



Hey, Clarkies — we hope you are doing well and we can't wait to see you on campus in August! Here are a few reminders and upcoming events you may want to check out. If you have any questions, please [email the Dean of Students office](#).

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## Save the Date: Orientation and Move-In Day

New Student Orientation will take place the week before classes begin in August. The program provides all incoming students an opportunity to learn how to be successful at Clark. You'll get to know members of your class, connect with a peer mentor, explore the campus and Worcester, and make friends! If you're living on campus, you will have plenty of time to move into your residence hall, unpack, and get prepared for the academic year.

- **Incoming first-year students:** Move-In Day and Orientation begins Thursday, August 19
- **Incoming sophomore, junior, and senior transfer students:** Move-In Day and Orientation begins Friday, August 20

### UPCOMING VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

**Career Connections Center: Internships, Jobs, and More**  
Thursday, June 24 | 6:30 p.m.

**Academic Advising**  
Friday, July 9 | 6:30 p.m.

Join representatives of the Career Connections Center over Zoom on *Thursday, June 24, at 6:30 p.m. ET* to learn about the services provided by the CCC, including student employment, internship opportunities, resumé help, and much more.

JOIN US

Join the Office of Academic Advising over Zoom on *Friday, July 9, at 6:30 p.m. ET* to learn more about course options at Clark, acronyms, requirements, meetings with advisers, and a general overview of registration.

JOIN US

## Incoming Becker Students – Please Complete Our Survey

Clark University faculty and staff are interested in learning about you and have developed a special survey for you to share more about yourself. **If you haven't already**, please click [here](#), log in with your Clark email and password, and tell us more about you and what you need. [Email the Dean of Students office](#) with any questions.

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## Upload Your COVID-19 Vaccine Documentation

COVID-19 vaccinations are [required](#) for our students, faculty, and staff who plan to live, work, and study on campus this fall. The deadline to submit your vaccination information is **July 15**, but if you are fully vaccinated, you can upload your information **now** through this [secure portal](#) developed by Clark ITS (you will need to log in with your Clark credentials). The portal also will allow you to request an exemption for health or religious reasons, or other well-documented reasons. Email the [Dean of Students office](#) with any questions, or [read our vaccination FAQs](#).

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## Affinity Housing Now Open

Affinity housing is now open to first-year and upper-class students. A student-led initiative at Clark, affinity housing provides an opportunity to live, grow, and learn together for students who share a commitment to learning about and centering Blackness and fighting anti-Black racism on campus. Students who apply to live in affinity housing, located in the Johnson Sanford Center, will set community norms together, host educational and social events, and build community, centering the experiences of students of color. Students who want to learn more about affinity housing can [contact Drew Melendez](#). [Apply for affinity housing here](#) — applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis through the summer.

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## Housing and Dining Selections Due Soon

Don't forget to submit your Housing Request Form and select a meal plan. Becker transfer students have the option to prioritize their building and room preferences or to request to live with other Becker transfer students. Residential Life and Housing has set aside a number of suites and apartments to accommodate these requests, but please note that these suites and apartments will be filled on a **first-come, first-served basis** — **submit your information now!** Students who apply after these spaces have been filled will be assigned to live with other Clarkies based on our overall on-campus availability. Log in [here](#) with your Clark information to submit your requests. Need more information? [Email Residential Life and Housing](#) or view the [Housing and Dining Webinar](#) made especially for incoming students.

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## Stafford Loan Information

If you are a first-time borrower of a Federal Direct Stafford Loan at Clark University, you are required to complete Entrance Loan Counseling and a Master Promissory Note before this loan can be paid to your student account. Please monitor your Clark University email account for instructions on how to complete these two requirements; the information will be sent in late June.

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## Pre-Orientation Programs for First-Generation and BIPOC Students

Apply TODAY for Connections@Clark, a free preorientation program from the Multicultural and First Generation Student Support office. Applications for Connections will continue to be accepted on a rolling basis, but space is limited. Learn more and apply [here](#).

Connections@Clark is specifically for those who identify as of ALANA (African-, Latinx-, Asian-, and Native-American), Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern, or multiracial descent and who want to learn more about identity, diversity, and social justice as it relates to their experience at Clark and as a leader.

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## Join the Women's Rowing Team

Interested in participating in varsity sports at Clark? Consider the Women's Rowing team, which competes in the prestigious NEWMAC conference and races and trains on Lake Quinsigamond, one of the East Coast's premier racing destinations. Learn more about the team [here](#).

We are looking for student-athletes who enjoy training and being outdoors; **no prior rowing experience** is necessary. The only requirement is a commitment to being a competitive student-athlete with a strong work ethic. You will join a group of highly motivated student-athletes determined to compete at the highest level of NCAA Division III collegiate athletics. To learn more about Clark Women's Rowing, please [email Coach Mike McDonald](#) with your name, height, and a brief summary of your athletic experience.

In addition to potential rowers, we hope to hear from individuals interested in becoming a Coxswain. This leadership position is suited to individuals who are small in stature and possess a competitive spirit, athletic background, and leadership potential.

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## Interested in Gaming?

Clark is excited to offer students opportunities to connect via esports, video games, and more. Complete this [short survey](#) to get involved.

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## Office Spotlight: Office of Student Accessibility Services

The [Office of Student Accessibility Services](#) (SAS) provides support and equal access to students with disabilities who are otherwise qualified and able to effectively function in a rigorous, liberal-arts campus environment. SAS offers academic advising, course registration assistance, self-advocacy training, and many other services that help students develop sustainable life skills. Although each student's needs are different, accommodations are available, and a staff member can meet with you to determine the best course of action. **If you are a student seeking accommodations, please [submit your documents here](#) as soon as possible.**

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