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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.



Dear Students,

Welcome back! Whether you returned to the campus last weekend or are starting the semester at home and will join us soon, we are back as a community after our long winter break.

The most important thing I can share with you is how absolutely critical it is for ALL of us to follow the COVID-19-related guidelines if we are to remain healthy and accomplish our goal of staying on campus for the entire 15-week semester.

And, while we can't change current circumstances, we can embrace the moment. Thus the theme of our early spring semester. Through our "Embrace the Moment" efforts, we will find all the positives in coming together as a community and in pursuing your goals in the face of significant challenges.

Embracing the moment means embracing the winter, embracing the shortened days, and embracing the outdoors. We will help with that. We hope that the outdoor ice skating rink, the light-wrapped poles with thousands of lights, and our other efforts will bring more brightness to our campus and to you.

You will find a host of outdoor activities available to you during these next few weeks, and we want you to have a great campus experience. However, it also is your responsibility to embrace following guidelines, practice self-care, and look out for one another. It is up to each one of you to take responsibility for keeping yourselves and our campus safe.

We know how quickly an outbreak can occur—and how quickly we could find ourselves facing an early end to our on-campus semester. We implore you to help each other maintain vigilance in the face of this challenging situation. We are encouraged by the passing of the surge and the continued proliferation of the vaccine as we can begin to see the end of the pandemic. The future is bright—we just need to safely get through this semester.

We will do everything in our power to provide you enough reasons to remain on campus. Let us know if there are other fun ideas we can try and make happen for you. By the time you receive this newsletter, the ice may be thick enough to skate on.

Last summer, when we started planning for your return in the fall, I believed that this community had the best chance of success. And, I still believe in your ability to abide by our policies and make the right decisions that will help us to remain on campus for the full spring semester.

I thank you in advance for all you will do to help us reach our goal. I am so impressed by the service-oriented nature of this student community and look forward to working with you all this spring.

We can do this.

Patrick

"I was very grateful to have the opportunity to be on campus this past fall as many of my friends from home were stuck in our hometown this semester. I knew that the on-campus experience would be more fun and allow me to be more productive, regardless of the rules. I also am an NSO leader, and getting to still have that experience was the highlight of my year. Due to my involvement in many clubs, track and field, and having in-person classes, it felt right to be on campus, and I'm very happy Springfield College was able to safely give us that opportunity."



Colby Wilson, Class of 2023



Questions About Students' Return to Campus Addressed

With students back on campus for the spring semester, students and their parents had many questions regarding their return. At a virtual open forum held Friday, Jan. 15, questions on everything from COVID-19 testing requirements to living arrangements to expectations for dining, and more, were posed. President Mary-Beth A. Cooper, Vice President for Student Affairs Patrick Love, and Senior Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Mary Ann Coughlin responded to what students and parents wanted to know from some of the 500 attendees of the webinar. You can learn more by watching it.

[View the webinar.](#)



"At Springfield, the culture and community are surreal, and it was so refreshing to be back; it made the world feel a little bit more normal and gave me a sense of comfort that I hadn't experienced in months. It may have been a weird, and at times stressful semester, but I had a great time, and I'll hold onto those memories forever."

Arianna Susi, Class of 2022



Exciting Dining Offerings for Spring Semester

The staff at Harvest Table is excited to have students back on campus for another semester. Over the fall semester and winter break, the team obtained and used student feedback to build the spring dining program. The student body submitted ideas and voted on a new name for Union Station, which is now called **Pride's Place**. This semester, Harvest Table chefs will be hosting takeovers and pop ups around campus to test out four new restaurant concepts.

As part of the takeovers, the staff will transform one of its food stations in The Table @ Cheney each week beginning in February into a temporary restaurant. Students will be able to taste the flavors and menu options for each restaurant all week long and give their feedback. The goal is to let the students pick which restaurants they would like to see in Pride's Place starting in the fall 2021 semester. For now, Dunkin' and Subway will remain.

In other news, Harvest Table has created its own "restaurant" on campus. **La Sabrosa**, which is located in Pride's Place, combines scratch-made, locally sourced ingredients to create Latin-inspired cuisine. The culinarians at Harvest Table carefully crafted a new menu and are excited to bring it to the Springfield College community. Like the menus at The Table @ Cheney, transparency of ingredients and nutritional information also will be available at La Sabrosa. All the menu offerings for this eatery have been analyzed by the Harvest Table on-campus registered dietician. All nutritional and allergen information is available on the [La Sabrosa web page](#).



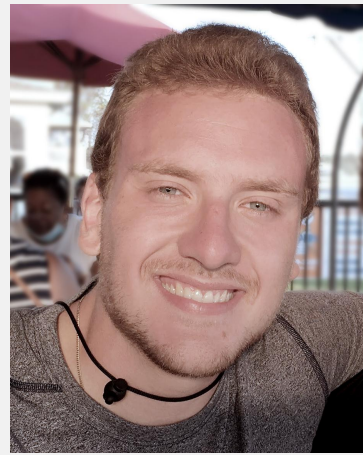
team is working hard to expedite lines while still creating authentic, scratch-made cuisine.

To ensure the safety of our Springfield College community, and based on student feedback from the fall semester, Harvest Table and Springfield College partnered to install plexiglass dividers at each table in The Table @ Cheney. Students will be able to dine there beginning Feb. 8. No more than two students are allowed to sit at each table. Also, the culinary

Stay updated on pop ups and other events by following [@springfielddining](#).

“Despite the challenges and uncertain future, the return to campus made it all the more apparent why Springfield is the place to be. We thrive off of adversity and laugh in the face of challenges. We chose to stick together and feed off of one another's energy and encouragement to promote scholarship and healthy relationships.”

Andrew Stratton, Class of 2023



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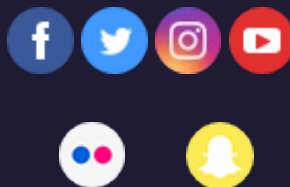
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