Dear Local Commuter Students,

You recently received information regarding the changes to Spring Break Closing and Parade Day Weekend. As a commuter student, there are some important things you should consider regarding your participation in Parade Weekend festivities.

- The Parade itself is both a community event, and for some of you, a valued family tradition. However, much of the culture surrounding Parade Weekend involves high-risk behaviors, particularly related to alcohol distribution and consumption. Be selective in determining which aspects of Parade Weekend you plan to attend and recognize the risks involved.
- If you choose to attend any Parade Weekend festivities, please use caution when driving due to the large amount of anticipated visitors and under no circumstances, drink and drive.
- You may find some on campus students asking to, or assuming that they may, be invited to spend the weekend at your home. When making plans, please consider that most students are under twenty-one and inviting them into to your home, greatly increases your risk relative to social hosting and furnishing alcohol to minors.
- University Residence Halls will be closing at 8:00 pm on Friday March 13, 2015. For those who take part in the Commuter in Residence program, please know that you will not have access to your assigned building from 8:00pm on Friday, March 13 through Sunday, March 22.
- Many of the University’s facilities will be closed beginning Friday night, including the Weinberg Library, the Byron Recreational Complex, and the gym facilities.
- Commuter meal plans will not be active throughout Spring Break beginning Friday, March 13 at 8pm.
- The University is employing a strict “No Guest” policy and will be monitoring campus accordingly. If you come to campus during the weekend, carry your University ID at all times as University Staff may ask to see your Royal Card.
- Recognize that there will be an increased Scranton Police presence in the Hill Section and city of Scranton to strictly enforce all laws and ordinances with an emphasis on open container and underage drinking violations.

In closing, please know that my office and the Commuter Student Association (CSA) are committed to providing support and resources as you finalize your Spring Break and Parade Weekend plans. Please don’t hesitate to contact me directly with any questions or concerns.

Best,

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