

**June 15, 2020**

Start of Fall 2020 Semester - First Day of Classes

Dear Students,

Stevenson University's Fall 2020 calendar has been set, and the semester will start as originally scheduled with the **first day of classes on Monday, August 31**. We look forward to welcoming our new students and our returning students to campus for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

There are some modifications to the Fall academic calendar that will allow students to complete final exams sooner. Classes will be held on two days originally scheduled for Fall Break (Monday and Tuesday, October 12 and 13) and on Wednesday, November 25, a day originally scheduled as the first day of Thanksgiving Break. Final exams will now run Wednesday, December 9, through Monday, December 14.

You can find the calendar posted online at [Fall 2020 Academic Calendar](#).

This fall, physical distancing, wearing face coverings, sanitizing surfaces, and other measures will be in place on campus to promote your health and safety. There will be many opportunities to enjoy and get the most out your Stevenson experience, in and out of the classroom:

- Outdoor fitness sessions and classes through Campus Recreation
- Virtual Ask-Me-Anything Career Sessions connecting you with employers and Careers on the Quad—brought to you by the Stevenson Career Connection Center
- Livestream Diversity & Inclusion events and performances from the Coffee House
- *Arts Alive!* events—virtual, outdoor, and small group—that include performances, artmaking, photography, fashion, and more
- Student Activities and student group-sponsored virtual and in-person opportunities for fun and social engagement, including welcome back events and Homecoming

Information about these and other campus social, cultural, and recreation plans will be shared with you on the SU NOW Portal, the *Mustang Weekly Scoop* email, and through our SU News texts.

Currently, classrooms, labs, studios, and other instructional spaces are being arranged to optimize physical distancing. Plans are being finalized for move-in, orientation, residence life, and dining. Details will be sent to you in the coming weeks from the Office of Student Affairs.

Stevenson is working with the Middle Atlantic Conference in planning for fall sports. The SU Athletic Department is enthusiastic about welcoming our new and returning students and will be in touch about the details of our plans in the coming weeks.

Over the summer, you will receive [Keep Stevenson Safe](#) emails, texts, and social media posts with helpful information about the things we can all do to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus and to promote health and safety across our entire campus community. We will continue to consult with state and county public health authorities about appropriate health and safety measures as Maryland's Phase 2 state reopening plan unfolds.

Enjoy your summer, stay safe, and we will see you in the fall!

Sincerely,

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