When in doubt, reach out! This newsletter represents only one of many new resources available to Emory parents and families. As we launch the Office of Parent and Family Programs in the Division of Campus Life, we maintain the philosophy that supporting families in engaging in the Emory experience with their students will ultimately aid students in their growth and development. When you need assistance, we hope that you will visit our web site at http://family.emory.edu, send an email to family@emory.edu, or call 404.727.6201.

Just as we support your family, we hope you will engage and give to the Emory community. Your support not only to your loved one but also our collective community will hopefully provide you with great intrinsic rewards. Through the newly-developed Family Ambassadors program, you may donate your time as a volunteer in a number of capacities during Family Orientation, Family Weekend, or events in your hometown. You may express interest in the Family Ambassadors program at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FamilyAmbassador. You may also give back by donating to the Campus Life Fund for Excellence which supports programs and services that set the Emory education into action at http://annualgiving.emory.edu/giving-opportunities/campus-life.php

Your student’s time at Emory will include a variety of growth opportunities both academically and socially. As you likely know, growth sometimes requires dissonance and discomfort. I hope we might work together in providing the optimal level of support to offset the challenges inherent with this transformative and transitional period.

On a personal note, after more than 12 years as a member of the Emory community, I remain honored to lead our efforts in supporting students’ families. I have witnessed how Emory families enrich our community, and I am excited to support you as we pursue our shared goal of maximizing your student’s growth and development.

All the best,

Andy Wilson, PhD
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Division of Campus Life
varsity tennis player Gabrielle (Gabbie) Clark 14B is no stranger to competition. A senior hailing from Chicago, IL, and an alumnus of the University of Chicago Laboratory School, Clark is a Division III National Champion, ten-time All-American, and youngest of three siblings. As her mother, Violet Clark, notes, “Gabbie is a hard worker. I’m impressed with how well she has handled her academics as well as managing to play varsity sports.”

For all the awards and accomplishments, one key ingredient to her success both on the court and in the classroom has been the support of her family. “I am able to see all of my close family members with more frequency than I would otherwise, because my family comes to most of my matches,” Gabbie explains. And for mother as well as father, Anthony Clark, varsity athletics has been just one way for them to stay involved with the college experience.

Tennis has always been a family affair for the Clarks. Mrs. Clark is one of the founders of Southside Junior Tennis Camp and Chinatown Junior Tennis Camp, which are introductory tennis programs for inner-city children, while older sisters Adrienne and Camille also played tennis growing up. “Tennis has afforded our family many great opportunities,” Mrs. Clark says. “It reinforces many of the life skills parents try to teach their children every day.” Those same life skills have molded Gabbie into the elite athlete that she is today and helped shape her decision to play for Emory.
Family Spotlight: the clark family

When looking at different colleges, Gabbie had specific requirements: a rigorous academic standard, a competitive tennis team where she could start, a location on the east coast near a big city, and a college with a football team. While three out of four did not seem bad, what sold the Clark family was a combination of Emory’s diversity, campus atmosphere, and caring coaches. According to Mrs. Clark, “The coaches made Gabbie feel as if she was really wanted, and that Emory was definitely the right place for her. Also, whenever I’m on campus, I can feel how this is the right place. It reinforces the decision for our family. “

When asked to give advice to incoming parents and families regarding the transition to college, Gabbie said, “Enter Emory with an open mind, be outgoing, and try new things.” Mrs. Clark adds, “Use the tremendous resources available and make sure your student does too. Let your child ‘experience’ Emory and take as much of it in as possible.” Gabbie cites many groups and offices that she engaged with that have made a lasting impact on her. Using her ‘open mind’ mentality, the Office of Multicultural Programs and Services, Project SHINE, and Crossroads, a pre-orientation retreat, have all helped her “become more comfortable in new environments, especially the transition into college.”

When not playing tennis, Gabbie enjoys watching Netflix, surfing the internet, and hanging out with friends. However, this summer Gabbie is working in New York City in the assurance practice area at PricewaterhouseCoopers. Her parents enjoy fishing, hunting, and volunteering with non-profits. Meanwhile, Gabbie’s oldest sister, Adrienne, is a third-year resident in psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, and middle sibling, Camille, works in the travel industry. While they have diverse interests and activities across the country, what binds this family is their love of tennis.
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: Raj Patel 12Ox 14C

Raj Patel is a rising senior in the College of Arts of Science and pursuing a double major in Political Science and Religion. After his expected graduation in May 2014, he wishes to continue onto law school. Throughout his time at Emory, Patel has served as a University-Wide Representative-At-Large, a divisional senator, the President of the Pre-Law Society of Oxford College, Editor-in-Chief of The Oxford Business Bulletin (now The BBA Beat), a Supplemental Instructor, and an officer on the Residence Hall Association Hall Council.

This year, Raj hopes to focus on inclusiveness, safety, and student self-governance. He is SAPA trained and encourages the whole SGA to do so as well, to help student officers better understand sexual assault. Moreover, Raj will be representing the SGA at the National Campus Leadership Conference in DC and will be sitting on the conference's Sexual Assault Prevention Committee. He also hopes to actively pursue a more inclusive and diverse university, while partnering with student organizations for the betterment of Emory.

You can find out more about Emory SGA by liking them on Facebook, following them @EmorySGA, or their website HTTP://WWW.SGA.EMORYCAMPUSLIFE.ORG/.

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Residence Life and Housing (RLH) is a student-focused resource committed to innovation, education, and development in a diverse community comprised of exemplary staff, facilities, programs, and services. RLH provides students with a well-maintained, safe, positive living environment that enhances their academic pursuits while at Emory. Based on their academic year and interests, students who live on campus participate in one of the “class-level” living-learning communities.

