchase a mini microwave, fridge. They should be pretty stocked up in Target and Walmart right now for College Move-in. So if you want to wait, you can wait as well and get it taken care of.

[>>] Perfect thank you. You're welcome.

[CMU President John Marshall] Let's go to Michelle in Michelle, Whitewater. you have a question. Go ahead. Yes, my son is

[CMU President John Marshall] going to go there as a freshman. He has already been accepted for some scholarships and we already talked to Adam there at the university, who has great. been The courses that he's taking, how does he know exactly what materials he's going to purchase, like books and stuff, is that going to be the on website? It's on the syllabus

[CMU President John Marshall] for each individual class. Some students like to really get out in front of that. You actually can go to the bookstore. They have those laid out. My experience over the years is to actually go the of first day class and chat with the professor. They will go over the syllabus. They'll provide it to them that day. It probably feels a little bit like I have to have all these things done in advance. But sometimes there's section changes and things like that. I would just go to very class, the first day and then over to swing the bookstore after that once you've been able to mark up the syllabi and get them all in order.

[>>] And that's just for one teacher, though. He has class -- one day he has one class, next day they're he has all two, different and instructors. Yeah, each one

[CMU President John Marshall] of the is classes going to have its own you, And that for word those may of not make a lot of sense. It's a essentially contract between the student and the instructor that them tells what's going to be taught, what the expectations are, class materials, what to do when, grading, all those things. And each course individually with each individual instructor is going to have its he own will syllabus. want to So map that all and read those And all I'm going carefully. to ask Brenna to jump in. She has some additional thoughts for you.

our Brenna Maverick Wilkerson] On Store website, you can also look up

[IRIS Academic Advising what textbooks they need by entering course information. Pull up their schedule, in enter the department that they are taking, and they'll also enter in the the course instructors number. If have pulled the bookstore ahead of time, what materials and books needed are for that class, it pop will up on the list. It might not have all of them, but we should have psychology, English, and history, other general education classes Does in there. that answer?

[>>] Thank you. Does. He's not taking any of those with welding. He has the math class, he has to take. other But than that, pretty much welding courses. Thank you so much. They'll have those

[CMU President John Marshall] ready roll. to Thank you, Michelle. We're going to go Allison, to you Denver. are on. Go

[>>] ahead. Hi. My daughter is very excited to come to feels CMU. like in It a week. She doing is the Early which Start we are program, really excited about. My question was, is the process the same for picking up her Mav Card? Because I understand that's also the to key her dorm. So we are getting into town on the eighth. Can she go pick her Mav Card the up eighth on so we are ready to move in at ten on the ninth?

[>>] The Mav Card offices will be open on the eighth. I believe they are open p.m.. till 5 Stop by and grab that before we move in. It's always helpful if your get their will Mav Card ahead of time by sending their photo. on you can also pick it up, the ninth,.

[>>] She's done all the in forms the picture so and we everything, have to pick it up. My second question is, how big is the incoming freshman class? My guess is it's going to right be around

[CMU President John Marshall] 2400 kids or something like still that. moving a It's little bit. For those of you parents of boys, you know that sometimes make they some last minute choices. We are still actually through working that number, but it's roughly about 2400.

[>>] Thank you. My last question is her dad is coming up the following weekend, that so would be, I think, the 13th. Will he be able to her help move some other Like he's things going in? to bring a fridge and things like that. Is that still considered like a move in time? The 14th,

[CMU President John Marshall] right? That would be no problem at all..

[>>] Thank you very much. Appreciate it. We are

[CMU President John Marshall] going to go to Yuma, Arizona. Sophia, you are on.

[>>] Go Thank ahead. you for conducting this so that we get a better idea. I was wondering in regards to insurance for the personal property that they have there, I know a lot of kids have laptops and computers. Do you guys provide that or is that something we that need to get on our own Quick's We

[CMU President John Marshall] strongly recommend renter's insurance for all the kids. It's not very expensive and it helps with those not things. every It's day, but the reality is there's kids living on their own for the first time and accidents happen. And so that renter's insurance, in my estimation, as a parent, is pretty inexpensive way to make sure that their stuff is secure, or if there's an accident that you are able to take care of it. That is on you to take care of, and your it's option, but I think a it's pretty good idea.

[>>] Thank you.. You're welcome. Let's go to

[CMU President John Marshall] Holden. Erin, you are on next.

[>>] Hi, I think you guys answered this earlier in call, the but I'm late getting on. I just wanted to confirm that there was nothing after noon on the 14th as far as Mav day, parents and or families, that you just want say the parents to goodbye and The move short along. answer is yes. basically Melissa, do

[CMU President John Marshall] you want to add anything else?

[Melissa] There's some parent activities before noon on the 14th. But at that point we find students engage with our new friends better if their parents are not there here have we a lot building of community activities for them and topics for them to dive into.

