



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?



UPON APPLICATION- EDUCATIONAL RECORD IS CREATED

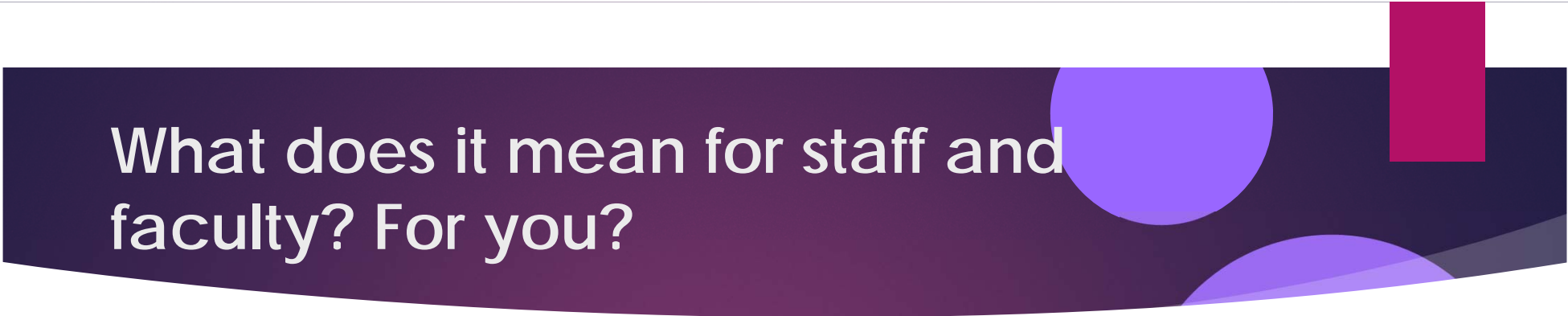
- ▶ Any information directly related to a student, maintained by an educational institution

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

- ▶ “Articulate 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



Other Exceptions for Parents

- ▶ 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.



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