The four-year residential curriculum identifies a developmental progression of learning outcomes that integrates each year’s intended leadership, social, and academic milestones.

The RLH staff provides residents with educational activities and co-curricular experiences that develop tangible and transferable skills beyond the undergraduate experience.

For more information, visit www.emory.edu/HOUSING

Important Dates

- August 24: Orientation/Freshman Move In
- August 25: Upperclassman Residence Halls Open
- August 28: Classes Begin
- September 2: Labor Day (no classes)
- September 4: Add/Drop/Swap ends
- September 23-29: Homecoming
- October 8-11: The Visit 2013: His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama
- October 14-16: Fall Break
- October 25-27: Family Weekend
WHAT IF YOUR STUDENT WISHES TO CHANGE THEIR ROOM ASSIGNMENT?
If you would like to be considered for a different room type, building, or roommate, please submit a Room Change Request via your http://myhousing.emory.edu page.
From your Myhousing page, select — > Request a Room Change — > Select Fall 2013 as the term.
Complete the Requested Hall/Room and Reason for Change fields, and click Submit Change Request for the Atlanta Campus.
We will consider room change requests through August 1. You will remain in your current assignment unless we can accommodate your change request.

WHY DID MY STUDENT NOT RECEIVE THE LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITY (LLC), ROOM TYPE, FLOOR TYPE REQUESTED?
The LLC, room type, or floor type may not be available for assignment when you are assigned. There may be more students that have a preference for a LLC than available spaces for those communities. Please submit a room change request if you wish to be considered for another space on campus.

WHEN MAY WE START TO MOVE INTO THE RESIDENCE HALL?
Please check the Residence Life calendar prior to making travel plans. There is no general early arrival or late stay, so please make your travel plans accordingly.
First-year student move in is on Saturday, August 24, 2013. Nonfreshmen may move in starting Sunday, August 25, 2013.

WHAT IF WE ARE A FAMILY OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT?
New international students participating in International Student Orientation move in Friday morning, August 23, 2013.

IF WE WANT TO PURCHASE A REFRIGERATOR, WHAT ARE THE GUIDELINES?
Each resident is permitted either one mini-refrigerator or one MicroFridge. No resident may have both appliances. Mini-refrigerators must be an under-the-counter size, not to exceed 3.0 cu. ft. Micro Fridges may also not exceed 3.0 cu. ft.

WHAT IS AND IS NOT ALLOWED IN THE RESIDENCE HALLS?
We have provided lists along with other helpful tips at http://www.emory.edu/housing/undergrad/movein.html

HOW DO WE PICK UP PACKAGES THAT ARRIVE BEFORE MOVE IN?
Packages may be picked up at the storage pods located across campus. Each residence hall will be assigned a pod location for package pick-up. Please contact Emory Mail Services for locations at eumail@emory.edu or 404.727.6172.
**Vendors**

The Residence Hall Association, the governing body for residential facilities, endorses several vendors who provide services and products to Emory families students including laundry service, refrigerators, and gift baskets. Learn more about these opportunities at: [http://www.emory.edu/HOUSING/ABOUTUS/rha_vendor.html](http://www.emory.edu/HOUSING/ABOUTUS/rha_vendor.html)

**Mail Services**

Mail Services manages all incoming and outgoing packages for the Emory University community.

Families may address mail as follows:

![Recipient's Name]

Emory University
605 Asbury Circle Box #######
Atlanta, GA 30322-1006

Customer Service Hotline: 404-727-6172

Email: eumail@emory.edu

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**tip of the month**

**STAYING CONNECTED**

“How can parents keep in touch, yet still affirm their sons’ and daughters’ growing adulthood? There are a number of recommendations that students make again and again when they are asked what they would like their parents to do. Almost all students claim that they want attention and support from their parents---but not unsolicited advice. They want mail; the contents don’t seem to matter as much as the simple, tangible connection to the life they have left behind. Even in this era of electronic communication, they still treasure the sight of a mailbox with a letter from home. They want care packages, and they talk with childlike delight about receiving bundles of food at exam time and inexpensive decorations for their rooms at holidays. Most prefer to talk on the phone to one parent at a time, and especially enjoy private conversations with siblings.”

- *Letting Go: A Parent’s Guide to Understanding the College Years* by Karen Coburn and Marge Treeger

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**GIVE BACK-FAMILY AMBASSADOR PROGRAM**

Family Ambassadors volunteer to assist with outreach activities to support other Emory families. Family Ambassadors give of their time and perspectives to nurture a strong community of Emory families. Some activities may include:

**Panel Volunteers:** Serve as panelists at various programs to provide perspectives of families

**Orientation Volunteers:** Staff the Parent and Family Programs hospitality table during New Student Orientation

**Family Weekend Volunteers:** Staff the Parent and Family Programs hospitality table during Family Weekend

**Reception Host:** Faculty and administrators travel the country to meet families in key cities throughout the year. Host a reception at your home, office, or club.

BECOME A **FAMILY AMBASSADOR** TODAY!
WHEN SHE WAS A SOPHOMORE, Wendy Rosenberg-Nadel 82C co-founded Volunteer Emory with sorority sister Debbie Genzer 82C. The organization took off, and today its student volunteers log an impressive 7,000 hours each year. Rosenberg-Nadel, now executive director of Yonkers Partners in Education, went on to a thriving career in the not-for-profit sector. Grateful for the start Emory provided, she stays connected by supporting Volunteer Emory as well as other priorities across the university. Make your annual gift today.