



**ELMIRA COLLEGE**  
OFFICE OF CAMPUS LIFE

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Dear Students,

I am so excited to welcome you back to campus soon! As our Winter term is about to begin, I thought I'd share the latest and greatest from the Offices of Campus and Residence Life, Counseling Services, and other timely information. Yes, I said **Campus Life!** We recently transitioned the name from Student Life to Campus Life as a way to reaffirm our commitment to students and their success throughout their campus experience. The goal is to be the hub of campus and support students holistically throughout their time at EC, and of course, **Melissa Marks** will be there to greet visitors with her usual warm smile. **Karl Koepfel '07** was recently promoted to the position of Associate Dean of Campus Life, and his office has moved down the hall closer to the 1855 Room.

There are some new faces in the Office of Campus Life who are looking forward to meeting you:

- Some of you may have already had the pleasure of meeting **Amanda Osborne**, who joined us in October as the Assistant Director of Residence Life. Amanda is originally from a small town in Central NY and grew up on a farm. She received her BA in Geology and BS in Adolescent Education: Earth Science from SUNY Oswego. She also received her MA in Higher Education Administration: Student Affairs from Stony Brook University. Amanda enjoys building connections and creating an inclusive community where people can feel welcomed and safe to grow.
- **Ytsel** (pronounced "it-cell") **Flores Cristiansen** is the new Coordinator of Campus Life. She grew up in Guayaquil, Ecuador, and moved to New York City a couple of years ago. She earned a BA in Business Communications with a specialization in Corporate Communication and a minor in Psychology from Baruch College. She is currently pursuing an MS in Digital Marketing at the same college. Ytsel pursued a career in higher education after her involvement in extracurricular activities at college showed her how meaningful and important the outside-of-the-classroom experience is for college students.

**Counseling Services** are available to students while classes are in session. To schedule an appointment, please reach out to Sue Copp in the CHC at (607) 735-1750 or [clarkehealth@elmira.edu](mailto:clarkehealth@elmira.edu). Our new licensed counselors will be located in the Clarke Health Center (CHC) and will be available for both in-person and virtual appointments:

- **Rachael Patten '17** received her Master of Social Work from Boston University. In addition to her role at EC, she is also a therapist at a busy practice in the area. She has experience with crisis, group therapy, individual therapy, and treatment plan management.

- **Charlene Robinson** earned her MSW from University of Buffalo. Charlene also works at GST BOCES where she is responsible for intake/management of students for individual and group counseling. She also does a great deal of work with crisis in her community, working with local emergency management teams.

If you're looking for **Jennifer Bozek**, Campus Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator, she has relocated from the CHC to the Gannett-Tripp Library and will be working closely with **Jaime Panos '18**, Director of Student Success & Advocacy.

The Dining Hall and MacKenzie's will open for **in-person dining** (no more than 4 people at one table) beginning with breakfast on Tuesday, January 19, provided Governor Cuomo's latest zone guidelines for indoor dining do not change. The 1855 Room will be serving carry-out only at this time. Parkhurst Dining Services will be sampling the sandwiches in the lobby of the Campus Center on Wednesday, January 20 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Dining hours will return to what they were at the beginning of Term I (see attached).

Residential students, **DO NOT forget to upload your negative COVID-19 test results** into the student health portal, <https://elmira.studenthealthportal.com/> PRIOR to your return to campus. If you arrive without doing so, you will have the option of quarantining in Anderson Hall or leaving campus to get tested (returning with a hard copy of test results in hand).

Please abide by the **COVID-19 Student Guidelines** (attached), especially when it comes to wearing a face covering, physical distancing, and hand sanitizing. I am living proof that these precautions work! Last term, I volunteered to move many positive students to isolation spaces on campus. Some of you sat right next to me in the golf cart, and I helped carry your belongings into Anderson and Columbia. I'm proud to say that I never contracted the virus, and I attribute that to face coverings and hand hygiene. This term, we are introducing visiting hours within the residence halls, so please protect yourself and those around you by wearing a face covering and keeping your distance as much as possible. Remember, we are still under a NO GUEST policy for off-campus visitors in any campus building. Violators will be subject to consequences as outlined in the attached **Sanctions Guide**.

Stay tuned for some fun, interactive virtual programming this term, including the Soaring Higher Student Leadership Workshop series, Eagle Interactive Seminars highlighting resources, and specific student organization training. Be sure to pay attention to the Eagle Feed that comes out each Monday! **Welcome back** and please, please, please stay safe!

My best regards,  
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