

# DOS Area Newsletter

## September 2021

Happy September! I am looking forward to the 2021-2022 academic year and celebrating our sesquicentennial anniversary together. Individually and collectively, we will breathe life into the year for our Bengals and offer them a connection to campus unlike what has been offered for the last three semesters. Our aim is to provide the resources and community engagement opportunities to help our students thrive on campus; to enhance their ability to Re-connect, Re-engage, and Re-new, and to fulfill the Compact. You are key to that effort, and I am looking forward to our journey throughout the year to make this experience memorable. This year I look forward to meeting with each of you individually, hearing how your experience has been and how I can make it better. I also urge you to take advantage of the staff resources being offered on campus. I have attached to this email our Dean of Students' organizational chart. I hope you find this newsletter helpful as you start the year to learn more about our area and the campus, and as a resource to better inform and serve our students. Enjoy your semester and see you soon!



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**DEAN OF STUDENTS SUITE 311 CAMB:** The Dean of Student's (DOS) suite has five professional staff, two graduate student assistants, and one student assistant. Our office provides support to students through sexual violence prevention education, Title IX investigations, the Milligan's Food Pantry, the emergency relief student funds, faculty notifications, and wellness programming. Additionally, we serve as a resource to students with concerns on campus and as a liaison to faculty. This year we started the *Bengal Family Newsletter*, being distributed monthly; the Dean of Students *Catch the Coffee Cart* program monthly; moved the Milligan's Food Pantry to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Campbell Student Union and received a grant for a pantry refrigerator. We will also continue Compact Awareness Week and Prevention Education Week.

**INCLUSION & EQUITY SUITE 402 CAMB:** Inclusion and Equity (I&E) has two full time professional staff, one graduate assistant, and many student assistants. I&E oversees our Veteran and Military Aligned Student Services, cultural and educational programs, student training programs, serves as a liaison to our interfaith community partners, and sponsors our Center for Inclusive Excellence. As an example, this year the I&E area will host Men of Merit, *Conversations with Hef*, the Silent March, LGBTQIA+ programs such as pronoun awareness day and Lavender Graduation, First Generation student programming, and heritage month programs.



**RESIDENCE LIFE 118 BENGAL HALL:** Residence Life (RL) has ten full time professional staff, six graduate assistants, and supervises our Resident Assistant staff, residential mail room office assistants, and advises the Residence Hall Association. The staff serves as our on-call crisis team for residents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Following a residential programming model, our RL team offers campus-wide, hall-wide, and individual floor programs, in addition to their individual student support model. Our residence halls are also home to three themed living communities and over twenty living learning communities.

**STUDENT CONDUCT & COMMUNITY STANDARDS 014 BENGAL HALL:** Student Conduct and Community Standards (SCCS) office is committed to promoting student accountability and instilling a sense of civic responsibility through the enforcement of the Student Code of Conduct. The SCCS team works collaboratively to promote engagement, communication, advocacy, and accountability for all students at Buffalo State. Additionally, our SCCS team hosts our Restorative Justice Center. Restorative Justice (RJ) is used nationwide at colleges and universities to resolve student conflict and incidents. If you have interest in RJ feel free to outreach to SCCS about how you can get involved!



**STUDENT LEADERSHIP & ENGAGEMENT 400 CAMB:** Student Leadership and Engagement (SLE) is committed to an inclusive student centered environment that creates educational experiences for students which promote leadership, involvement, learning, and success. Our office collaborates with students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community leaders to provide innovative and purposeful programs to prepare students for a diverse and changing world. SLE manages the Campbell Student Union, develops and implements new student orientations, hosts our Title 3 *Roar 2 Success!*, commuter, and transfer programming, and works with all student clubs and organizations on campus.

# Welcoming our new staff

Several of our staff are new, have moved to a different position, or have a different reporting structure this year.

