

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE



Bengal Family Newsletter April 2022

Opening Statement from the Dean of Students



Dear Bengal Families,

In just a few short weeks, the school year will end, and our Bengal graduates will leave campus with their diplomas in hand. What an exciting time of year on campus! Whether your Bengal is completing their first year, graduating, or somewhere in between, we can all agree that time has flown by. Our college years are some of the most exciting years, and a time where our Bengals are figuring out not just what will they do, but ultimately, who they will be. Hopefully your student has been able to plan for their summer. There is still time to work with our [Career Development Center](#) to apply for internships and jobs back home. We also have opportunities for students to stay on campus and assist us in orienting our new Bengals to campus throughout the summer. If your student is interested in summer opportunities, please have them reach out to [Student Leadership and Engagement](#) to learn more about the application process. As your student prepares for their summer, please let them know we are here to assist them in finding ways to make their summer meaningful. We are also here to help plan for next fall. Have a great rest of the spring and a safe end of the semester.

Sincerely,
Sarah Young, Dean of Students

The Countdown to Commencement is On!



Ceremony registration and ticket distribution for Buffalo State College's 150th Commencement ceremony started on April 14 and runs through May 20. Families of graduating seniors, please encourage your graduate to plan ahead to register and to [purchase caps and gowns](#). Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 21 in the Buffalo State Sports Arena.

Commencement Planning

As you begin planning for commencement, please review the [Families section](#) of the commencement website to find ceremony times and durations, the academic school degree listings to determine which ceremony your graduate is attending, gift suggestions for your graduate, directions to campus, and more. Also review the [Bachelor's Ceremonies Viewing Options](#) for helpful information about guest tickets and options for guests without tickets. Please know, all guests entering the Sports Arena, including babies and small children, require a guest ticket for entry. A comfortable, air-conditioned alternative with live stream viewing is provided in the Campbell Student Union Social Hall for guests without tickets. Tickets are not required for the receptions following each ceremony.

Commencement Photos

A professional photographer will take photos of each graduate on commencement day as they cross the stage and will provide access to the photos for purchase following commencement. Guests are not allowed to approach the stage during the ceremony.

Prior to commencement day, families are welcome to join their grads in attending the [Cross the Stage event](#) from May 9 to May 11 to take pre-commencement photos. This event does not replace the commencement ceremony, but is a fun opportunity for graduates, friends, and family to take your own photos on a decorated portable stage with your graduate in their cap and gown!

Visit Buffalo State College and the Buffalo Niagara Region



Many of you may soon be planning your trip to campus to pick up your student at the end of the spring semester. We want you to have a nice visit and be able to navigate our campus as easily as possible. As a reminder, you can [take a virtual tour of campus](#) prior to your arrival and [view our campus map](#). We also want to encourage you to explore our local neighborhoods! [Learn more about visiting the Buffalo Niagara Region](#).

Remind Students to Return Textbook Rentals by Due Date



As the spring semester comes to an end, please remind students to return any textbook rentals to the Buffalo State bookstore in good condition by the rental due date. All rented textbooks are due back to the bookstore – or must be postmarked – by the last day of final exams, or as otherwise noted. If students registered their email address with the bookstore, they will receive reminder notifications as their textbook rental due date approaches. To learn more, [view frequently asked questions about textbook rentals](#).

Residence Life Policies for Finals Week, Spring Semester Move Out, and Summer Housing Options



Finals Week Policies

Leading up to finals week, a 24-hour quiet hour policy and “no guest” policy will take effect in all residence halls beginning Sunday, May 8 at 10:00 p.m., and will remain in effect until all buildings officially close on Saturday, May 21 at 12:00 p.m. All residential students must move out of their residence halls 24 hours after their final examination.