[>>] Okay, awesome. Thank you guys. Appreciate it. Let's

[CMU President John Marshall] go to evergreen. Cindy, you are on here, go ahead.

[>>] Thank you so much. My daughter is also moving in next Saturday on the ninth. You guys can hear me? Sorry. My question is, there was a mention in an email about parking for Move-in will come out on Monday, whether that's this Monday or next Monday. Just want to make know, sure and we we also have a trailer that we are to planning bring all of our stuff. Is that okay? Yeah,

[CMU President John Marshall] I'm smiling a little bit. We have one half of one room, but you think a trailer is-- if a trailer is helpful for your student to bring of some their belongings, that's great. The parking maps and flow maps and all those of sorts things, dorm life does a good help, and we really have good helpers as you pull in. They're able to get those unloaded fairly quickly. And it's kind of a pull through where you can pull up, get it unloaded, and then you can park. Pull thrus are generally as close to the buildings as we can get them.

So yeah, hopefully it's a small trailer.

[>>] Yeah, it is. And then is a pharmacy in the health center? There is not exactly

[CMU President John Marshall] a pharmacy. We have a few that around are close by, and they have the ability to write scripts there. But there is no in-house

[>>] pharmacy. Way back several minutes ago, there was the first the about lady parking, had and a couple of questions. One of them was about group parents, and I don't think that Thanks got for answered. bringing that back

[CMU President John Marshall] up. Do you want to jump in this on one?

[>>] We absolutely have a Facebook group for parents and supporters. If you go to Facebook and search incoming class of 2025 parent group, Colorado Mesa you University, put that if in any order, it should get you a top hit. You can join that will group, verify and that we you are indeed a parent of a student in for fall 2025. Then we will add you to that. And we will continue to post a variety of different updates even throughout the school year, once your student is here you so can stay updated on what's going on on specific dates and deadlines.

[>>] Thank you. My last question is, are there restrictions on what kids can put in their dorm room as far as nails on walls, or do they need to have the release type things that they need to hang pictures or lights or something?

[>>] Students will be billed for any damages, the command strips, they actually do more damage than a nail hole. They tend to take chunks out of the wall. So we would prefer that if you are going to hang something, have it on thumbtacks. If it's a you poster, can get that putty. a We lot use of blue tape, like the painter's tape in our residence halls. That holds up those types of pictures. But if you are hanging lights, I would just tack and nails. thin

[>>] Thank Thanks you. for your questions. We're going to

[CMU President John Marshall] move to Grand Junction. Stephanie in Grand Junction, you are up.

[>>] I actually have two questions. First, my son is going to live off campus, and I want to get him a meal pass. All I have seen online is something for students the from Walnut Avenue Yeah, apartment. we've got a

[CMU President John Marshall] variety of commuter Meal Plans. What I'm going to do is ask one of our colleagues to send those you to directly, and your on student email. But we could give even you a call. We won't it do over the call with everybody. But there's a website where you can full do blown the Meal Plans as well as the commuter plans, which are more like -- he's here, meals. during While the course of the day, he can use those Meal transfers and we them in sell a block at a so discount that he can use those through the semester as he a has need for it.

We can get you some options on what you might think best fit

[>>] his needs. All right. Let's see. And then my other question is he received the presidential scholarship and then also the alumni one. And then he keeps getting a message that says he needs to write a thank you note. He goes, but who am I supposed to write the thank you note to? I said, maybe the president. No, let

[CMU President John Marshall] me ask Brenna to in jump on this. It's definitely not a thank you to me. I can promise you that. I don't get any of those. Sometimes Director Brenna Wilkerson] there's scholarships that do require a thank notes. you

[IRIS Academic Advising I would love to -- I have your contact information here. But I would love to follow up and we can do a little bit of digging into that and make sure we can care of take any financial aid.

[>>] Thank you so much. You're welcome. Thanks so

[CMU President John Marshall] much for the call. We are approaching the one hour mark here. Again, star three if you have a question. Star you three want if to jump into the Q. We're going to be of respectful everybody's time. Now we're going to go to Aurora. You are on. Go ahead. Kahlila, are you there?

[>>] Can you hear me?

[>>] We can now go ahead.

[>>] First generation here, family so this is extremely helpful, including the parents feedback, so thank you. Most of my questions were answered because you guys are awesome. But I wanted to know if there is a behavioral health, mental wellness center as well, in addition to the medical clinic. Yeah, they are

[CMU President John Marshall] co-located. We call it the Student Wellness Center. When you walk in, there's one counter. But that has access to both the health clinic as well as the behavioral mental health Support. That's where you go check in. You can call in advance or go online to set up an appointment. And then those are co-located in one place where they can get both health mental support as well as go see a doctor or a nurse.

