



Important Information About Unemployment Fraud

A number of Clark University employees have reported receiving fraudulent 1099-G tax forms, which are only issued to people who have received unemployment compensation. If you were sent one of these (“Certain Government Payments”) **but did not receive any unemployment payments** in 2020, you should immediately fill out the [Massachusetts unemployment fraud reporting form](#).

[Read IRS identity theft guidance regarding unemployment compensation reporting »](#)

[Read the latest updates from the Mass. Department of Unemployment Assistance »](#)

Clark’s Spring Reopening Plan

President David Fithian and Provost Davis Baird announced Monday the University’s plans to welcome students back to campus for the Spring 2021 semester. While classes will begin as planned on Monday, February 22, all classes will be conducted online to start. Residence hall move-in days are March 5 and 6, and in-person classes will begin on Wednesday, March 10.

“Clark demonstrated last fall that we can provide an enriching and safe in-person experience with solid planning, ongoing monitoring of trends, and assertive testing, policies/protocols, and rapid response,” they wrote in a message to the community. “We are confident that we have created a prudent timeline and plan to promote an effective and smooth transition for our students, who continue to astound us with their ability to adapt to these historic circumstances with grace and persistence.”

[Read their full message »](#)

Student Compensation During Delayed Return to Campus

Student employees who were scheduled and approved to work **on campus** at the start of the spring semester, and who cannot work due to the delayed return to campus, will continue to be paid for their missed time. They should enter their scheduled hours in the “COVID-19 Related Absence” field on their time sheet, then inform their supervisor so the time sheet can be approved. Students who are unsure of their scheduled hours should check with their supervisor. Find additional information on student employment [here](#).

Learning Opportunities from Fidelity and TIAA

TIAA and Fidelity offer live webinars each month to help you with your financial goals. You do not need to be enrolled with either company to access the webinars, which also are available for viewing on demand.

TIAA

[Register here for access](#) to the webinars and other resources. If you are not enrolled in a TIAA retirement account, you may register for guest access. In February, live webinars will cover topics including the foundations of investing, market-proofing your retirement, managing your income and debt, saving for your ideal retirement, and understanding health savings accounts.

Fidelity

[Visit the Fidelity Learning Center](#) to find live and on-demand webinars and other resources. Upcoming webinars will cover fixed-rate choices, real-time trading ideas, and market insights. The Learning Center also includes articles about 2021 interest rates, keeping your money resolutions, and avoiding tax pitfalls.

Retirement Announcement from Financial Services

After more than 10 years of dedicated service to Clark, payroll manager Lynne St. George will be retiring on February 26. Although we will miss her hard work, commitment, and good humor, we wish her the best of luck and hope that her retirement is all that she deserves. While we cannot get together in person due to the pandemic’s current constraints, unfortunately, we encourage you to reach out to Lynne to congratulate her and wish her well.

Students’ Work on Display (Virtually) in Winter Fest

Since 2000, Clark students have had the opportunity to showcase their summer research and projects in an annual event called Fall Fest. This year’s event has a new twist and a new name: Winter Fest.

The campuswide event will be held virtually on Feb. 5 via [Moodle](#). Use your Clark email address and password to participate. Once enrolled, you will be able to view students’ posters and prerecorded presentations; select links to live Zoom presentations; and submit questions and comments to

presenters.

Clark Virtual Book Club Celebrates Black History Month

Join the Alumni and Friends Virtual Book Club on **Feb. 23 at 6 p.m.** EST as we explore the life and work of one of Clark's most distinguished alumni, the late D'Army Bailey '65, LL.D '10, P '00. Laura Robinson, university librarian, will be joined by a special guest host, Justin Bailey '00, for an in-depth discussion of his father's book, "The Education of a Black Radical: A Southern Civil Rights Activist's Journey, 1959-1964."

Click [here](#) to register, and [read more about D'Army Bailey here](#) .

Resources and Opportunities

- Clark's Employee Assistance Program provides confidential, free assessments and referral services for legal and financial consultations, child care, crisis support, mental health treatment, lifestyle coaching, substance abuse treatment, and more. Visit [New Directions Behavioral Health](#); our company code is "Clark University."
- The University's ombudsperson, Israela Brill-Cass, is an informal, confidential, neutral, and independent resource for staff and faculty who want to discuss any concern, issue, or conflict — without fear of retaliation or judgment. [Click here](#) to learn more and make an appointment.
- LinkedIn Learning offers a vast catalog of courses covering technical and professional skills, as well as personal development. [Learn more here](#).
- Visit [ClarkNow](#) for the latest news from campus, and check out where Clark faculty and staff experts appear [in the media](#).
- Learn about employment opportunities Clark by visiting the [Job Opportunities](#) page on the [Office of Human Resources](#) website.



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