

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE



Bengal Family Newsletter May 2022

Opening Statement from the Dean of Students



Dear Bengal Families,

This past weekend, a hate-fueled mass shooting at Tops Markets on Jefferson Avenue took the lives of 10 individuals in our Buffalo community. Our thoughts are with the individuals who lost their lives, those who were injured, and their grieving families. We are shocked and saddened to learn that officials are investigating the shooting as a racially motivated act of domestic terrorism. As we mourn and process this event, at the heart of everything we do at Buffalo State College is our JEDI mission: justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion. We will not let hate win.

To support our Buffalo community, the affected neighborhood, and the families in need, our **Civic and Community Engagement Office** has **compiled a list of emergency community response organizations**, including community fridges. To support our Bengal community, our **Counseling Center** provides free and confidential services for all registered Buffalo State students. We are here for our Buffalo community and for our Bengal community, and we will not let violence stand.

In the coming days, the spring semester will end, and we will celebrate our Class of 2022 graduates at our 150th Commencement ceremony on May 21. This month's newsletter highlights summer and fall 2022 course registration, career support resources, residence hall and dining information for fall 2022, and the ways we're celebrating our graduates. If you need anything from our Dean of Students Office, please do not hesitate to contact us at deanofstudents@buffalostate.edu. Please note our next newsletter will be released in August 2022 as we prepare to welcome our new Bengals to campus for the start of the fall 2022 semester.

Sincerely,
Sarah Young, Dean of Students

Buffalo State College's 150th Commencement Ceremony is May 21



Congratulations to the graduating Class of 2022! Buffalo State College's 150th Commencement ceremony is on Saturday, May 21 in the Buffalo State Sports Arena.

Commencement Day Ceremony Schedule

The Commencement Day ceremony schedule is as follows:

- **9:00 a.m. Baccalaureate Ceremony**
School of Arts and Sciences | Individualized Studies
- **1:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Ceremony**
School of Education | School of the Professions

The Graduate School Ceremony will be held at 5:00 p.m. for master's degree and advanced graduate certificate graduates and candidates.

Commencement Day Planning

To plan for Commencement Day, please review the [Families section](#) of the Commencement website. Also review the [Bachelor's Ceremonies Viewing Options](#) for helpful information about guest tickets and options for guests without tickets. Please note that Commencement ceremony registration and ticket distribution runs through May 20. On Commencement Day, all guests entering the Sports Arena, including babies and small children, will require a guest ticket for entry. A comfortable, air-conditioned alternative with live stream viewing will be provided in the Campbell Student Union Social Hall for guests without tickets. The ceremonies will also be live streamed on the [Commencement website](#) for guests who are unable to come to campus on Commencement Day. Tickets are not required for the receptions following each ceremony.

We welcome you to campus on Commencement Day and look forward to congratulating your graduate!

Congratulate the Class of 2022 by Posting on the Online Grad Wall



We invite Bengals far and wide to congratulate our Class of 2022 graduates on the online [2022 Grad Wall](#) and on social media!

Whether you are a family member of a graduate, a classmate, an alumnus, a faculty or staff member, or a graduate yourself, we invite you to share your photos, congratulatory messages, and words of encouragement with our graduates by using the hashtag [#BuffStateGrads](#) on Instagram and Twitter.

All submissions will be organized and collected through the online Grad Wall. If you don't have a social media account and would like to offer a supportive message to the Class of 2022, please submit your message through the [BuffStateGrads](#) link.

Remind Students to Register for Summer and Fall 2022 Courses



Students are strongly encouraged to register now for the summer and fall 2022 semesters and to complete their 2022-23 FAFSA or TAP applications.

Summer 2022 Registration

Summer is the perfect time for students to catch up on coursework, complete professional certification requirements, or get ahead on their courses. [Learn more about the summer 2022 session dates and registration deadlines.](#)

Fall 2022 Registration

Students should schedule a registration appointment with their Academic Adviser via the [Bengal Success Portal](#) to discuss fall 2022 semester course planning and to obtain their advising PIN number. For questions or assistance, students can contact the Advising Office at advise@buffalostate.edu.

To prepare for an advising appointment, students should:

- [Log in to review their Degree Works audit sheet.](#)
- [Review their academic roadmap](#), if they have declared a major.
- [Review the list of Intellectual Foundations courses](#), required for all majors.

Complete 2022-23 FAFSA or TAP Application

Please remind students to complete their 2022-23 FAFSA or TAP application if they have not already done so. For questions, please contact the [Financial Aid Office](#) at [716-878-4902](tel:716-878-4902) or at finaid@buffalostate.edu.

