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Stocking up, chowing down

*Columbia's best places
to eat, shop
with parents in tow*

Meg Moore
FOR THE GAMECOCK

Home to popular chains and local institutions, Columbia has the best of both worlds when it comes to shopping and dining. Unique establishments in downtown neighborhoods complement national names in commercial areas, giving locals a variety of choices in price and atmosphere.

Even if you didn't arrange for your food and other necessities to conveniently run out this weekend, Parent's Weekend, like a lone gas station on a long stretch of rural highway, is strategically placed for replenishment. Catch your

parents up on USC life, but do so while filling a shopping cart with college necessities – food, toilet paper, the latest indie rock CDs.

For a complete shopping experience head to Harbison. With Columbiana Centre's 100-plus shops and megastores such as Target and Books-A-Million, the Harbison area offers an assortment of retail therapy options, from the essentials to the extravagant. Check out Old Navy for comfortable dorm wear or scour T.J. Maxx for discounted designer clothing. Shop Belk's, Columbia's most upscale department store, for top makeup brands, or hit Big Thursday for the latest Gamecock gear.

Those looking to introduce their parents, mothers especially, to some of Columbia's more unique

destinations should take the family to Five Points or Devine Street, both home to assorted local boutiques. From Portfolio Art Gallery and Revente to Luna and Village, Five Points' shops carry an eclectic selection of designer clothing and locally made jewelry. Devine Street offers another stretch of female-targeted stores from accessory stores HandPicked and Just the Thing to unique boutiques such as M and Bohemian.

When it comes to restaurants, the Capital City has the usual assortment of college eateries. Do your parents a favor and opt for something a little more refined – they are likely over the allure of cardboard pizza and pitchers of cheap beer. Located in historic Union Station between Assembly and South Main

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