Connect with Classmates Over Wintersession

- **Fitness Challenge: Week 3:** We encourage you to reflect and engage in exercise that makes you feel genuinely happy, healthy, and empowered. How you do it is completely up to you. If you feel comfortable, please share why you love the form of exercise that you choose and why it makes you happy — submit your workout submissions via DM to Clark Athletics Instagram and you’ll have the chance to win a prize. If you would like to receive the weekly challenge emails, please email athletics@clarku.edu to be added to our list.

- **Thursday Trivia:** Test your knowledge of television and movies in this week’s game night as field hockey senior Mackenzie Stewart hosts trivia this Thursday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. EST. For more information, email head coach Kate Kurzanski and be sure to sign up for this week’s game night here.

- **Among Us:** Find the imposter during a fun night of Among Us. Join Derrick Hicks and Rebecca Manley from Residential Life and Housing and Kyle Prudhomme from Athletics and Recreation this Friday, Jan. 29, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. EST, with a brief tutorial session of the game from 6:30 to 7. Sign up here to be entered into a raffle for free stuff.

- **Xerox Transfer Portrait Painting at the Craft Studio:** Xerox art began in the 1960s. Prints and paintings are created by putting objects on the glass, or platen, or by copying by pressing with a chemical (usually nail polish remover) to produce an image. Come try it out — materials needed are paper, tape, scissors, sponge, plastic ruler, and nail polish. Join us tonight (Tuesday, Jan. 26) at 7 p.m. EST; the Zoom meeting ID is 851 0257 4527 and the passcode is 3Uj49g.
• **Paper Weaving at the Craft Studio:** Paper weaving is all about noticing and creating the under-over pattern. As the strips are woven, they go up and down, over and under, the weaving base. All you need is construction paper, scissors, and a writing utensil. Join us on Thursday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. EST; the Zoom meeting ID is 850 4038 7570 and the passcode is 4TiE7m.

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**The International Center**

The International Center (IC) is the primary source of support for all international students at Clark, organizing programs for students to create connections across campus, spaces to ask questions, and sessions to support linguistic needs in classrooms. Right now, our programming is virtual and is available to all students, whether they are in the U.S. or their home country. Below is a sampling of the different types of programming the IC offers.

• **International Student Support Group:** This online discussion group provides a safe place for Clark’s international students to connect with and support each other. Students may share personal experiences and resources on various topics, including cultural adjustment, time management, stress reduction, self-care, healthy relationships, nutrition, etc. The group meets every Wednesday at 8 a.m. EST. [Join via Zoom](#).

• **Academic Support:** The IC offers weekly English skill sessions in areas such as advanced grammar, pronunciation, and reading to help our students feel confident in their English language usage. These sessions will begin after the start of the semester. An IC tutor also is available to work one-on-one with students for whom English is not their first language. Students can receive feedback on drafts of writing assignments, practice presentations, and work on résumés with the ELL tutor. Tutoring will begin on March 1; [email our tutor, Frank](mailto:), to set up your virtual appointment.

• **ISSO Drop-In Hours:** These are 15-minute drop-in meetings where you can ask questions, make suggestions, or simply meet the ISSO staff. Drop-in hours are every Wednesday, 2 to 4 p.m., and Friday, 10 a.m. to noon EST. [Join via Zoom](#).

• **OPT Workshops:** Students are required to attend an Optional Practical Training (OPT) workshop if they plan to apply for OPT. You should plan to attend one of these workshops even if you’re undecided about applying. The next OPT workshop is on Thursday, Feb. 4, at 11 a.m. EST. [Join via Zoom](#).

• **CPT Workshops:** Students interested in learning more about Curricular Practical Training (CPT) are encouraged to attend a CPT workshop. The next CPT workshop is on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 2 pm. EST. [Join via Zoom](#).

The IC consists of three different departments, co-located in Corner House: the [American Language and Culture Institute](https://example.com/ALCI) (ALCI), [International Programs](https://example.com/IP), and [International Students and Scholars Office](https://example.com/ISSO) (ISSO). While each office has its own specialization, everyone who works in the International Center is committed to supporting the needs of the international community at
RLH Room Change Requests

The Office of Residential Life and Housing is accepting room change requests now through Friday, Jan. 29. To be considered for a potential room change, please complete this form in its entirety, providing as much information as possible.

