

Hello--

Welcome and congratulations on Cynthia's decision to attend Michigan Technological University. The transition from high school to college can be both exciting and nerve wracking. Given all that's happening in the world, this may be truer this year than any time in the remembered past. Nonetheless, whether this is your first child going to college or your fifth, the experience seems to be different for every student. You can find some helpful tips at the [Set to Go](#) website. It focuses on managing the transition from high school to college as well as changing relationships and emotional health.

The orientation staff is also producing several short webcasts designed for parents and family members. The next one is focused on the check-in and move-in process and is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29 at 4:30. Here is the [link](#) to that session. Other recordings will be posted on mtu.edu/orientation. If questions come up, please send an email to success@mtu.edu for a response.

In addition, since a large, in-person parent orientation program isn't possible, we're hosting additional informational opportunities, including podcasts, to help you get the information you are looking for. We plan on having a variety of topics ready the week of August 10. A great listening opportunity for your car ride to campus.

We know your support is essential and ask for your help to ensure Cynthia adheres to the health and safety guidelines during the fall semester. For example, 14 days before students arrive on campus, we'd like them to begin monitoring their health (and limiting their contact with others) and reporting daily how they are feeling through our [Daily Symptom Monitoring Form](#). If you plan to help your students move-in, on the day of your arrival, you will be asked to complete the [Visitor Symptom Tracking Form](#). Certainly, if anyone has symptoms, we ask that you postpone arrival.

We are also recommending that you set up regular FaceTime or Zoom calls with your student. Seeing each other during these calls can take the place of a trip home. In addition, as much as we would love to have you visit, to limit potential virus spread and keep our students and community as safe as possible, we are not hosting Family Weekend this year. Your student will appreciate care packages, links to news stories, and photos of home. Everyone needs to [Be Smart. Do Your Part](#).

[Guest Access](#): Michigan Tech has provided a way for Cynthia to give you guest access to personal information such as midterm and end of semester grades, financial aid awards, and tuition bills should that be helpful.

[Dean of Student Office](#): If your student is having difficulty and needs assistance, please let us know. Call the office at 906-487-2212 or send an email to deanofstudents@mtu.edu.

Michigan Tech Parents Facebook Groups: There are two Facebook pages started by parents and are an unofficial online place for parents of Michigan Tech students to share, network, and gather information. Search Facebook for Michigan Tech Parents.

I wish you and Cynthia the best as you finish your final preparations and look forward to your arrival on campus in a few weeks.

Sincerely,

Bonnie B. Gorman
Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs