

ELMIRA COLLEGE

OFFICE OF CAMPUS LIFE

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Dear Students,

Happy New Year! I hope you are enjoying what is left of your holiday break. Soon you will be returning to campus, so here's some important information to know before you come back.

- First, a reminder that students must **opt-in and enroll in the insurance plan each term**. **The deadline to apply is the day before the first day of classes, which is Sunday, January 8.** This coverage expands the scope of the College's regular refund policy, which only lasts for the first four weeks of classes, by ensuring reimbursement for tuition, room, board and other fees for covered illness/injury or mental health condition withdrawals at any time during the term. You can request a quote for a specific amount of coverage that best fits your needs at <https://gradguard.com/tuition/elmira>. Contact GradGuard customer service at 866-724-4384 with any questions. Please discuss this important decision with your family. Remember, **you cannot predict when you are going to become ill or injured**, so it is best to financially cover your college investment.
- The **2023 COVID-19 Isolation Guidelines** have been revised for Term II and are attached to this email, as well as posted on MyEC. Essentially, the revision is that we will no longer be moving positive COVID students into isolation facilities. Instead, we will be treating COVID-19 in the same manner as we do other illnesses, including the flu. **For residential students**, you have the option of going home to isolate, if your situation (health and family) allows you to do so. Otherwise, the expectation is that aside from using the restroom while wearing a mask, you will stay in your room as much as possible and WILL NOT leave the building until your isolation period is over. **For commuter students**, the expectation is that you will not come to campus until your isolation period is over. I encourage you to **diligently continue to follow handwashing and masking protocols** (optional, but encouraged if you are sick, recovering from illness, or feeling at-risk) to keep our campus community healthy.
- Over the holiday break, **new computers were installed** in the following areas:
 - Gannett-Tripp Library (GTL) Computer Lab B
 - GTL Finance Room Computer Lab
 - Cowles 202 and 206 Nursing Computer Labs
 - Watson 302 Math Computer Lab

Prior to break, a new GIS Computer Lab was set up in Carnegie for the Environmental Science program. Our IT Department is in the process of installing new computer equipment in the Esports facility in the GTL and upgrading computers in some of the science labs in Kolker, Carnegie, and the common areas of the GTL. These updates were made possible by a grant from the U.S. Dept. of Education.

- **Get involved!** Winter term is a great time to get out and meet new friends who share similar interests. New student clubs can be created at any time, and some recent additions are EC Snowsports, the EC Bowling Club, Morgan's Message, Feminists for Inclusivity, Gender, Humanity, and Transparency (FIGHT), and the International Student Athlete Alliance (ISAA). Attached to this email is a listing of all student clubs/ organizations, as well as the January events calendar. If you have any questions about events and/or clubs, please reach out to campuslife@elmira.edu and read your weekly Eagle Feed emails!
- **Housing selection for 2023-2024 will once again be live and in-person** for the first time in several years. Watch for more information next week from the Office of Residence Life.

- There are mandatory class meetings (optional for commuters) this Sunday evening for the Tenacious Class of 2025 (6 p.m.) and the Ascendant Class of 2026 (7 p.m.) in MacKenzie's. More information is being emailed to students in those classes.

I look forward to seeing you back on campus. As usual, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns, and you are always welcome in the Office of Campus Life.

Kind regards,
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