Welcome Back to Campus

Clark is gearing up for your return later this week, and for in-person/hybrid classes to resume on March 10. We’re anticipating an enjoyable and productive semester, one that keeps our collective health and safety at the forefront. As you prepare to return to campus, a reminder that Clark is recommending that, if possible, anyone who is on campus wear a single KN95 mask or double-mask (wearing a cloth mask over a surgical mask). You will find more information here.

When you return to campus for the semester, you will be tested upon arrival and quarantine in your room until you receive a negative result. While you are in quarantine, you will be able to pick up to-go meals at the dining hall. Even if you have been vaccinated, you must get tested.

Student Town Hall this Thursday

Join Dean of Students Francy Magee, Dean of the College Betsy Huang, and members of the COVID-19 Health and Safety Team for a town hall just for students on Thursday, March 4, at 5 p.m. EST. You’ll hear updates and have the opportunity to ask questions about the spring semester; participate via Zoom.

RLH Move-In Reminders

Residential Life and Housing is excited to welcome Clarkies home to campus this week. View the move-in schedule and click here for tips and information on having a successful move-in experience. If you have any questions or concerns, contact RLH.
Craft Studio Presents Grab and Go Activities

Join the Craft Studio for virtual workshops this weekend. Students in Worcester can stop by the University Center to pick up a to-go bag filled with supplies to make paper window stars, ceramic pinch pots, paper crane origami, and zentangles. Then, log in to get crafty and have some fun. All times EST.

- Friday, March 5, 7 p.m.: Paper Window Stars on Zoom
- Saturday, March 6, 2 p.m.: Ceramic Pinch Pots on Zoom
- Sunday, March 7, 2 p.m.: Paper Crane Origami on Zoom
- Monday, March 8, 7 p.m.: Ceramic Pinch Pots on Zoom
- Tuesday, March 9, 7 p.m.: Doodling Zentangle on Zoom

Pick up your materials at the Student Leadership and Programming Desk on the third floor of the UC starting Thursday, March 4.

Game On for Spring Sports

The New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) has announced an abbreviated schedule for the Spring 2021 season, which means Clark’s baseball, lacrosse, softball, and tennis teams will be facing competition this semester. Clark Athletics is grateful that NEWMAC is allowing us to return to the fields and courts in a way that fosters competition while also safeguarding the health of our players, coaches, and fans. Our student-athletes and coaches have shown amazing resilience throughout the canceled seasons of the past year and have proven how teamwork transcends the games. That same attitude will carry us into spring, with the added benefit of competition against our fellow NEWMAC schools. Clark will be ready to roll! Read more on Clark Athletics.

Visual and Performing Arts Invites You to Get Involved

- **Concert Band**: The Clark University Concert Band, which meets Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. and can be taken for credit, provides an opportunity for brass, woodwind, and percussion musicians to play a wide variety of music. We also are offering a percussion ensemble for all skill levels, from those interested in learning a percussion instrument to seasoned percussionists. Want to get in on the action? Please email director Sam McGill.
- **Jazz**: This semester, Clark will offer two performance ensemble choices — Jazz Workshop (MUSC 174 01), a large ensemble based on the tradition of big band jazz, and Jazz Combo (MUSC 174 02), a series of small ensembles ranging in size from duos to octets. Hybrid synchronous classes and rehearsals for all instrumentalists and vocalists will meet once a week; rhythm sections will perform together, in-person, while wind players and vocalists will perform virtually as individuals. When weather and public health conditions permit, wind players and vocalists may also be able to rehearse in person, outdoors. A year-end final performance will take place either as an outdoor, socially distanced concert or a series of video/audio “studio” recordings.
- **Sinfonia**: Clark Sinfonia is a stand-up string ensemble led by Professor of Practice Peter Sulski. This semester, protocols permitting, the group will rehearse live in Razzo Hall from 7 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday. Performances will include a straight-up classical set, featuring the music of
Mendelssohn, Warlock, Vivaldi, and more, as well as an outdoor concert with music of the Beatles, Led Zeppelin, and Jimi Hendrix.

