Hey, Clarkies — we hope you are doing well. We can’t wait to see you on campus this month! Here are a few important reminders and upcoming events you may want to check out. If you have any questions, please email the Dean of Students office.

Did You Miss a Webinar?

Recordings of each webinar in this summer’s Incoming Student and Family Webinar Series are available to view at your convenience. Click below to see them all!

Orientation and Move-In Day

First-Year Orientation, which will take place the week before classes begin, 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. Orientation is mandatory for incoming Clark students.

- **Move-In Day** for incoming first-year students is Thursday, August 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Residential Life and Housing will provide more details regarding Move-In Day logistics in the coming weeks.
- **First-Year Orientation** begins Thursday, August 19, at 2 p.m. for all resident and commuter incoming first-year students or transfer students with first-year academic standing. Check out the Orientation schedule here (activities are subject to change).
- **First Day of Classes** is Monday, August 23.
- While moving in, out of an abundance of caution, we ask families and students to **wear masks when they are inside any Clark buildings** or outside when unable to physically distance.
- Masks will be worn inside during Orientation. More information about Healthy Clark protocols for the fall semester will be available next week.

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**Voices for Change: Consent Inclusion**

As part of Orientation at Clark, all students are required to complete Voices for Change training on the topics of identity and inclusion, substance abuse, hazing, sexual harassment, consent, sexual violence, and bystander intervention.

The training is delivered online, takes approximately one hour, and must be completed by **August 24**. **This is mandatory for all students**, even if you have completed a similar course at another institution. If you encounter any technical issues while accessing the course, please contact support@getinclusive.com. In addition, if you have questions or wish to discuss issues pertaining to Title IX, including gender discrimination, sexual harassment or sexual violence, or Clark’s policies and how the university responds to such incidents, please feel free to email titleix@clarku.edu.

Access the training by clicking the link in the email you received in your Clark inbox from Get Inclusive. You may complete the training all at once or in stages.

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**Common Academic Experience: ‘Coded Bias’**

As part of orientation at Clark, all incoming students engage in a shared academic experience. This year, we ask you to view the documentary “Coded Bias” before you arrive on campus, as you will discuss it with your peers during Orientation. We will send you a link to watch the film in mid-August, but if you have access to Netflix, we encourage you to stream it now.
About “Coded Bias”: Modern society sits at the intersection of two crucial questions: What does it mean when artificial intelligence increasingly governs our liberties? And what are the consequences for the people AI is biased against? When MIT Media Lab researcher Joy Buolamwini discovers that many facial recognition technologies do not accurately detect darker-skinned faces or classify the faces of women, she delves into an investigation of widespread bias in algorithms. As it turns out, artificial intelligence is not neutral, and women are leading the charge to ensure our civil rights are protected. “Coded Bias” explores the fallout of Buolamwini’s discovery and her journey to push for the first-ever legislation in the U.S. to govern against bias in the algorithms that impact us all.

Deadlines — Past and Upcoming

**August 1** was the deadline to upload a photo for your Clark OneCard. Be sure to upload it ASAP so your Clark OneCard will be ready for you on Move-In Day.

Due soon:

- By August 14: Submit your final high school transcript
- By August 24: Complete compliance training

Apply Now for On-Campus Jobs

On-campus jobs are now posted for the upcoming year — and more will be added in the coming weeks, so check Handshake regularly. Need résumé or cover letter help? Log in to Handshake to make an appointment with our Career Lab.

Office Spotlight: The Clark Navigator

All first-year students participate in the Clark Navigator, our first-year experience program, which is designed to help you transition to academic and campus life at Clark. You will meet weekly with your Navigator group, receive guidance from a peer mentor, and choose from a menu of academic, cocurricular, community, and social activities. You also can participate in weekly workshops on topics like professional and academic exploration, adjusting to college life, networking with faculty and staff, community engagement, and much more.
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