Summer and Fall 2022 Dining Information

Stay in touch with dining services over the summer! [View the dining services hours of operation to see the summer hours.](#)

Please also remind students to [purchase their meal plans for fall 2022](#). Meal plans have great benefits, including:

- Customizable options.
- Ability to use the meal plan at any dining service location on campus, including Anchor Bar, the Retail Food Court, and the Bengal Kitchen.
- Sales tax-free Dining Dollars, which are accepted at the PlanetariYUM and the Tech Café.



PLATES WITH A Purpose

Freshmen (0-29 Credits) living on campus must purchase: Freedom 19, Balance 14, or 175 Swipe Plan
Sophomores (30-59 Credits) living on campus must purchase: Freedom 19, Balance 14, 175 Swipe Plan, or 90 Swipe Plan

*The last day to use your meal swipes for the Fall 2022 Semester is 12/15/2022
*The last day to use your meal swipes & dining dollars for the Spring 2023 Semester is 05/19/2023
*Meal Swipes expire on a semester basis, dining dollar balances roll over from the Fall to spring semester.
*Your meal plan membership selection for the fall will also be assigned to the spring semester.

Meal Plan Memberships

*Meal Plan change deadline for the Fall 2022 semester is: 9/7/2022
*Meal Plan change deadline for the Spring 2023 semester is: 2/8/2023

FREEDOM 19 19 Meals Per Week + \$300 Dining Dollars + \$45 Bengal Bucks	\$3,315 Per Semester
BALANCE 14 14 Meals Per Week + \$375 Dining Dollars + \$45 Bengal Bucks	\$3,285 Per Semester
175 SWIPE PLAN 175 Meals Per Semester + \$500 Dining Dollars + \$45 Bengal Bucks	\$3,180 Per Semester
90 SWIPE PLAN 90 Meals Per Semester + \$825 Dining Dollars + \$45 Bengal Bucks	\$2,400 Per Semester
40 SWIPE PLAN 40 Meals Per Semester + \$500 Dining Dollars	\$1,105 Per Semester

STUDENT CHOICE

Commuter & Upperclassmen Plans

COMMUTER MEAL PLAN 20 Meals Per Semester + \$200 Dining Dollars	\$430 Per Semester
CREATE YOUR OWN PLAN Customizable amounts of swipes and dining dollars	SIGN UP TODAY!

DINING DOLLARS	MEAL SWIPES
\$200 GET \$5 FREE	10 for \$110
\$350 GET \$10 FREE	25 for \$270
\$550 GET \$25 FREE	65 for \$685
\$1,000 GET \$70 FREE + 5 FREE SWIPES	80 for \$820



EAT GOOD DO GOOD

PURCHASE YOUR PLAN AT: WWW.DINEONCAMPUS.COM/BSC

Residence Hall Information for Fall 2022



Buffalo State provides a variety of residence hall options for students to choose from for the upcoming fall 2022 semester. Some residence halls house first-year students exclusively, some house a mix of first year and upper-division students, and some are reserved for upper-division students exclusively. Additionally, we provide specialty housing for specific student groups and interests. [Take a virtual tour of campus and view our residence halls.](#)

Residency Requirement

Please note all full-time freshmen and sophomore students whose permanent residency is beyond a 35-mile radius of Buffalo State College are required to reside on campus for **4 consecutive semesters or until they have earned 60 credits**, whichever comes first. Those exempt from this requirement include married students, single parents, veterans, students over the age of 21, and students commuting from the home of their parent(s) or court appointed guardian(s) if within a 35-mile radius of the Buffalo State College campus. [Learn more about the residency requirement and our residential housing options.](#)

Fall 2022 Move-In Dates

The residence hall move-in dates for students starting the fall 2022 semester are as follows. We look forward to welcoming students back to campus in the fall!

- New student move-in: Wednesday, August 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Returning student move-in: Saturday, August 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tell Continuing Students: Apply to Join the Summer 2022 B.E.A.T. Team



Is your student looking for a summer job? The office of [Student Leadership and Engagement](#) is hiring continuing students to join the summer 2022 [Bengal Experience and Transition Team \(B.E.A.T. Team\)](#)!

Every year, the B.E.A.T. Team supports new incoming students through their transition to Buffalo State during summer orientation events and fall semester events such as Homecoming. [Joining the summer 2022 B.E.A.T. Team is a paid position](#), and selected students will be trained and required to live on campus for a portion of the summer (housing and meals are included.) [Encourage students to apply now to join the summer 2022 B.E.A.T. Team](#). Applications will be accepted until May 27.

Encourage Students to Access Career Planning Resources During Summer Break



Summer is just around the corner, which means it's time for our students to reflect on a successful semester and to think about career planning. The [Career Development Center](#) will be open all summer to help students make positive steps toward their career goals.

Is your student looking for a part-time or summer job?

Students can access [BengalLink](#) to find and apply to summer opportunities and to start searching for fall 2022 internships as well.