- **Clark Choirs**: The Clark University Choirs E-Board will be scheduling some social events this semester and we will hopefully sing together outside when the weather allows — socially distanced, of course. The Chamber Chorus is rehearsing in person on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. in Michelson Theatre (Little Center), and has two concerts planned in April and May. There are currently just two openings in this ensemble, both for baritones or basses. If you are interested, contact Prof. Cailin Marcel Manson as soon as possible.

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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 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 international students, whether they are in the U.S. or their home country. Below, you can find some of our offerings for the upcoming semester; all times are EST.

- **Coffee Hours**: This is a weekly social hour; we have themed conversation topics but start out with an informal check in and introductions. This is a great time to (virtually) meet other students from across Clark departments, including the School of Professional Studies, School of Management, and the International Development, Community, and Environment Department. Meet us on Zoom every Tuesday at 9 a.m.

- **Game Night**: Virtual game night is a chance to unwind and have fun with friends across the Clark community. Our graduate assistant leads this event, which includes games like charades, quiz show competitions, trivia, and more. Game night takes place every Thursday at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

- **Peer Mentor Sessions**: In these 45- to 60-minute sessions, Peer Mentors from the American Language and Culture Institute at Clark present a topic for all Clark students to discuss. Sessions include time for individual questions and answers. Peer Mentors also are available to walk students through Clark resources, such as ClarkYOU or Moodle. These sessions are held every Monday morning at 9 a.m. on Zoom.

- **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, and more. The group meets every Wednesday at 8 a.m. on Zoom.

- **Academic Support**: The IC offers weekly English skill sessions — in areas such as advanced grammar, pronunciation, and reading — to help you feel confident in your English language usage. These skill sessions take place every Thursday at 8 a.m. on Zoom. The IC is also home to a tutor who can work one-on-one with you if English is not your first language; you can receive feedback on your writing assignment drafts, practice presentations, and work on résumés with the ELL tutor. Email tutor Khiran Raj 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 on Wednesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon on Zoom.

- **CPT Workshops**: If you are interested in learning more about Curricular Practical Training (CPT), we encourage you to attend the next workshop on Thursday, March 11, at 11 a.m. on Zoom.
• **OPT Workshops:** You are required to attend an Optional Practical Training (OPT) workshop if you plan to apply for OPT; we urge you to apply even if you are still undecided about applying for OPT. The next workshop is on Monday, March 15, at 2 p.m. on Zoom.

The IC, located in Corner House, consists of three different departments: American Language and Culture Institute (ALCI), International Programs, and the International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO). While each office has its own specialization, everyone who works in the International Center supports the needs of Clark’s international community. Please do not hesitate to contact the International Center with any questions or if you need additional information.

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**Career Connections Center**

**Biotech in Our Backyard**
Wednesday, March 3, at 3 p.m. EST
Join [here](#)

Biotechnology is one of the world’s fastest growing fields, and there are ample opportunities and widespread application across multiple industries — food, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, bioproducts, textiles, medicine, nutrition, environmental conservation, animal sciences — in Worcester. Don’t miss this discussion on how you can explore biotech and prepare for opportunities. Professor Denis Larochelle will lead the discussion, which will include the following Clark students and alumni:

- Ilina Ivanova ’22 Zu Shen ’04, vice president, Massachusetts Biomedical Initiatives
- Ivan Yanachkov ’96, vice president, medicinal chemistry, Zata Pharmaceuticals Inc.
- Kryngle Daly ’10, founder, KBioBox Inc.

**Opportunity Funding Information Session**
Thursday, March 4, 1–2 p.m.
Register on [Handshake](#)

This info session will give you a broad overview of funding available to undergraduates for summer internships, research, and self-designed projects. The Zoom link will be emailed to you after you register.