<b>Brad Baumgardner</b> Coordinator of Military & Veteran Services, I&E 	<b>Emily DiMaria</b> Graduate Assistant Inclusion & Equity 	<b>Andres Vasquez</b> Asst. Complex Director for Tower3, RLO 	<b>Melique Young</b> Asst. Complex Director for Neumann, RLO 	<b>Terrence Vail</b> Asst. Complex Director for STAC, RLO 
<b>Jackson Martino</b> Graduate Assistant for Residential Success 	<b>Tiffany Bromfield</b> Associate Director for Residential Inclusion, RLO 	<b>Ericka Berenz</b> Complex Director for Moore Hall 	<b>Maya Gooding</b> Asst. Complex Director for Bengal, RLO 	<b>Deanna Perez-Perry</b> Administrative Assistant 1, RLO 
<b>Dwayne Melvin</b> Programming Coordinator, SLE 	<b>Sara Rinehart</b> Graduate Assistant for SLE 	<b>Mary Clare Kuhn</b> Graduate Assistant for SLE 	<b>Paula Love</b> Completion Coach, SLE 	<b>Zach Jones-Butler</b> Completion Coach, SLE 

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# Updates on our developing DOS Area Vision

Our Dean of Students area leadership met this summer for three-day long retreats with Jonathan Hulbert, director of Leadership and Organizational Development. We focused on development and implementation of learning outcomes, goals for 2021-2022, and our long-term vision for the Dean of Students area. I wanted to share some of the summary of those retreat days with all of you as we begin planning. We will be meeting every other month in person as an area and continuing to meet in small groups across the division monthly. Additionally, you will see passive updates in a newsletter format during the months we are not meeting.

## Shared Initiatives for this year across all areas are:

- 1. Create a DOS assessment committee of interested staff members responsible for identifying the following:**
  - How might we improve the coordination, centralization, and reduce the duplication of assessment initiatives to further improve data-informed decision-making (i.e. Create a DOS assessment cycle)?
  - How might we define, post, and make public student learning outcomes for the DOS area (i.e. define what learning is for DOS areas, what we want students to learn, and connect outcomes to institutional learning outcomes)?
- 2. Assess meeting structure to allow for involving more staff in planning at the departmental level. Block off dedicated time for planning.**
  - We will know this was successful when employees can be direct and tell colleagues if there is an issue or something needs to be improved. We all want to be better together. Consistent expectations will be visible across areas for how this is done.
- 3. Create space for staff and student input. Opportunities for one-on-one conversations or in small groups.**
  - Offer mini-groups again for staff with DOS leadership hosting for staff in other departments and paired with a staff member to shadow the process who will facilitate in the future.
  - Create opportunities for student feedback via texting, a form, and/or QR codes at events such Fiesta Friday, department programs, etc. The feedback space can be included on event and/or program evaluations.
- 4. Collect data and feedback on all students assisted in our areas.**
  - When accomplished this will give a picture of student needs, support given, and ways to be proactive with messaging and resources. Assists in communicating with other key areas (e.g. transportation, Financial Aid., ID services, IT, etc.)





# Tell Students



\*\*\*Do students you know need a job? Tell them to connect with dining and of course our Career Development Center! \*\*\*

**WE'RE HIRING!** FIND YOUR PASSION WITH US!

**PART TIME POSITIONS AVAILABLE NEXT SEMESTER**

Food Service Associates • Utility Associates  
Cashiers • Baristas

Free meal for each shift worked | Flexible scheduling and hours

**SCAN ME!**

**TO APPLY**  
TEXT JOB TO 75000 or go to [dineoncampus.com/bsc/](https://dineoncampus.com/bsc/)

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DINING AT BUFFALO STATE



**BengalLink**  
BUFFALO STATE  
The State University of New York

**Student/Alumni Sign In**

**Current Students & Recent Alumni Graduating After 12/18:**  
**Username:** Your username is your Banner ID (with capital B). Current students and alumni can look up their Banner ID using their network login credentials or contact the help desk at 716-878-4357.

**Password:** First time users of BengalLink should type their last name (with first letter of last name capitalized) as password. Once logged in, first time users should change their password for security purposes.

**Alumni Graduating Before 12/18:** You need to register by submitting an alumni registration using the button to the right. Banner ID is required for registration. Graduates prior to 1/82, please contact the CDC for assistance.

