FAMILY EDUCATION RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT
WHAT WE WILL COVER

- What is FERPA?
- Why is it important?
- What does it mean for all of us?
- Are there exceptions?
Any information directly related to a student, maintained by an educational institution

This includes:
- High School
- Test Scores
- Quarterly Class schedule
- Grades
- Tuition charged
- Financial Aid awarded
- Etc…
The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act

- Enacted in 1974
- Applies to all education institutions that receive federal funding
- Rights of the university record belong to the student
- Rights begin when in attendance
  - Parents lose right at 18 or when student enrolls
What does it mean for staff and faculty? For you?

- University staff, faculty and administrators are the stewards of information and the gatekeepers in the protection of student privacy.
- Confidentiality must be applied to all records.
- We can speak only in generalities.
Health & Safety Emergencies

- “Articulable and significant threat to the health and safety of the student or other individuals”

- May release to local law enforcement, parents or outside entities if release is related to safety
With students’ written permission

If student is under 21 and violates law or school policy related to alcohol or a controlled substance
WITH PRIOR CONSENT, YOU CAN ALSO HAVE ACCESS TO THE FOLLOWING:

**Financial Aid**
- Students must complete a release form allowing access to records and information. The form is available online.

**Tuition Bills**
- Student can give you special limited access to MyUW to pay tuition.