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.

## 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

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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 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.

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.

Housing Assignments

Thank you for submitting your housing application on the Housing and Dining Self-Service Portal. The Residential Life and Housing staff will be reviewing applications through the beginning of July. Housing and dining plan assignments will be viewable on your Housing and Dining Self-Service portal starting on July 13. If you did not submit a housing application, you’ll still be assigned an on-campus space because of Clark’s four-semester residency requirement, but we will not be able to take your preferences into account. Keep checking your Clark email account for any important information from Residential Life and Housing, and feel free to email our office if you have any questions.

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
Pre-Orientation Programs for First-Generation and BIPOC Students

Apply TODAY for one of the Multicultural and First Generation Student Support office’s two FREE pre-orientation programs, which take place before the general new student orientation: ACE Summer Institute and Connections@Clark. Applications for ACE and Connections will be accepted on a rolling basis, but space is limited — don’t wait to apply! Learn more and apply on the Orientation website under Pre-Orientation programs. Below is a bit more about each program:

• The Advancing Clark Excellence (ACE) Summer Institute is the University’s free, four-year support program for students who identify as first-generation (those who are the first in their family to pursue a four-year degree) or domestic students of color (African-, Latinx-, Asian-/Desi-American, Native/Indigenous-American, Middle Eastern, Pacific Islander, and/or multiracial). ACE begins with a summer institute in August and continues to provide you with resources throughout your college career.

• Connections@Clark is specifically for those who identify as being 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.

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.

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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