[https://cdc.buffalostate.edu/content/students/Job\\_Listings/](https://cdc.buffalostate.edu/content/students/Job_Listings/)

Let's talk

SEPTEMBER IS  
**SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH**

**WARNING SIGNS FOR SUICIDE**

1. Threats to hurt oneself, or talking about wanting to hurt oneself
2. Talking or writing about suicide or death, when these actions are out of the ordinary for the person
3. Obtaining or looking for ways to hurt oneself by seeking access to means of suicide
4. Giving away prized possessions and other personal things

SEPTEMBER IS  
**FOOD INSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH**

Visit Buffalo State's Food Pantry

**MILLIGAN'S FoodPantry**

Place an order on the Dean of Student webpage and pick it up in Campbell 311

**Student Senators Needed!** 10 total (8 undergraduate and 2 graduate seats available) for more information go to <https://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/>

**Student Advisory Board:** Tell our DOS area student leaders/workers to apply for the advisory board. find the app at [https://buffalostate.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bgsTiv4j7RAvZdk](https://buffalostate.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bgsTiv4j7RAvZdk)



# Coming back this year!

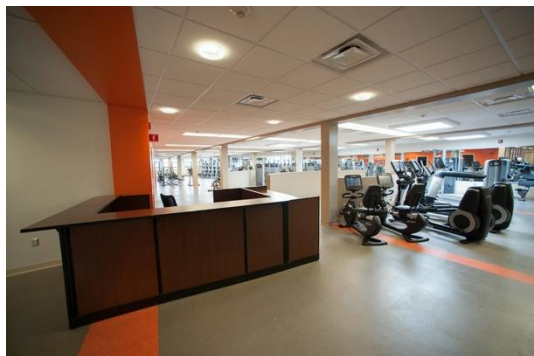
## The fitness Center



By: Thomas Trzepkowski, **Emergency Response & Fitness Center Coordinator**

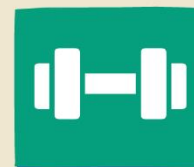
The [Fitness Center at Buffalo State College](#) is now under the Weigel Wellness Center department within the Student Affairs Division. It offers students, faculty, and staff the access to equipment, classes, staff, and other resources to focus on and better their physical and mental health. In addition to the Fitness Center, students also have access to two recreational spaces that they can reserve for their extracurricular activities such as dance practices, club meetings, and others. The Spin Studio within the Houston Gym is also being redone with the addition of 16 new spin bikes and new classes that will get students to break a sweat while having fun at the same time. Health and Wellness Coaching is available to students and can sign up for an appointment with the link below! If you have any questions about the Fitness Center or any of the amazing resources located within the department, please stop by and see me! I can't wait to see you in the center this semester!

(Link for health and wellness coaching: <https://doodle.com/mm/thomastrzepkowski/book-a-time>)



## INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH A HEALTH & WELLNESS COACH?

A health and wellness coach is a supportive guide who helps individuals set health goals, whether to lose weight, improve energy, better manage stress, and much more. In addition to being a mentor who holds individuals accountable, health and wellness coaches are vital members of the greater healthcare team, bridging the gap between traditional healthcare and enacting sustainable and positive behavioral lifestyle changes.



My name is Thomas Trzepkowski and I am the Emergency Response & Fitness Center Coordinator for the Weigel Wellness Center. I am also a certified Health & Wellness Coach! I am so excited to connect with you this semester in aiding you in your health & wellness goals. Some things we can discuss in our sessions include: eating & exercise, making healthy choices, overcoming obstacles, health enhancement, managing stress, mind-body connection, understanding drug & alcohol use & abuse, and more! We will also take a look at the 8 Dimensions of Wellness to see how they impact your daily life. I look forward to meeting with you!