Spring Semester Move Out

When students are ready to move out of their residence hall at the end of the spring semester, they will need to empty their room and common areas of all belongings. Any belongings that are left behind after students check out will be considered abandoned property and will be discarded by Residence Life staff. Please note if students leave behind trash or significant abandoned property, it may result in additional charges to their student account. Prior to and after a student checks out of their room, Residence Life staff will conduct a room inspection. Any damages to the space or furniture may result in damage billing to that student, or to all students, in an assigned suite or apartment. After students empty their room and common areas, they will return any assigned keys, key cards, or key fobs issued by Residence Life to their building desk. Check out will be conducted by Residence Life staff, or through the building Express Check Out system if staff are not present. For questions about moving out, please contact Residence Life building staff or the Residence Life Office at [716-878-3000](tel:716-878-3000) or reslife@buffalostate.edu.

Summer Housing Options

Residence Life offers summer housing options for students who are enrolled in Buffalo State Summer Sessions. To be eligible for summer housing, students must be enrolled in the Early Summer Session (May 31 - July 1), Late Summer Session (July 11 - August 12), or the entire Variable Summer Session (May 31 - August 12). [View more information about Summer Session courses.](#)

Summer housing for students will be offered in the Student Apartment Complex at a rate of \$60 per night. Please note students will not be eligible to remain in their current housing assignment for any of the summer sessions. If students are enrolled in the Early Summer Session or the entire Variable Summer Session, they will be able to move directly into their summer housing assignment on May 20. If students are living on campus in the Fall and they are enrolled in the Late Summer Session or the entire Variable Summer Session, they may be eligible to move directly into their Fall housing assignment on August 13.

To request summer housing, please advise students to submit a [Summer Housing Request](#). Students will be required to provide proof of registration for summer sessions when submitting the request. Failing to provide proof of registration will result in denial of any request. For questions, please contact the Residence Life office at [716-878-3000](tel:716-878-3000) or reslife@buffalostate.edu.

Career Development Center Helps Students Find Summer Jobs or Internships

It's not too late for students to find summer jobs or internships, and the Career Development Center is here to help! Application deadlines are fast approaching, so now is the time for students to start looking for opportunities.



Students can access Buffalo State's online job board [BengalLink](#) to find part-time, full-time, summer, and internship opportunities. Openings are posted from employers in the Western New York region and across the country, and organizations include corporations, government agencies, and non-profits such as cultural organizations and human services agencies.



Within BengalLink, students can also access and search CareerShift, a job and internship resource that lists thousands of jobs and internships, including opportunities for remote work.

The Career Development Center staff is happy to help students search for jobs and internships, update their resume, craft a cover letter, or run through a practice interview. Please encourage students to contact the Career Development Center at [716-878-5811](tel:716-878-5811) or askcdc@buffalostate.edu to schedule a virtual or in-person appointment.

Students Can Apply for the Frederick and Marilyn Howe Community Engagement Scholarship



Please let students know the Frederick and Marilyn Howe Community Engagement Scholarship is now accepting applications until June 13. This opportunity provides up to a four-year scholarship to a student from Western New York who has done significant volunteer work to address community and social issues and who will commit to continuing to volunteer as a college student. Incoming freshmen and students who will have sophomore status in fall 2022 and who will be enrolled full time at Buffalo State may be eligible to apply for the Frederick and Marilyn Howe Community Engagement Scholarship.

Full student eligibility requirements include the following:

- Freshman or sophomore status in fall 2022.
- Enrolled full time at Buffalo State.
- Resident graduate of a Western New York high school.
- Grade point average (GPA) of 85 percent in high school and 2.5 in college.
- Community service or leadership experience.
- Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Details and application information can be found on the [Civic and Community Engagement website](#). Please encourage students to submit their application for the Frederick and Marilyn Howe Community Engagement Scholarship by June 13 in the [Campus Application Portal for Scholarships \(CAPS\)](#).

Tell Students: Sign Up for Buff State Alert to Receive Campus Emergency Notifications



Buff State Alert is the campus emergency notification system. Students, faculty, and staff members who wish to enroll in Buff State Alert or modify their contact information in the system may do so by visiting the [Buff State Alert website](#) and logging in with their Buffalo State user name and password. Anyone who does not have a Buffalo State username or password can still sign up for text messages only from Buff State Alert by texting the word “buffalostate” to 79516.