Is your student unsure about their career path?

Encourage students to take a [career assessment](#) to help uncover how their interests and skills will fit a variety of careers.

Has your student seen someone in a job that looks interesting and wants to learn more about it?

The Career Development Center can help your student schedule an [informational interview](#) with a professional contact to learn about occupations, jobs, and careers that might help with their career decisions. Informational interviewing is a great way for students to learn more about the world of work and find their place in it.

Schedule an appointment with the Career Development Center!

In-person and virtual one-on-one appointments with the Career Development Center staff will be available all summer to help students with their resumes, cover letters, and interview practice. Students can view the [workshop schedule](#) to reserve a spot or can contact us to schedule time with a career counselor by emailing askcdc@buffalostate.edu.

Student Highlights: Celebrating Our ROAR 2 Success Peer Mentors



This month, we are highlighting our **ROAR 2 Success** peer mentors and celebrating their successes during the 2021-22 academic year. Our ROAR 2 Success program pairs peer mentors with first year students and empowers them to succeed.

This year, our ROAR 2 Success program had the pleasure of employing twenty School of Social Work seniors as peer mentors. Our peer mentors used the skills they developed in their Social Work program to offer advice and support to our first year students. They guided our first-year students, pushed them to persevere, and helped them through the college transition process.

As this academic year ends, many of our peer mentors will be starting their master's degree programs or full-time positions. We sincerely thank all our peer mentors for helping our first year students this year and we wish them well on the next steps in their educational journeys and professional careers!

Upcoming Events

English Department Book Sale



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This is the final week of the **English Department** book sale. The sale has expanded to two rooms (now in Ketchum Hall 327), with a rich assortment of contemporary and classic fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama, life writing, art, and mystery fiction. Book prices range from 25 cents to \$3. This week, the book sale is open from May 17 to 19 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. All book sales will benefit student research.

Student Health Ambassador Opportunity at Weigel Health Promotions

Is your student looking to build their résumé or get involved on campus? Does your student need a reference, internship, or community service hours? **Weigel Health Promotions** is currently looking for students of all majors and class years to **sign up as health ambassadors**. Check out this **pre-pandemic video** of past student experiences at Weigel Health Promotions. For questions, contact Paula Madrigal at madrigpa@buffalostate.edu.

WEIGEL HEALTH PROMOTION

APPLY NOW!

WE'RE RECRUITING!

JOIN OUR TEAM

APPLICATION

CHECK OUT OUR VIDEO PROMO

tiny.cc/whpstudentapplication

<http://tiny.cc/whpstudentexperience2016>

Are you looking to build your resume? Get involved on campus? Need a reference? Internship? Community Service hours? Have a skill or talent we could use? Health Promotions is currently looking for students of all majors and years to sign up as a health ambassador.

Some Tasks Include:

Making Flyers * Tabling * Social Media * Photos/Videos
Marketing * Newsletter * Event Planning * Collaborations
Chalking * Grant Writing * Data Collection * Co-Teaching

While people, titles and locations have changed over the years...the student experience is the same. You can check out this pre-pandemic video of past students experiences.

Questions: Paula Madrigal madrigpa@buffalostate.edu

Moot Court Team Student Invite for 2022-23



All students are invited to join our Intercollegiate Moot Court team for the 2022-23 academic year. Moot Court simulates appellate argument before the U.S. Supreme Court and is a wonderful introduction to legal thinking and a legal career. It's a fun, interactive way for students to build confidence as a speaker, learn how to work as a team on a complex problem, and grow in their ability to persuade others. The team will begin at the very start of the fall 2022 semester to prepare for competition in at least one pre-regional tournament before competing in the American Moot Court Association's official Midwest Regional Tournament in November 2022. Co-coaches William Altreuter, local attorney and partner at Altreuter Berlin, and Dr. Peter Yacobucci, associate professor of political science and public administration, will guide the team in preparing their arguments and building their skills at logical reasoning, legal analysis, and oral persuasion. If students are interested in joining Buffalo State's Moot Court team, please email Dr. Peter Yacobucci at yacobupr@buffalostate.edu.

Follow New Bookstore Instagram Account



The [Barnes and Noble Buffalo State Bookstore](#) has a new Instagram account! Please follow the new account on Instagram at [@buffalostatebengalsbookstore](#) to keep up with bookstore information and events.

Athletics Games



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

Celebrate Buffalo State's 150th Anniversary



Buffalo State College's 150th anniversary celebration is coming to an end! [Learn more about our 150th anniversary events](#) and find final opportunities to participate.

Campus COVID-19 Updates

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

Visit Buffalo State College

If you are planning to visit our campus, [view the academic calendar](#) and [learn more about Buffalo State and the surrounding community](#).

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:

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