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Dear ESF Family Members,

On behalf of the Office of Student Activities and the Office of Alumni Relations, we would like to invite you to ESF's *Alumni and Family Fall BBQ* on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Combining these two ESF traditional events, the Fall BBQ and Alumni Reunion, into one weekend of activities has proven very successful! This event will provide a unique opportunity for you to become a part of the "ESF extended family" as well as spend time with your student.

The weekend will afford many opportunities for you to interact with students, families, alumni, faculty and administrators. Enclosed with this letter, you will find a brochure that will outline the weekend's events. The activities will begin on Friday afternoon with the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Centennial Hall, ESF's new residence hall and will be followed by a Welcome Reception and Coffee Haus. There are also a full day of activities planned for Saturday starting with a continental breakfast and ending with the Taste of CNY in the afternoon. This leaves you Sunday to spend with your student. Of course, it is entirely up to your family which events you decide to attend. As part of the weekend, there will be a Syracuse University football game against Toledo on Saturday (time TBA). The Office of Student Activities and the Office of Alumni Relations have purchased a block of tickets in the Carrier Dome (Sections **323, 324 and 325**) which will be available to family, friends and alumni on a first come, first serve basis. If your family is interested in purchasing tickets, you will need to indicate that on the enclosed registration form and send it in as soon as possible with your check or money order.

The enclosed registration form outlines costs for the variety of events for the weekend. These fees will be used to cover food and facility expenses. Please note: **ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST INCLUDE ONE ESF STUDENT TICKET.** In the past we have sold tickets on campus for students, but we have learned that they often neglect to purchase their tickets by the deadline date. This process will ensure that students receive their tickets and it will allow us to better plan for the event. Your check or money order should be made payable to the ESF Alumni Association. Upon receipt of your registration form, a confirmation letter will be sent to you (in late August/early September) along with parking information and instructions. **As we are expecting a large number of people on campus Saturday, please realize that everyone may not receive a parking pass. Priority will be given to those people who will be attending the barbecue. Those who do not receive a parking pass for on-campus parking will be directed to an alternative parking location and shuttled on to campus. If you will need handicapped parking, please call the Office of Alumni Relations at 315-470-6632.** When you arrive on campus that weekend, you will be able to pick up your welcome packet as well as any other tickets/materials that you need for your registered activities.

Also, located on the enclosed brochure is a list of overnight accommodations. **We encourage families to call to make hotel reservations as soon as possible as it will be a busy weekend and the spaces will fill up quickly. Please take note of the hotel registration deadline dates on the back of the enclosed brochure.**

We are very excited about this year's event! Please return your registration materials by **Friday, September 9** and if you have any questions or would like more information, please call the Office of Student Activities at 315-470-6658 or visit our website <http://www.esf.edu/alumni/fallBBQ/>. PLEASE NOTE: **WE CANNOT ACCEPT REGISTRATIONS AFTER FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>**. We hope that you and your family will join us for the Fall Barbecue on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and September 24<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,

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***Additional Information Regarding  
Alumni and Family Fall Barbecue***

**Overnight Accommodations:**

This is one of the most popular events of the academic year. As a result, you are encouraged to reserve hotel space as soon as possible and to confirm your reservations prior to departure for Syracuse. A listing of hotels and motels in the Syracuse area is enclosed on the brochure along with the hotel reservation deadlines.

**Parking on the ESF Campus:**

Parking on the ESF campus will be limited to family and alumni registered for the weekend and attending the BBQ. There will be additional parking provided for others off campus where guests will be shuttled to and from campus.

**Reservations/Cancellations/Refunds:** Reservations and cancellations will be accepted until Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, no refunds will be possible for cancellations received after this date.

*We look forward to meeting your family in September!*