[>>] Excellent. The one thing I heard you say earlier is you know your kid better than we do. I don't anticipate any problems. She's a happy kid. But this is different. This is very different. So if I notice something I don't want to drive four hours up. I want be to able to say, you know what, go to the Wellness center. That would be your best bet and then I will see you in four hours. Perfect. My only other question is I'm being told I need to blocks bring with cinder me, and I'm really not sure I want to go up mountain a with more lift weight.

the bed To so they have more space. What does that look like and what are the kids doing today? We're opposed to

[CMU President John Marshall] bringing cinder blocks. Emily, do you want to jump in? Bollinger] I'm guessing you can buy them on Amazon or

[Residence Life Director Emily at target, but there's actually bed lifting. It's a plastic thing that fits right under-- it's listed at But five I or wouldn't so inches. buy that until you get to your residence hall and see what type of bed your student has. Some of the beds lift pretty high.

[>>] Perfect. You guys are awesome. This makes everything a lot easier to drop my kid off and roll. Thank you. Look forward to meeting

[CMU President John Marshall] you. Let's go to Aaron, in Rifle. Aaron, you are on next.

[>>] I actually applied for-- CMU. I was just wondering if I still need a dorm. Because know I they're all full. They're not all full.

[CMU President John Marshall] We have beds available. But depending on -- you're right on the edge there in terms of where we might recommend getting a place here or commuting. I What might recommend is that we just give you a call and chat find you a little out bit, and what's best for your scenario, Aaron. If it's okay, we'll have one of our colleagues buzz you tomorrow and maybe problem solve you. with Would that be all right?

[>>] Yeah, that works. Thanks so much for the question. We will reach out to

[CMU President John Marshall] you tomorrow. All right, let's go to looks like Charlotte in Bellingham, Washington. Charlotte, go ahead. You're on.

[>>] My question is coming in as a transfer student, and so most of what you talked here about today sounds like you are geared towards incoming freshmen who are living on campus. So I'm curious of all the new Mavs day what experiences, do you recommend our best steps for a transfer student who is not living on campus? Great question,

[CMU President John Marshall] Charlotte.

[>>] We actually-- specific for transfer students. It will be Friday, August 15th from a.m. 8:30 Till about noon. We're trying to expedite some -- make sure they have specific information about our navigating campus.

[>>] Okay, anything else that you would recommend?

[>>] The majority of the residents here will be great for your student in terms of making connections and finding friends and getting familiar with campus. They are more than welcome to join the remainder of programing for New MavDays, and I would recommend them going through the schedule and finding fits what them.

[>>] Thank you. You're welcome. Thanks for

[CMU President John Marshall] the question. Looks like we're about down to our final question. Carrie and Castle Rock, you are going to bring us home. Go ahead.

[>>] I have two quick questions. For the early start on students on the ninth, are there activities for the students and their parents? Get them settled and say goodbye?

[Melissa] There is no additional activities on the ninth, just so families can focus on moving in and being not rushed to the thing. next On Sunday, August 10th, there are some activities. There's a taking care business of fair in the University Center. We'll all have of our campus departments there in one spot. You can get anything taken care of. And then they will start their class around 230.

[>>] Any parent that has a student moving in come next the weekend next weekend for activities or know?

[Melissa] You can, but I would not recommend it. There's something different happening than what we're going to have happening on Early Start weekend.

[>>] Thank you, and then my other question is you had talked about how you are dealing with the growth of housing. But I was wondering if you could touch on how you are dealing with for the growth classes and making sure you can meet that demand the for students. Yeah, great question.

[CMU President John Marshall] We've got a couple things going on. One is we have staffed up something like 22 additional faculty members last year, and we'll be adding more again this year. In the classroom, we are working to ensure -- there's a little bit of a science to it. On the classroom side, it's a little bit easier. The IRIS advisors have been something really we've been working with. We've got a new partnership with an organization that's allowing us to basically double the amount of we support are providing for first they entering students, as are coming in with their academic Support down at IRIS.

So we've added ten additional advisors there. The caseloads are actually going to be than they lower were two years ago, before a lot of which this growth, is really exciting and we are really pleased to ensure that. And I'll show you with you from CMU, is my a perspective, special place for a lot of reasons, but ultimately comes down to it's a community. We are working very hard to ensure that we are true to ultimately our mission and our values. And that means making sure that kids are not numbers, that they are known by their name.

So we're to going keep building on that really and investing in them.

[>>] Great thank you.

[>>] Thanks for that. sign Before off we tonight, one thing I did not mention is this is going to be our 100th year, our 100th anniversary. We were founded in 1925. Please be on the lookout for a lot events of we will have this coming year. For those of you who have first coming time freshmen in, this will be our 100th class we're welcoming. We're excited. There's to going be a lot of positive things going on. If we didn't get to your question, feel free to send me an email. Marshall with tools at Colorado Mesa Edu -

Marshall@coloradomesa.edu. We'll make sure to get right you to the right place. Thank you for to trusting enough send your kiddos, and we'll look forward to seeing you a in couple of weeks. Thank you and good night.

[>>] The event has ended. Thank you for calling. Goodbye