

# **Parent and Family Council Guidelines**

The mission of the Carroll University Parent and Family Council (CUPFC) is to be an advisory group to the Office of Student Life at Carroll University. The Council seeks to provide an opportunity for parents and family members of current Carroll University students to engage with university departments to aid in the enhancement of recruitment, engagement, success, and overall educational experience of Carroll students.

#### Vision

The CUPFC, whose membership includes parents, guardians, and family support members of current Carroll students, creates a vibrant network of individuals that promotes open and collaborative communication to enrich student life at Carroll. The council aids in the university's work to develop students ready for a successful future in an ever-changing world. CUPFC also helps to cultivate a sense of belonging and meaningful connections with the diverse members of our Carroll community...our students, alumni, parents, and families.

#### The CUPFC aims to:

- Provide a forum for new ideas and suggestions for enhancing student programs, services, and processes.
- Communicate matters of interest to university leadership from the perspective of parents and families.
- Support and participate in family events and activities sponsored by the university including, but not limited to, university recruitment events, move-in weekend, homecoming, and family weekend.
- Connect parents and families to foster the continuation of a student-centered culture and fellowship around the Carroll University experience.
- Support the university through the giving of time, talent, and/or treasure in the form of ongoing gifts to the Carroll Fund and other philanthropic means and encourage the greater parent and family community to do the same.



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### **Benefits of joining the CUPFC include:**

- To shape the parent and family experience at the university.
- The ability to maintain involvement in the efforts to support student recruitment, engagement, and success.
- Become more knowledgeable about the university's resources and programs that support student engagement and success.
- Opportunities to engage with university administration and staff regularly.
- Meet and network with other families.
- Invitations to special events.

### Membership

The CUPFC will consist of parents, guardians, and family support networks of current Carroll students. The target membership size will be a maximum of 20-24 total members. Interested parents and family members can complete the following form to be considered for membership. Every effort will be made to ensure the council is representative of our student body.

Parent and Family Council Membership Interest Form <a href="https://forms.gle/et5JtcN2z63nQpog7">https://forms.gle/et5JtcN2z63nQpog7</a>

## Parent and Family Council members are expected to:

- Participate in parent and family council meetings (remote participation offered for individuals outside of the Waukesha area).
- Represent the council at campus events and activities as outlined in the CUPFC guidelines.

## **Meetings**

The CUPFC will meet at least three times a year (fall, spring and summer) on dates and times to be determined by the Vice President for Student Life along with the council. Meetings will take place on campus and CUPFC members are encouraged to attend in person when possible. Remote participation is offered to individuals outside of the Waukesha area.