January's Tip:

Campus Driving Safety

Driving safely on a college campus always calls for extra awareness – large groups of pedestrians crossing the street, cars entering and exiting multiple parking lots, and the presence of utility vehicles such as golf carts, Gators, and delivery trucks are just a few of the situations that a driver encounters every day on a college campus. With the winter weather here and the sunlight arriving later and leaving earlier, it is especially important to stay alert and follow campus driving rules and the rules of the road.

- Always give driving your full attention: avoid eating, drinking, cellphone use, and other distractions while driving (note: cellphone and headphone use are prohibited in University owned and leased vehicles).
- Follow all campus traffic signage: fully stop at stop signs, yield to pedestrians, and follow posted traffic patterns (one-way, etc.).
- Follow directions from Public Safety Officers or police officers who are directing traffic.
- Do not exceed 15 MPH on campus roads when driving a vehicle (10 MPH on a golf cart).
- Drive at speeds safe for the conditions – slow down during large campus events such as athletic events and concerts, class change times, poor weather including rain, ice, and snow, and during evening and early morning hours.
- Yield to pedestrians at all times (who in turn must only cross the street in a crosswalk).
- Give pedestrians plenty of time to cross the street safely, especially during poor weather and evening / early morning hours.
- Share the road: be mindful of bikers and skateboarders (who in turn must follow the rules of the road).
- Do not park in or impede access to: crosswalks, fire hydrants, bus stops, or fire lanes.
- Only park in designated parking spots in lots you are authorized to park in.
- Immediately report any accidents or unsafe behaviors to Public Safety (x3333).