Happy Last Week of Summer, Clarkies!

Campus is already bustling with dozens of student leaders and early arrivals ready for the academic year – and we are eager for your return to campus in just a few days! If you have any questions, please email the Dean of Students office.

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Move-in and Welcome Back Activities This Weekend

Students living on campus are encouraged to move in on Saturday, August 21, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., but are welcome to move in anytime over the weekend. Residential Life and Housing has sent residential students detailed information about this process.

We encourage everyone to begin at the Shaich Family Alumni and Student Engagement Center (ASEC) to check in, and then proceed to the University Center for COVID testing.

Returning students are invited to several activities to help (re)acclimate to campus:

- **Student Life Resources and Activities**  
  **Saturday, August 21, beginning at 2 p.m.**  
  Tabling activities in Red Square and Dana Commons will introduce you to offices, programs, and student clubs that are integral to your Clark experience. Find out about student involvement, wellness, community-based work-study, dining, and our new ClarkRIDE and Clark Shuttle for transportation around campus and beyond. We highly encourage any students who were remote-only last year to participate!
• **Clark After Dark**  
  *Saturday, August 21, beginning at 7 p.m.*  
  Take a tour — of campus, Worcester, or Clark’s neighborhood (by foot) — then check out late-night activities like roller skating and caricatures!

• Log in to [ClarkEngage](https://clarkengage.clarku.edu) to learn more about Sunday programs, including crafting, academic interest meetings, an esports interest meeting, and the Welcome Back Campus BBQ.

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**Let’s Work Toward a Healthy and Safe Fall Semester**

Be sure to familiarize yourself with the [Healthy Clark Plan](#) for the fall semester, which covers the risk-reduction measures for the start of the fall semester, including the vaccine requirement, mask-wearing, testing, and information about visitors, isolation, and quarantine.

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**Center for Counseling and Personal Growth**

The [Center for Counseling and Personal Growth](#) (CPG) will begin seeing students for mental health support on August 23. This year, we will be offering virtual individual therapy sessions Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., as well as virtual “walk-in” hours, Monday through Friday, 1 to 3 p.m. CPG also will offer eight different groups for the fall, which will meet in person in a tent behind the counseling center ([click here](#) for more information).

To schedule an appointment or learn more about our services, please call CPG at 508-793-7678 or email counseling@clarku.edu. If you need support in the evenings or weekends when the counseling center is closed, you have two options:

1. CPG After Hours is available from 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. on weekdays and 24/7 on the weekends. During those hours, call CPG at 508-793-7678, option 2, and you can speak to a therapist about any issue you have, large or small.

2. You can visit our Peer Support Workers Monday through Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., in room 202 of Goddard Library. These are highly trained undergraduate students who can provide peer non-crisis emotional support. To see a Peer Support Worker, you can just walk in, or you can schedule an appointment with them [here](#).
Are you an undergrad thinking about working on campus this year?

If you have worked at Clark before, please have your supervisor submit your hiring form to the Office of Financial Assistance at least one week before you plan to begin working. If you haven’t worked at Clark before, please complete the undergraduate student employee onboarding process and make sure your supervisor submits your hiring form at least one week before you plan to begin working. For undergraduate students new to working at Clark, please note that you will need your original form of identification to complete this process. Keep in mind that you cannot begin working until you have fully completed the onboarding process. Contact Financial Aid Services with any questions.

Meet the CARE Team

The DOS CARE (Campus Assessment, Response, and Education) Team provides wrap-around services that connect you with academic, personal, and social resources to keep you on track and engaged, and allow you to focus on your academics while at Clark. When you are unsure of where to go for help, our office is a great place to start. We will work closely with you to determine the best plan of support and resources based on your unique needs.

Although our team works collaboratively and with other departments on a variety of areas, you also can also meet with us individually.

Rebecca Kitchell, Ed.D.
Associate Dean for Student CARE
You may want to meet with me if:

- You want to learn more about connecting with additional campus resources to support your self-care.
- You want to explore options to assist you with your academic success.
- You have experienced a financial emergency and you want to explore other opportunities for funding and support.

Lamara J. Burgess, M.S.Ed.
Director of Student Support Management
You may want to meet with me if:

- You want to discuss a change in your student status and need assistance with the process.
- You need additional support because you are experiencing life stressors that affect your ability to participate fully in the academic or social community.
- You want to inquire about campus resources and are not sure where to start.

We are excited to welcome you back to campus soon, and encourage you to connect with our team at any point in the semester. If you have any questions, please contact DOS CARE.