

Aug. 19, 2020

Good afternoon,

Some updates for this week:

Two Important Events Next Week: We will have two important events in the life of our University next week, one that addresses part of our history, and one that points to our future.

- On Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 2:30 p.m. in the Upper Quad, we will dedicate the Brownsville/Park Avenue Monument, which recognizes the African American community that was displaced over a number of decades as the school that became Frostburg State University grew. You are invited to attend in person (masks and social distancing required) or watch the livestreamed event at www.facebook.com/frostburgstatealumniassn.

This is a project that has been in the works for many years, and I want to thank the many faculty, students, staff and community members for their dedication to ensuring its completion. While the pandemic will limit the scope of Tuesday's event, there will be more opportunities in the future to recognize this community and educate the campus and region about its legacy.

- On Friday, Aug. 28, at 11:30 a.m., we will hold a groundbreaking for the Education and Health Sciences Building, which is being built between the Cordts PE Center and the Lane University Center. Again, everyone is invited to attend in person (masked and socially distanced) or virtually at www.facebook.com/frostburgstatealumniassn.

CARES Act Funds Update and Fall Housing Money:

As of Aug. 18, more than \$1.5 million has been awarded to 1,452 students through the CARES Act since spring. All student are eligible to apply for CARES Act money in the amount of \$375 to go towards housing costs for the fall semester. Awards will be made after the 15-week Drop/Add date on Friday, Aug. 21. Students will be permitted to carry the \$375 balance on their accounts until after they receive their award. **YOU MUST APPLY TO RECEIVE THESE FUNDS.** If you have not done so:

- Students living **on campus** for Fall 2020 (including Edgewood) – apply at [this link](#).
- Students living **off campus** for Fall 2020 – apply at [this link](#). Under “amount of funds you are requesting,” put “\$375.” In the “what kind of emergency” list, check “Housing.” List “Fall 2020 Housing Costs” in all of the required description sections.

Campus Pedestrian Flow, Signage and Masks: There have been a number of changes in access to buildings to help address social distancing. [A campus map with entrances and exits for campus buildings](#) is available to assist students, faculty, staff and visitors. Signs and directional decals are also in place campus wide. Finally, remember that everyone is required to wear a mask indoors and when in the presence with others when out on campus. All students, faculty and staff have been issued at least one reusable fabric mask. (Students who have not received theirs can visit the Lane Center Info Desk to pick one up.)

Don't Forget to Check In: The check-in application (www.frostburg.edu/checkin) that we are asking all students, faculty and staff to use daily is an important tool for us to safeguard the community by monitoring how many people are on campus and whether they are reporting illness or contact with someone who is ill.

Healthy Habits: You have heard these before, but they are more important than ever:

- Wear a mask
- Avoid crowds
- Avoid unnecessary travel
- Wash or sanitize your hands frequently
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others whenever possible.

I wish you all the best this semester. Stay safe.

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