Kate Howard: Good afternoon! Looks like we have some parents who are joining us!
Kate Howard: I'm Kate Howard, Senior Associate Director of Admissions for Recruitment & Orientation
Kate Howard: Thanks for joining us today!
Destin Tucker: Hello! I'm Destin Tucker, Assistant Director of Admissions for Recruitment & Orientation
Meta Laabs: And I'm Meta Laabs - I work in the Vice President for Student Affairs office
Meta Laabs: LES, do you have a student here?
Aretha Milligan: Good afternoon! I am Aretha Milligan, Assistant Director in Residence Life
Lindsey Bray: Hello all! I am Lindsey Bray, I help manage the Parent Services.
LES: Yes I have a student there
Kate Howard: Great, what year is your student?
LES: Freshman
Meta Laabs: What about you, SarahS, do you have a student here?
Kate Howard: How have the 1st few weeks (6 to be exact) gone?
SarahS: I have a student who is a freshman as well. She is loving her classes, but it is still an adjustment to the college lifestyle.
SarahS: She is trying to find places to get involved on campus. Do you have any suggestions?
LES: It has been a big change for her.
Kate Howard: Tell us more about that, Les!
Aretha Milligan: @Sarah S & LES does your student live on campus? If so where?
Meta Laabs: They should both go to the student health fair outside tomorrow from 10-2 - lots of things to do there and groups to get involved with - it is on the student plaza by the University Center
Kate Howard: SarahS, I would strongly recommend that your student think about Up 'til Dawn as they are getting ready to really start some big efforts soon
Kate Howard: It is a fundraising organization that benefits St. Jude!
Meta Laabs: Sarah, be sure she reads the Daily Helmsman, the student newspaper - it is printed Tuesday- Friday, it tells about many opportunities.
Kate Howard: http://www.memphis.edu/uptildawn/

SarahS: I'll pass along the information about tomorrow to her. I have heard of Up til Dawn before, I believe. Is this a big event on campus?

LES: No she wanted to stay at home and drive, but now she wants to move on campus or somewhere close

Destin Tucker: Discover Your Major Day is October 11, and that would be a great time for students to explore majors and organizations to be involved in associated with academic areas.

Aretha Milligan: Sarah S If your student lives on campus direct them to their Resident Advisor for information on getting involved

SarahS: Currently, she is living at home. But she has talked about wanting to move on campus next semester. Is this something she would be able to do?

Meta Laabs: Les, she can definitely move on campus next semester and that would be great - Aretha, should they contact Ms Barton?

Aretha Milligan: If they are interested in information about living on campus she can go to www.memphis.edu/reslife to read about what we offer and she can stop by for a tour of show rooms. They apply through their My Memphis account and the portal is now open for those who are interested in living on in spring 2013.

LES: Question: When paying for classes for next semester do you have to paid on the day she starts or can it be later after she starts?

Aretha Milligan: Sure they can contact Mrs. Barton at 678-2295

Lindsey Bray: @LES, fees are due a few days before classes start. If they are not paid by the deadline, a $100 late fee is assessed, but your student would not be dropped from their classes.

LES: Where can I find the deadline to pay for classes?


SarahS: Since my daughter is commuting back and forth, how do the dining dollars work for her to get lunch on campus? Is there a meal plan I should look into as well?

Meta Laabs: Are your students eating on campus and how is that going?

Kate Howard: The Spring 2013 dates are not up yet!

LES: On scholarships, once she moves either on campus or somewhere close can she apply for money in Tennessee?

Kate Howard: Not sure what you mean by money in TN?
LES: @ Meta Laabs: she loves the food, she has lunch all the time.

Kate Howard: That is good to hear about the food.

Meta Laabs: Sarah, she can use her dining dollars anywhere on campus. We do offer commuter student meal plans which she may want to look into. http://www.campusdish.com/en-US/CSS/UnivMemphis/MealPlans/CommuterStudentMealPlans.htm

Aretha Milligan: @ Sarah S She can contact 678-5202 to get information on a Commuter Meal plan if she is interested in that. The Dining Dollars can be used at any of the dining facilities or can be used towards a meal plan.

LES: @ Kate: scholarship in Tennessee

Aretha Milligan: Welcome to the chat Tiab

Tiab: thank you

Meta Laabs: LES, where does she live now?

LES: We are currently in Mississippi

Lindsey Bray: @Tiab, How is your student enjoying the semester so far?

Meta Laabs: Okay, and did she qualify for the border county scholarship?

Kate Howard: Most scholarships are awarded at the freshman level, and she wouldn't qualify for the HOPE; however there are academic scholarships specific to majors that she could pursue.

Tiab: My daughter just loves it there, she is having the time of her life.

Meta Laabs: LES, unless Kate corrects me, living on campus or close to campus will not affect the cost. To become a Tennessee resident is a lengthy and tight process.