Buff State Alert is used to convey messages regarding serious campus safety issues, utility failures, or weather-related campus wide closures and cancellations. Buff State Alert is capable of sending text messages, recorded voice messages, and email messages to multiple addresses and phone numbers. Additionally, the system is capable of immediately posting messages to the Buffalo State home page, social media sites, the campus cable system, and select video message boards.

Personal data provided to Buff State Alert will not be used for any other purpose or for campus information broadcast. If you have questions about Buff State Alert, please contact the IT Help Desk at [716-878-4357](tel:716-878-4357) or ithelpdesk@buffalostate.edu, or [view instructions for how to manage your Buff State Alert account](#).

Student Highlights

This month, we are highlighting two students who were nominated for this year's President's Medal Award and SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. Meet the student award nominees!

Ishmael Hargrove, President's Medal Award Nominee



Ishmael Hargrove earned both his Master's Degree and Graduate Certificate in Adult Education at Buffalo State College. Ishmael was nominated as a finalist for the President's Medal Award, the highest honor awarded to a Buffalo State student. Ishmael performed extensive independent research on sports nutrition and its impact on athletic performance and overall health. From this research, he presented several sports nutrition seminars to multiple Buffalo State teams during his time as a graduate student. Ishmael also demonstrated relentless efforts to spread fairness and equality among those he worked with, leading to him receive the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Scholarship from the National Strength & Conditioning Association.

Cody Crist, SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence Nominee



Cody Crist is a U.S. Army veteran and non-traditional student at Buffalo State College and is a member of the Muriel A. Howard Honors program. Cody was nominated for the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence, the highest honor awarded to a student within the State University of New York system. Cody is a diligent researcher, worked as an undergraduate student teaching assistant, and earned an Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship in Geology. Cody also conducted research on behalf of the college's Whitworth Ferguson Planetarium and serves as president of the college's Astronomy/Geology Club. Beyond campus, Cody has volunteered to train disabled and amputee veterans in rock climbing and mental health exercises and is also a volunteer firefighter at UCREST Fire Department.

Upcoming Events

Buffalo State Talks Presentation About Native Species and Climate Change



Please join us for the first speaker in a new series, “Buffalo State Talks,” when **Dr. Robert Warren**, associate professor of **Biology**, presents “Native Trees Link Humans and Nature in Urban Ecosystems” on Wednesday, April 20, at 6:00 p.m. in the LoRusso Alumni and Visitor Center. Dr. Warren will cover how, in our green world, not all that is green is fit to eat. Dr. Warren’s talk will be followed by a question-and-answer session. The series is free and open to the public. Please **register in advance** to attend.

R.A.D. Women’s Basic Self-Defense Classes



Buffalo State College students, faculty, and staff are invited to participate in the R.A.D. Aggression Defense course, a four-week program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques that begins on Wednesday, April 20, and continues each Wednesday through May 11 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Buckham Hall A114.

The R.A.D. System is a comprehensive course for women that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction, and avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. R.A.D. is not a martial arts program. Courses are taught by certified R.A.D. instructors and provide participants with a workbook and reference manual that outlines the entire physical defense program for reference and continuous personal growth. The 12-hour R.A.D. program is conducted in four sessions, and participants must attend all sessions.

For questions, please email University Police Lieutenant Richard Myers at myersrf@buffalostate.edu or call **716-878-6333**. Please **register in the Workshop Registration System** to attend.

Homage Exhibit of African American Artifacts



The Homage Exhibit, a collection of more than 500 pieces of African American cultural and historical artifacts, will be on display Thursday, April 21, from noon to 6:00 p.m. in the Campbell Student Union. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Nia McAdoo, Buffalo native, collector, and exhibit curator, will be on site to interpret the artifacts, answer questions, and provide insight into this extensive collection. The exhibit displays select pieces from the private collection of Ms. McAdoo such as Romare Bearden and Elizabeth Catlett. To view the complete inventory, **visit The Homage Exhibit website**.

