



TODAY: Celebrate Our Students' Work at ClarkFEST

Today is ClarkFEST, which highlights the academic and research excellence of Clark's talented undergraduate students through work conducted under the mentorship of the University's faculty and staff. President David Fithian and Provost Sebastián Royo will be joined by guest speaker Frederick Lawrence, secretary/CEO of Phi Beta Kappa, to launch the event at **12:30 p.m. in Tilton Hall**. Afterward, we encourage you to view the **80 student research posters** and engage with student presenters.

[Read about ClarkFEST on ClarkNow »](#)

[View the ClarkFEST Spring 2022 Program »](#)

In addition to research posters in Tilton Hall, you can attend **oral presentations and panel discussions** in four locations across campus — ASEC rooms 111 and 202, and the Prouty and Fuller rooms on the fourth floor of Goddard Library — and check out **30 interactive media exhibits** at the Becker School of Design & Technology's Barrett Student Center, 80 William Street. Street parking should be available at this location, or you may use the Clark Shuttle.

If you can't attend in person, we invite you to [register to attend the ClarkFEST Virtual Expo](#)

Celebrate Clark's Presidential Inauguration This Weekend

We are just a few days away from the inauguration of David B. Fithian '87 as Clark's 10th president ... and our celebration of all that is so special about our University.

If you are planning to attend, we can't wait to see you. If you are unable to be with us in person, we encourage you to tune in virtually. Both the [Academic Symposium](#) sessions on Friday, April 29, and the [inauguration ceremony](#) on Saturday, April 30, will be streamed online. We also invite everyone to gather on the Clark campus green for our post-ceremony celebration festival, beginning at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

From noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday, **complimentary shuttles** will be traveling in a continual loop between the Clark campus (pickup and drop-off at the main gate), [Mechanics Hall](#) (the location of the inauguration ceremony), and the [AC Hotel Worcester](#).

Finally, do join us on social! Share your photos and what you love about Clark, and send your congratulations and best wishes to President Fithian, by posting to your social media profiles using hashtags #ClarkU10thPrez and #CelebrateClark. We look forward to a fabulous celebration!

Payroll Deadlines for Fiscal Year-end

As the Office of Human Resources prepares for the end of Fiscal Year 2022 on May 31, please note that any changes requiring payroll processing — including employee pay/deduction changes or **payroll authorizations** for services performed from June 1, 2021, to May 31, 2022 — must be submitted **by noon on Wednesday, May 11**.

Similarly, **Grant Payroll Authorizations** for services performed from June 1, 2021, to May 31, 2022, must be submitted to Grants Accounting **by the end of business on Tuesday, May 10**.

Human Resources cannot guarantee that Payroll Authorizations or Grant Payroll Authorization forms received after these deadlines will be processed in the May 20, 2022, pay cycle.

Please note: There is no change to the timesheet submission process or deadlines for the May 20 or June 3 pay periods.

Welcome to Clark!

Please join us in welcoming our newest Clark colleagues who joined our community in April.

- Justin Balcourt, Assistant Director, ALCI
 - Linda Bassett, Office Coordinator, Planning and Strategic Initiatives
 - Katie George, Payment Specialist, Financial Services
 - Nicholas Kalil, Officer Recruit, University Police
 - Emily Stark, Director of Student Accessibility Services, Dean of the College
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May 6: Join Undergraduate Admissions for a Thank You Reception

The Undergraduate Admissions team would like to thank everyone in the Clark community who helped us recruit and yield the Class of 2026. In appreciation of all faculty and staff who contributed to our efforts this year, we invite you to a **Thank-You Reception** on Friday, May 6, at 4 p.m. We are hoping for good weather so we can gather on the patio outside of the Bassett Visitors Center; we will move indoors in the event of rain.

Please stop by and join us for light refreshments, wine, beer, and non-alcoholic beverages, and help us celebrate all you've done to bring excellent students to Clark next year. We appreciate and thank you for your time, talents, and energy.

Volunteer to Help Make Commencement Special

[Clark's 118th Commencement](#) will take place on Sunday, May 22 — and we're looking for Clark staff volunteers to help make the day run smoothly.

Non-exempt staff will be paid for their time working commencement, and exempt staff may work with their supervisors to take time off during the workweek for the day(s) they help with Commencement.

Volunteers find that it is incredibly rewarding to be part of the most exciting day of the year for graduating students and their families. It's also a great way to meet other staff members and get involved on campus.

Please contact Sheri Davis at commencement@clarku.edu by April 29 to let her know that you're interested in helping celebrate the accomplishments of our students at commencement.

Help Alumni and Friends Launch Spree for Clark (and Enjoy Ice Cream)

Join the Office of Alumni and Friends Engagement and The Clark Fund to kick off this year's Spree for Clark — our 24-hour giving event — with an ice cream social in Red Square on **Wednesday, May 4**, from noon to 2 p.m.

We invite you to come mingle with your colleagues, win Clark swag by playing trivia, and, if you participate in the giving day, help us reach our goal of 500 donors in 24 hours. When we reach that goal, Clark Trustee Wendi Trilling '86 and Stephen Trilling will contribute \$25,000 to support Clark! Gifts of all sizes, supporting any area at Clark, will help us reach our goal.

The ice cream social is FREE to all Clark staff, faculty, and students.

[Learn more about Spree for Clark](#) and if you have any questions, please feel free to [reach out to Nicole \(Missino\) Forgit](#).

Retirement Learning Opportunities

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. May webinars will cover the benefits of early retirement planning, estate planning considerations, how HSAs can help you save for retirement expenses, and 529 college savings plans.

Fidelity

[Visit the Fidelity Learning Center](#) to find live and on-demand webinars and other resources. May webinars will cover topics including the metaverse and cryptocurrency, options trading, bond-buying insights, how to discuss investing with teens, and different stock investing approaches.

Join the Conversation with Staff Assembly in Microsoft Teams

The Staff Assembly Steering Committee (SASC) invites you to contribute to its user groups within the Microsoft Teams environment. These groups provide opportunities for staff to ask questions and find (or provide) support to their colleagues in a variety of areas. The groups are set up as channels within the [Staff Assembly Team](#) — you'll be able to connect with your colleagues and ask questions about or share tips and tricks on Clark systems, software, and other topics. Also check out what's happening at the Virtual Water Cooler!

If you have suggestions for future channels, go to the "General" conversation and let us know, or [email SASC](#). You can also email us with comments or concerns that you'd like the Steering Committee to discuss and/or bring to Clark's Senior Leadership.

Resources and Opportunities

- [Find previous employee newsletters »](#)
- LinkedIn Learning offers a vast catalog of courses covering technical and professional skills, as well as personal development. [Learn more »](#)

- The University’s ombudsperson, Israela Brill-Cass, is an informal, confidential, neutral, and independent resource for staff and faculty who want to discuss any topic without fear of retaliation or judgment. [Learn more and make an appointment »](#)
- 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.”
- Questions about Clark’s COVID procedures and protocols? Email covid-19-info@clarku.edu
- 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 at Clark by visiting the [Job Opportunities](#) page on the [Office of Human Resources](#) website.



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