Kate Howard: That is correct, Meta.

Aretha Milligan: @Tiab I am so glad to hear that!

Lindsey Bray: @Tiab, That is so wonderful to hear!

Kate Howard: Depending on where you live, Les, you may already be paying in state

Kate Howard: @Tiab - that is super EXCITING!

Tiab: I would say to the parents who are asking that if you CAN let your child live on campus, you should, they gain so much.

Meta Laabs: @Tiab, tell the other parents what she is doing that seems to help it all be so positive - we love to hear that!
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Tiab: She loves dorm life, when she is coming in from class or from an evening out, there are always people she knows in the lobby, that she can hang out with to transition to the next activity.

Tiab: Also in her dorm, there is a dressing area where several of the girls gather to dress to go out, and she just LOVES that!

Meta Laabs: What a great quote - I love that!

Tiab: She has been very involved in many activities, Up till Dawn (morale captain!), SGA, and sorority life.

Kate Howard: So fun!

Kate Howard: Glad to hear all that.

SarahS: Do student attend the sporting events around campus? Is there a student fee?

Tiab: What I would love to see, is as you all build new housing, you give the upperclassmen first rights on them...we have seen that at so many universities and it encourages the kids to stay on campus and get their degrees!

LES: About living on campus: My daughter has now figured that out about being close to campus life after the first week of college life.

LES: She also just got into KAPPA DELTA sorority.

Aretha Milligan: @ Sarah S Yes! students do attend the sporting events around campus. It is free for them.

Kate Howard: Congrats, Les!

Tiab: I know tons of kids go to the basketball games and many to the football games. There are also intramural sports events and I think even some club teams!

Kate Howard: And Tiab, that is a great suggestion.

Aretha Milligan: @ Sarah S in addition we offer rides to the home football games and the men's basketball games free of charge for students!

Meta Laabs: That's great, Les - I'm a KD!!

SarahS: I will definitely have to tell my daughter about the intramural sports! Thanks for the info!

Aretha Milligan: @ Tiab I will pass that along. Thank you for that suggestion

Tiab: thank you!

Meta Laabs: Encourage your students to also go to women's and men's soccer and women's volleyball - all are fun!! The women won like 5-0 the other night in their first Conference USA soccer game I think.
SarahS: Can you tell me a little bit about the bus services I have seen around campus. How does that work?

Aretha Milligan: I agree with Meta. They are all free and fun for the students!

Tiab: Will do!

LES: @ Meta, she loves it, the girls are great.

Kate Howard: SarahS, that's the Blue Line!

Kate Howard: http://bf.memphis.edu/parking/blueline.php

Kate Howard: Check it out - you can see all the routes, etc.

Kate Howard: Also, there is an app that can tell students exactly where it is on campus. They should all download it!

LES: I have a younger daughter who loves volleyball and we have been to a couple of games, fun time.

Meta Laabs: Does anyone know how much the Blue Line is being used? I work here but don't really know.

Kate Howard: Yeah, volleyball & women's basketball are played on campus, so that are great games to walk to as well.

Tiab: My daughter has not ridden the blue line yet.

SarahS: Mine wasn't quite sure what it was or how it worked. Maybe some information should be sent out to explain it again now that school has started.

Tiab: I was wondering if there were any late night places to eat on campus.

Aretha Milligan: @Meta from my window in RT I see tons of students running to catch the Blue Line every day, so I am guessing that students are taking full advantage of the blue line. I will call and ask.

Meta Laabs: That is a good idea Sarah - we'll pass that on.

Kate Howard: Aretha, do you know where the late night menus are served?

Kate Howard: Tiab had asked

Aretha Milligan: @ Tiab the UC is open until 9pm and it offers a variety of foods

Meta Laabs: @Tiab, I just looked on-line and several stations in the UC and at Tiger Den (subway and chick-fil-a) are open until 9 or 10

Tiab: thank you

SarahS: Do students have to use tiger dollars or meal plans to eat at the UC or is cash/credit cards accepted?

Meta Laabs: This is Monday-Thursday - there is food Friday pm - Sunday pm but the hours are much more limited.

Aretha Milligan: @ SarahS they can pay by cash or credit

Lindsey Bray: @SarahS, Credit Cards and Cash are accepted at dining locations.

Meta Laabs: SarahS, you cannot use meal plans at the UC, only at Fresh Food Co and Just 4 U in RT - but yes, tiger funds, cash or credit at UC.

SarahS: thank you!

Lindsey Bray: We are hosting a Parent Brunch on Saturday, October 27 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. We hope you can join us to discuss the University and get your insight on parent involvement on our campus. You can RSVP at bit.ly/Ra7F92.

LES: Thank you I have to leave the session

Lindsey Bray: Thank you to all of our parents for joining us today! Feel free to contact us at parents@memphis.edu or at 901.678.2115 with any questions, comments, or concerns.