DePauw University, like all other academic institutions in the United States, is subject to the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, commonly known as FERPA or the Buckley Amendment. For college students the rights guaranteed by FERPA reside with the student no matter his/her age or dependent status. These rights include the right to review and inspect one’s educational records, the right to seek to amend or correct educational records, and the right to have some control over the disclosure of those records to third parties.

While disclosure of educational records generally requires the student’s signed consent, there are exceptions. For instance, educational records may shared with a school official who has a legitimate educational interest or need to know. FERPA also allows the institution to provide information from academic records to parents or guardians if the student is declared as a dependent on the parents’ or guardians’ federal income tax form. To respond to such requests, the institution must be able to verify guardianship and dependent status.

This form represents an acknowledgement that you are aware of your rights under FERPA. Students who are not claimed as dependents on their parents/guardians tax returns may indicate whether or not they consent to the release of information to parents/guardians. Additional information about FERPA is available at the Registrar’s Web site: www.depauw.edu/admin/registrar.

**Dependent Status and Release of Academic Information**

☐ I am classified as a dependent of my parents/guardians and consent to the release of academic information to my parents/guardians.

☐ I am not classified as a dependent of my parents, but I consent to the release of academic information to my parents/guardians.

☐ I am not classified as a dependent of my parents/guardians and I do not consent to the release of academic information to my parents.

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Student’s Name (please print)

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Student’s Signature

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Date

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