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News and Happenings from Alden Street

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This newsletter serves as a communication tool for our students, their families, and our campus community to stay informed. This is an important information platform for Springfield College to periodically share and exchange plans so that, together, we emerge strongly from the COVID-19 crisis.

Important Notice: While we currently plan to have students return to campus beginning Jan. 21, we want you to know that the administration is keeping a close eye on developments regarding the pandemic, particularly with direction provided by the governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We are meeting regularly to review our plans, and we will make whatever adjustments we deem necessary to keep our community safe, communicating with our students and families as expeditiously as possible.



Happy New Year from Student Affairs

Dear Students,

I hope that you and your families have had wonderful holidays and that you are enjoying the break. I suspect you are like most of us, and are happy to be putting 2020 behind us. It was a challenging year in so many ways and we are looking forward to brighter days in 2021.

Of course, the turn of the calendar does not mean all of our challenges and problems suddenly disappear. They don't. Our situation regarding the pandemic remains fluid and evolving. New factors are influencing our plan for your return, including the anticipated post-holiday surge, the vaccine rollout (slower than anticipated), and a new highly contagious strain of the virus. We have our work cut out for us as we move towards welcoming you back for the start of the spring semester.

Still, there is so much to appreciate and anticipate, and we look forward to your return. We will embrace the winter and create positive experiences for all students and the entire community. These will include:

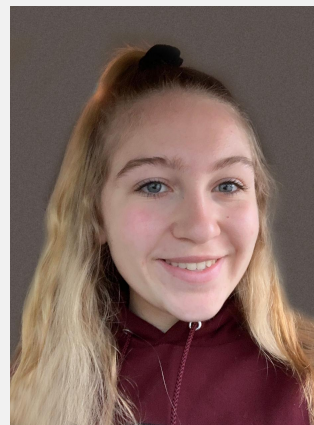
- A new ice rink on the Naismith Green, built by our wonderful facilities crew, and wrapping light poles throughout campus with white lights to bring more light to our dark winter evenings on the campus. **PLEASE NOTE: Don't forget to bring your ice skates back with you!**
- A wide variety of activities (inside and outside) planned by our Student Activities and Residence Life staff, including the opportunity for you and your friends to reserve Fuller Arts Center for first-run movies;
- Outdoor pop-up meals created by our Harvest Table chefs, featuring chili, hot chocolate, and chicken wings;
- Outdoor tournaments by our recreation staff, including a softball tournament on the newly constructed softball field;
- Food trucks on campus **every Saturday night** offering a variety of eating treats; and
- Service opportunities for students on most Sundays led by the Center for Service and Leadership staff.

Being outside is better than being inside, so we are embracing winter. We can't wait to have you back here. So, while you are enjoying your break, we are getting ready for your return.

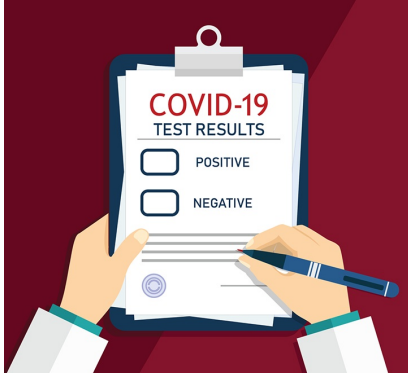
Sincerely,
Patrick Love

“The amount of testing, cleaning, and other cautionary measures put in place to keep us all healthy made me feel at ease. Springfield College [staff] did such a great job making sure we were safe without losing what makes our campus so great.”

Olivia Sullivan, Class of 2023



**Learn About Important
COVID-19-related Information
for Spring Semester**



The Springfield College community is preparing for a healthy, successful opening for the spring semester. In order to ensure that we are off to a successful start, everyone's cooperation is necessary. There are a number of **important updates to our COVID-19-related testing protocols for residential students that must be followed** upon their return to campus. Please read the pre-arrival and arrival information carefully, so you are prepared to return for the spring semester. Thank you for your cooperation.

Kathleen Hogan-Soltys
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[Read Covid-19 testing updates.](#)



“Being on campus and back in a college environment helped me this [fall] semester. We got to build some great memories and it was nice knowing we are all in the same situation together. I was so grateful to be back in an environment where the community is strong—and the people care about one another!”

Justin Brosnan, Class of 2022

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Student Handbook

As a Springfield College student, you'll want to know what's expected of you. That's why we've made a student handbook that can help. The student handbook contains information and policies on academics, residence life, community standards, and more.

[DOWNLOAD THE HANDBOOK](#)

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COVID-19 Conduct Code Updated

For the spring semester, a number of changes have been made to the Springfield College Code of Conduct that specifically relate to COVID-19. These changes include

clarifications about violations and adjustments to sanctions for violations. For more detailed information and a complete listing of all policies and sanctions related to COVID-19, please download the **Springfield College Student Handbook**. The COVID-19-related policies begin on page 40.

“I think it was very important that we were back on campus [in the fall semester] to show our new students the way our Springfield College family stays together, supports each other, and remains positive, even in a pandemic.”

Emma Krish, Class of 2021



Housing and Residence Life Move-in Information

Our office and staff have moved to the lower level of Alumni Hall (the former home of the Office of Communications). Staff and students can enter Alumni Hall via the north door closest to the Administration Building. We can be reached at (413) 748-3102 or reslife@springfield.edu. While we continue to get settled, we welcome you to visit us.

We are preparing to reopen our residence halls beginning Jan. 21. As a reminder, you must select a staggered move-in date and time no later than Wednesday, Jan. 13 (extended). You may change your date and time until Jan. 13 if your initial plans changed. Students will be assigned a time if they do not choose one.

Students will once again be able to have a maximum of two helpers to assist with move in. All students and their helpers must remain masked and maintain social

distancing throughout the move-in process.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Safe travels,
Your Residence Life Team

Parents, if you'd like to be added to the COVID mailing list, please send a message to studentaffairs@springfield.edu.

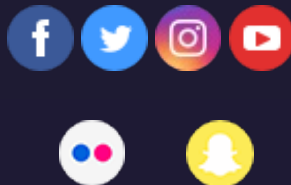
[Check out other Springfield College Covid-19 updates.](#)

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Office of Student Affairs staff at studentaffairs@springfield.edu.**

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Employment Opportunities

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