Questions? Please feel free to reach out to me with the contact information below:  
Email: [trzepktg@buffalostate.edu](mailto:trzepktg@buffalostate.edu)  
Phone: (716)-878-3408

To schedule an appointment, please scan the QR code





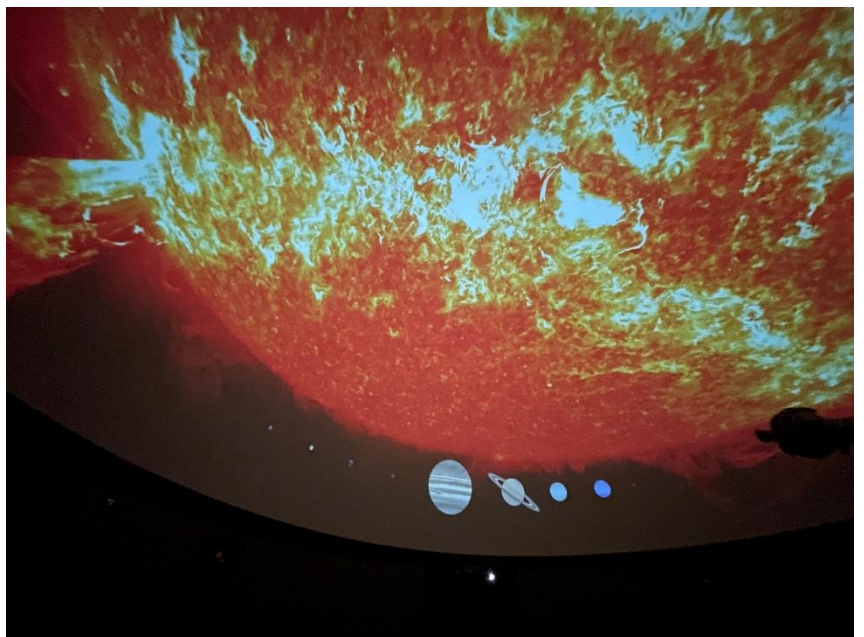
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## The Planetarium



Some of the Student Affairs staff got a behind the scenes tour of The Whitworth Ferguson Planetarium. We learned from the director, Dr. Kevin Williams, about the abilities of the planetarium including viewings of stars, constellations, nebulae, galaxies, planets, and an awesome laser light show to rock music! Located in the atrium of the Science and Mathematics Complex, the planetarium offers seasonal shows that are open to the campus community and the public. This October there will also be a viewing of a horror movie created by our Television and Film Arts students. The movie was created to be shown on the dome of the planetarium. Make sure to visit and tell students about this awesome on campus experience!



## Weeks of Welcome

Find Events on Bengal  
Connect!

**BENGALCONNECT**  
THE UNITED STUDENTS GOVERNMENT @ BUFFALO STATE

Weeks of Welcome at Buffalo State College is a series of programs hosted by student organizations and the campus community to welcome our students during the first six weeks of the semester, August 30th - October 8th.

<https://sle.buffalostate.edu/wow-schedule>

## Prevention Ed. Week



Prevention Education week is to provide all BSC students with education, awareness, and prevention services regarding responsible student decision making towards health, wellness, and safety. The variety of programs are offered around themes of healthy relationships, physical and mental wellness, and community & personal safety.

## Homecoming

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HOMECOMING 2021

*let the good times roar!*

Find out more information about our Homecoming and Family Weekend at:

<https://sle.buffalostate.edu/homecoming-family-weekend>

For the schedule of events between Monday 9/27 and Saturday 10/2 go to:

<https://sle.buffalostate.edu/homecoming-and-family-weekend-schedule>

## Buffalo State Day

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Friday, September 17, at 3pm there is a special event to officially kick off the college's 150th anniversary celebration. The Performing Arts Center will host an entertaining sesquicentennial presentation featuring speeches, performances, and the debut of Buffalo State's new alma mater. A reception will follow. RSVP by 9/10/21.

## Commuter Breakfasts



Commuter breakfasts give our campus an opportunity to engage with commuters monthly. The first breakfast will be September 2, Thursday, located inside the Social Hall from 8:30am-10:00am. If you have questions about the monthly commuter breakfast events, please contact [sle@buffalostate.edu](mailto:sle@buffalostate.edu).

## Restorative Justice Circle



Student Conduct and Community Standards

Restorative Justice Circles happen once a month starting on 9/15. Each circle has a different theme. Contact Samantha Quinn to sign up for the first RJ Circle 7pm on 9/15, "What Motivates You". Additionally, RJ is looking for ambassadors and partners. If you are interested, please go here:

<https://studentconduct.buffalostate.edu/rj-ambassadors>