Legacy in Dance Performance



Buffalo State College's Theater Department, dance program, and Casting Hall Productions invite you to join us for Legacy in Dance on Thursday, April 21, at 12:30 and 7:00 p.m. and Friday, April 22, at 7:00 p.m. in Upton Hall's Warren Enters Theatre. Legacy in Dance combines a video montage with live performance to celebrate dance at Buffalo State College. As part of the college's 150th anniversary celebration, Legacy in Dance takes a look at the collaborations between faculty choreographers and student artists over the past three decades. Tickets can be purchased in person at the Rockwell Hall Box Office, by phone at [716-878-3005](tel:716-878-3005), or [online](#).

On-Campus Service Project – Making No-Sew Blankets



Students, faculty, and staff members are invited to participate in Buffalo State's [Civic Engagement Series](#) on Friday, April 22, from 12:00 to 4:30 p.m. in Caudell Hall 208. Stop by to participate in our final event of the semester—making no-sew blankets to donate to the Matt Urban Center, an organization located on Buffalo's East Side with a mission to revitalize neighborhoods, serve families, and change lives.

Community Engagement – Voice Buffalo on Campus



Do you want to be a part of social justice? The [Civic and Community Engagement Office](#) will host Voice Buffalo on Wednesday, April 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Campbell Student Union lobby. [Voice Buffalo](#) was founded in 1996 by a diverse group of faith, labor, business, and community leaders who saw injustices happening in their community. For questions, please contact the Civic and Community Engagement Office at cce@buffalostate.edu or [716-878-3919](tel:716-878-3919).

President's Spring Student Forum



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Thursday, April 28, 2022

12:15 - 1:00 p.m.

PLEASE JOIN TO CONNECT VIRTUALLY WITH CAMPUS LEADERSHIP. QUESTIONS FOR OPEN DISCUSSION ARE ENCOURAGED WHEN REGISTERING.



Register for Zoom link:
<https://tinyurl.com/springforum2>



President Conway-Turner is hosting a virtual Spring Student Forum on Thursday, April 28 from 12:15 to 1:00 p.m. All students are invited to attend this open session to ask any questions about the spring semester. [Students can register now for the Zoom meeting link.](https://tinyurl.com/springforum2)

Defensive Driving Course



The Buffalo State College Alumni Association and Liberty Mutual Insurance Company will offer a defensive driving course for Buffalo State students, alumni, faculty, and staff on Saturday, April 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Ketchum Hall 106. To enroll, please call Damien Lawrence, Buffalo State's local representative, at [716-984-9111](tel:716-984-9111). The registration deadline for this class is Wednesday, April 27.

Take this class offered through Liberty Mutual to save money on your auto insurance. Friends and relatives are also welcome if accompanied by a student, alumnus, faculty or staff member. The discount is 10 percent off liability insurance in New York state, regardless of one's auto insurance provider; this course will also remove points from your driver's license. The cost of the class is \$25 per person. Masks are required to attend this course. Attendees should park in lot R-2 or along Rockwell Road and enter Ketchum Hall through the door on the west side of the building (across from Moot Hall). Parking is free and open to the public on Saturdays.

Athletics Games



Attend Buffalo State Athletics games and events to cheer on our Bengals! [View the Athletics calendar for upcoming game schedules.](#)

Buffalo State's 150th Anniversary



This year, we are celebrating Buffalo State College's 150th anniversary! [Learn more about our 150th anniversary events](#) and look for opportunities to participate throughout the year.

Campus COVID-19 Updates

For updates and important information about COVID-19 at Buffalo State, please review the [Coronavirus Information website](#).

Follow Us on Social Media!

To keep up to date on student information throughout the month, follow the Life at Buff State social media accounts on [Instagram](#), [Snapchat](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#).

For more general information about the college, follow the Buffalo State social media accounts on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

Other Questions or Need Help? Contact Us!

If you have questions, need help, or are looking for more or different information from this newsletter, please contact us:

Dean of Students:

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✉ Email: deanofstudents@buffalostate.edu

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