Residential Life and Housing staff will review your submission and reach out with potential room change options. Please note that requests are not guaranteed and are contingent on overall housing needs and space availability. A staff member will respond to your Room Change Request Form by the week of Feb. 8.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our staff directly at reslife@clarku.edu.

Upcoming Events from Campus Departments

- **Study Abroad with a Social Justice Lens**: Join us to learn about CGEE programs in Southern Africa and Central America on Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 4 p.m. EST on Zoom.
- **On-Campus Employment Info Session**: Wondering how to find a job on campus and what opportunities are available? Join the Career Connections Center info session on Thursday, Jan. 28, from 5 to 5:30 p.m. EST. Register on Handshake now.
- **Sustainability While Abroad**: Join Will and Ahiela from the Study Abroad Office for a talk about sustainability while abroad on Thursday, Feb. 3, at 4 p.m. EST. Register for the event on Zoom.
- **Academic Internships for Undergrads**: Wondering how to get academic credit for an internship? This overview of the Academic Internship Program (AIP) will cover credit, the application process, deadlines and requirements, tips for international students, and working with adjusted timelines. Join the Career Connections Center on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 11 a.m. EST. Register on Handshake now.

Student Jobs Available in the Community Engagement and Volunteering Office
The Community Engagement and Volunteering office is hiring two students to join our team: a Social Media Specialist and an Events & Programming Specialist. If you have a federal work-study award, are passionate about service and social justice, and enjoy working with diverse groups and individuals, please consider applying on Handshake:

- **Social Media Specialist**
- **Events & Programming Specialist**

The application deadline is Sunday, Feb. 14, at 11:55 p.m. EST.

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**Juniors and Seniors, Fill Your Graduation Toolkit**

Register for next week’s Life After Clark 2021 Virtual Conference [here](#) to gain access to the full conference schedule, workshop descriptions, and all Zoom links.

**Choosing and Getting into Grad School**

- Career Design: Turn Your Passion into Your Profession in 4 Steps
- Interviewing Tips from a Hiring Manager
- Designing Confidence: Strategies to Manage Job Search Anxiety and Burnout
- Networking Your Way into a Job During COVID-19
- Smart Finances after College
- Summer Funding Info Session
- Job Search: 5 Key Strategies During a Pandemic

**Keynote Speakers**

- Abby Locke ’89: Personal Branding for Your Online Job Search
- Dan Beaudry: Job Search Strategies for International Students
- Mary Owens ’86: Liberal Arts as a Competitive Advantage

**Panel Discussions and Networking**

- Alumni Panel: Making a Living in the Arts
- Alumni Council/GOLD Council Networking Event
- Ask A Recruiter: How to Navigate the COVID-19 Job Market

*Special Bonus:* The first 40 students who attend at least three evening events and complete our post-event survey will earn a $25 gift card — register [here](#).

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**Career Advising Drop-In Hours**

Thursday, Jan. 28, 3 to 4 p.m. EST

During drop-in hours, the Career Connections Center can help you:

- Identify the next step in your career development
• Maximize your Handshake profile
• Discover what ClarkCONNECT can do for you
• Search and prepare for a job or internship
• Answer quick questions about your résumé or cover letter

Register on Handshake — We hope to see you there.

Equality Model Regional Event

The WorldWE Youth Coalition invites students to attend “Let’s Talk: Equality Model” on Feb. 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. EST. The Northeast-focused virtual panel will feature a diverse group of experts and survivor leaders in the anti-sex-trafficking movement, and educates young people about the Equality Model, why survivors of the sex trade support it, and what can be done legally. RSVP here.

Flu Shot Not Required

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is dropping its mandate that all college students receive a flu vaccine before returning to campus. That means Clark students are not required to get vaccinated to attend in-person classes and/or live on campus. DPH cited a relatively mild flu season as the reason for the policy change. If you are still interested in being immunized, check out the availability of receiving the flu vaccine at pharmacies near your home or through your primary care physician’s office. Clark Health Services also has listed several pharmacies within walking distance of Clark that offer the vaccine; appointments may be required.