



### Mark Your Calendars: Sessions on COVID-19 Policies and Plans for Fall

Human Resources and the COVID Advisory Group invite faculty and staff to hear about and discuss Clark's COVID-19 policies and plans for the fall semester. Please mark your calendars; Zoom links will be sent soon.

- Session for Faculty: Wednesday, August 10; 2–3 p.m.
- Session for Staff: Wednesday, August 17; 2–3 p.m.

We continue to track available data and science and anticipate a full and vibrant campus life in the fall. COVID-19 is expected to be with us for years to come, and in this new phase we are working toward sustainable policies and practices that provide opportunities for individuals to mitigate risks and for our community to be as resilient and engaged as possible. At this time, but subject to change in the coming weeks, we anticipate opening the fall semester with masks recommended in crowded indoor spaces, while faculty will be able to establish mask policies within their own classrooms, and staff may ask others to wear masks in office spaces. Masks and rapid tests will be available for all faculty, students, and staff, and our vaccine requirement remains in place.

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### Welcome to Clark

Please join us in welcoming our newest Clark colleagues!

- Khald Aboalayon, Master of Science in Data Analytics Program Lead; School of Professional Studies
  - Naomi Ashley, Assistant Director of Programming and First-Generation Student Support; Identity, Student Engagement, and Access
  - Karen Augustyn, Academic Adviser; School of Professional Studies
  - Della Burke, First-Year Success Adviser; Dean of the College
  - Matt Essig, Senior Systems Administrator; Information Technology Services
  - Azariah Kurlantzick, First-Year Success Adviser; Dean of the College
  - Tessa Johnson-Marchessault, Graduate Admissions Adviser; Graduate Admissions
  - Desarai Liberty, Assistant Director; Student Accessibility Services
  - Amy Rasmussen, Assistant Director of International Recruitment; Graduate Admissions
  - Antonio Santiago, Custodian; Facilities Management
  - Tyler Scipione, Assistant Visitor Center Coordinator; Undergraduate Admissions
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## Call for Volunteers: Greet and Help New Students on Move-In Day

On August 25, almost 800 new undergraduate students will arrive on campus to start their Clark journeys — and the Dean of Students office is looking for volunteers to help welcome the newest Clarkies and their families to campus.

[Sign up to volunteer by Friday, August 5 »](#)

Having student, faculty, staff, and alumni volunteers on hand to greet new students is an important — and valued — tradition at Clark. From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., volunteers greet families in the waiting area parking lot; help students find their residence halls, parking areas, the dining hall, and the orientation kickoff event; manage elevator access; and support student check-in.

If you sign up to help, you will receive a volunteer T-shirt to wear during your shift(s) and free lunch on Move-In Day — along with the gratitude and appreciation of our new students and families!

Please check with your supervisor before you sign up to help on Move-In Day. You should also plan to attend an info session in the days before students arrive.

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## Find (and Add) Events in the Campus Calendar

The University's new email compilation of stories, videos, photos, podcasts, and more, ClarkNow, captures everything that is so special about Clark — and also includes our new campuswide [events calendar](#), which highlights major events, lectures, performances, exhibits, and other happenings on and around campus.

As we rapidly approach the start of the fall semester, we encourage offices and departments to add their events to the calendar as early as possible. [About the calendar »](#)

[Share your feedback and ideas about ClarkNow »](#)

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## Nominate a Colleague for Staff Assembly Steering Committee

The Staff Assembly Steering Committee (SASC) is now accepting nominations to fill open seats.

The SASC drives staff initiatives and involvement in University decision-making. Please consider nominating a staff colleague who will help represent the breadth of departments and rich diversity of professionals on campus!

[Submit nominations »](#)

If you have questions, please feel free to [email the SASC](#).

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## Care.com Webinar Addresses Parental Burnout

For more than two years, parents have had to figure out how to keep their families going through the instability of the pandemic. In this Care.com webinar on **Tuesday, August 9, at noon**, life and career coach Letisha Bereola will share how to build new systems that support your new life and enable you to thrive.

[Register for the webinar »](#)

You will learn tips and gain insight to help you achieve balance in the school, work, and social aspects of your life, and to keep burnout at bay — whether working in the office full time, from home full time, or somewhere in between.

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## Health Plan Transparency Compliance

The [Office of Human Resources website](#) now includes a link to Harvard Pilgrim Health Care’s web page of [machine-readable files](#) as required by the federal Transparency in Coverage Rule. These files include negotiated service rates and out-of-network allowed amounts between health plans and healthcare providers. The machine-readable files are formatted to allow researchers, regulators, and application developers to more easily access and analyze data.

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## Check out Staff Assembly’s User Groups in Microsoft Teams

The Staff Assembly Steering Committee (SASC) continues to expand 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](#) — we invite you to connect with your colleagues and ask questions about or share tips and tricks on Clark systems, software, and other topics, including a new group for staff whose jobs include writing.

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.

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## 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.”

Learn about employment opportunities at Clark by visiting the [Job Opportunities](#) page on the [Office of Human Resources](#) website.



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