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Getting Connected on Campus

With the COVID-19 changes to campus life, it is more important than ever to be creative when trying to meet fellow Purdue students to build connections. Here are some tips to try:

- Join a campus organization or club through BoilerLink (https://boilerlink.purdue.edu/organizations). With over 900 clubs on campus, there is sure to be one that connects well with your unique interests.
- Keep your dorm door open for at least part of the day (even if you may have to wear your mask) and say hello/introduce yourself to your neighbors when they walk past. By having your door open more often, others on your floor may follow.
- Reach out to your RA to plan a dorm hall meal, study session, or walk outside all together.
- Attend campus events. Although the events may look different than previous semesters, Purdue still has fun opportunities to entertain students. You can find events being advertised across campus or by doing a quick search online. (Check out https://boilerlink.purdue.edu/events for some upcoming events, such as outdoor movies.)
- Masks and social distancing can make meeting others intimidating but remember that there are still smiles underneath the masks! Many students are still looking to meet people on campus, so be open to starting conversations with someone you meet in class (whether your class is face-to-face or online), see studying outside, or stand in line behind while waiting for food.

Flu Shot Reminder

Students who are currently on campus or plan to return to campus this spring must get a flu shot by October 31st. Purdue will be holding flu shot events between Sept. 28th and Oct. 7th at the CoRec. You will need to bring your PUID, insurance card, and a consent form. More information on exact dates and a link to the consent form can be found here: https://www.purdue.edu/hr/COVID-19/flu-info/index.php

Thinking about Studying Abroad?

Here are some resources to get you started on your planning:

- Virtual Advising Appointments - available by requesting on their website: https://www.purdue.edu/IPPU/SA/About/Appointment.html (students will also find "Make An Appointment" under contact drop-down).
- Virtual Information Sessions - They are hosting a series of virtual information sessions, callouts and webinars throughout the semester! We encourage you to check out their Calendar of Events: https://www.purdue.edu/ippu/apps/events/Calendar/Index/SA (also accessible through the calendar icon on their main page).

Spring Calendar

As a reminder, Purdue has modified the academic calendar for the spring 2021 semester. The spring semester will start on Tuesday, Jan. 19th. To minimize travel to and from campus during the semester, Purdue has eliminated the spring break period. In lieu of a spring break, Purdue has added three reading days to the semester to give students a brief break from classes and additional time to study. Students may also choose to opt into the the fully online option for spring 2021. Details on when and how students can opt into the Spring 2021 online option will be shared soon. Please see the following link for the spring calendar and note the important dates: https://www.purdue.edu/registrar/calendars/2020-21-Academic-Calendar.html

ADD/DROP DEADLINES

Adding a course:

- **Sept. 19th- Oct. 26th**: Need approval of advisor, instructor & dept head in which the course is listed; submit request via myPurdue Scheduling Assistant

Dropping a course:

- **Sept. 19th- Oct. 26th**: Need approval of advisor (and instructor if student classification is 3 or higher); course is recorded with grade of “W” (can be “W” or “WF” if student classification is 3 or higher); submit request via myPurdue Scheduling Assistant.

Even the Purdue squirrels are doing their part!