

# Family Hornet Organization

The Bridge between families and ESU



## TOP 10 “DO”s AND “DON’T”s

1. **DO:** Demonstrate excitement and enthusiasm for their new adventure.  
**DON’T:** Be anxious or worried. If your student is feeling apprehensive, he/she will feed off your emotions.
2. **DO:** Discuss expectations, both yours and your student’s, regarding college.  
**DON’T:** Wait until the end of the semester.
3. **DO:** Encourage independence in your student.  
**DON’T:** Encourage your student to return home every weekend.
4. **DO:** Encourage your student to seek help early.  
**DON’T:** Contact offices/depts./professors on your student’s behalf.
5. **DO:** Stay in touch with your student.  
**DON’T:** Ask if he/she is homesick.
6. **DO:** Visit your student.  
**DON’T:** Relocate with the motor home and the family pet.
7. **DO:** Expect your student to change.  
**DON’T:** Worry about the change; he/she is basically the same person.
8. **DO:** Expect “meltdown” moments. Be supportive.  
**DON’T:** Worry too much; usually by the next morning life is back to normal.
9. **DO:** Ask questions.  
**DON’T:** Ask too many.
10. **DON’T:** Be sad.

**DO:**

Congratulate yourselves on a job *well* done  
and enjoy the journey!