

# ELMIRA COLLEGE

OFFICE OF CAMPUS LIFE

January 4, 2024

Dear Students,

Happy New Year! Soon you will be returning to campus, so here's some important information to know before the start of Term II:

- First, a reminder that students **must opt-in and enroll in the Tuition Insurance Plan before the first day of classes each term**. The deadline to apply for next term is **Sunday, January 7** (coverage is provided through Term III). This coverage expands the scope of our 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. Remember, **you cannot predict when you are going to become ill or injured**, so it is best to financially cover your college investment. Please discuss this important decision with your family.
- EC has a **new, part-time, licensed mental health counselor**. Johanna (Joey) Webster begins her position on Tuesday, January 9. Joey will be working closely with Dr. Kevin Murphy to serve students' counseling needs. To begin Term II, she will have appointments available on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. and on Saturdays (late morning/early afternoon). Her office will be located on the first floor of Meier Hall in the Grandt Room. The best way to schedule an appointment with Joey Webster is by contacting Sue Copp, medical secretary, Clarke Health Center, 607-735-1750.
- Parkhurst Dining is looking for students to serve on a **Dining Committee**. The first meeting will be January 25 at 5:10 p.m. in the Dining Hall. Ken Knowles, General Manager for EC Dining Services, would like input and feedback from students on their dining needs. If you are interested in serving on the Dining Committee, please email Ken at [kknowles@parkhurstdining.com](mailto:kknowles@parkhurstdining.com) or just show up at the first meeting. Also, if you are a student with any **food allergies** or sensitivities, **please read the attached letter** about allergens. The letter outlines key information for you to have a safe, positive dining experience at EC.
- **Get involved!** Winter term is a great time to get out and meet new friends who share similar interests. For a listing of all student clubs/organizations at EC, click [here](#). New student clubs can be created at any time, so if you do not see anything that interests you, consider starting something new. Watch for this term's schedule of *Lawnsay Games*, particularly flag football. If you have any questions about student clubs or campus events, please reach out to [campuslife@elmira.edu](mailto:campuslife@elmira.edu) and read your weekly Eagle Feed emails!
- Campus Life, with the help of our Facilities staff, has installed an **electric stove/oven in the Meier Hall kitchen**. Stay tuned for more information about how you and your friends can sign up to use the kitchen for baking or cooking nights. You will hear more soon!
- There are **mandatory class meetings** (optional for commuters) this Sunday evening in the Campus Center for the *Ascendant Class of 2026* (7 p.m. in Mackenzie's) and the *Spirited Class of 2027* (7 p.m. in Tiff Lounge). More information is being emailed to students in those classes from your Patron Saints.

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

Kind regards,  
Liz

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