



Parent Newsletter - April 2020

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COVID-19 UPDATES



Committed to Safety

Oklahoma City University Police are on campus 24 hours a day and provide a number of services that help keep our campus safe and secure. The Blue Alert emergency notification system is one of these services. Blue Alert is a faster method of alerting the campus community in the event of a disaster, weather emergency, etc. This system uses both email and text messaging to broadcast the alert. Students can sign up for Blue Alert by visiting [BlueLink](#) and entering their username or password. They can also register you, the parent,

Due to the recent coronavirus outbreak, OCU has moved classes online and cancelled in-person events until further notice. Stay up to date at okcu.edu/coronavirus

Disability Services

Campus Disability Services is dedicated to providing for the needs of enrolled students who have disabilities. Reasonable modifications in the classroom, on-campus housing, and within our campus library will be provided for students with documented disabilities.

Visit okcu.edu/disability for more information.

by clicking the "View/Update Blue Alert" link in the emergency notification box on the upper right side of the page.

Another service OCU Police offers is safety escorts. If you ever feel unsafe on campus, the campus police will offer you a safety escort to your destination. This service is based on the student's need and concern for safety and security. In addition, OCU Police are happy to help students with problems such as vehicle unlocks, flat tires, jumping car batteries, and running out of gas.

Additionally, OCU Police has recently launched Rave Guardian, a free mobile app that turns any smartphone into a personal safety device for students, staff, and faculty. With the app, users can create a profile of information about themselves and invite family and friends to their safety network. When needed, the user can request one or more of their guardians to virtually walk with them on or off campus. With Rave Guardian, users can...

- Add and message guardians.
- Set a safety timer.
- Send anonymous tips.

The Rave Guardian app can be downloaded in the Apple or Google Play stores by searching for "Rave Guardian." You can also learn more at raveguardian.com.

Campus Dining

Good friends and food are always on the menu at OCU Dining. More than just a place to eat, it offers great atmosphere and a wide variety of main dishes, sides, and desserts for every taste. At the cafeteria, vegetarian entrees are offered daily, as well as soup and a salad bar. A chef's station provides students with fresh, "straight-from-the-pan" meals such as hamburgers, fries, pasta, or stir-fry.

Newly constructed Alvin's Market is a convenience store concept that provides a variety of snacks including vegan, vegetarian, dairy-free, and paleo options. Alvin's also provides a wide range of health and beauty products, pantry items, and cleaning products. Inside Alvin's Market you will also find a WPS Starbucks that offers signature coffee drinks, FANS smoothies and protein shakes, and fresh-baked scones, croissants, local donuts, and other bakery items. We also offer fresh salads, wraps, sandwiches, fruit cups, parfaits, and other items to grab and go.

Chick-Fil-A offers its standard menu items for lunch and dinner. Students are encouraged to use their points, Stars Cash, and meal trade at all locations.

For information on meal plans and pricing, please [visit our website](#).

Career Services = Success

Is your student looking for a job or internship? Need help with their résumé?

Whether your student is just beginning or in the home stretch, **Career Services** is here to help! The Career Center provides a wide range of resources and seeks to empower all students with a level of knowledge to help them transition from student to an adult who is motivated to grow, learn, and make sound career decisions.

The Career Services Center offers opportunities and resources including:

- Résumé and cover letter writing assistance.
- Individual career counseling and assessments.
- Job and internship searches.
- Graduate school planning.
- Career fairs and skills workshops.

Career services supports students in all disciplines to blend their individual talents, interests, and academic achievements with the career-readiness skills that will lead to success beyond their first job. Visit [Oklahoma City University Career Services](#) for more information.

Student Employment

Student employment at OCU is open to all students, without regard to whether they are eligible to receive Federal Work-Study. Students are given the opportunity to contribute to their education funds while learning skills that will benefit them in the classroom and beyond. Visit the [student employment page](#) for more information.



VIRTUAL STARS 101

Stars 101 is our admitted freshman student pre-orientation event and is a great way to start your college career at OCU. We are pleased you have chosen to join our campus community, and we look forward to helping you succeed!

This year, Stars 101 is going virtual! We will be hosting two, four day events - but don't worry, we won't keep you busy all week. We will make sure you have opportunities to interact with us in many different ways from the safety and comfort of your home. This is your first step to a successful transition to university life - one of the most important and exciting chapters you will have in your lifetime!

At our Virtual Stars 101 you can:

- Attend Zoom pre-orientation sessions and Q&As.
- Review your enrollment with an advisor.
- Meet one-on-one with a financial aid counselor.

- Meet your fellow classmates virtually,
- And more!

More details on the event schedule, important resources and opportunities to get started on your personalized experience coming soon!

Virtual Stars 101 dates:

- [June 8-11, 2020](#)
- [June 22-25, 2020](#)

REGISTER FOR VIRTUAL STARS 101

Campus Health & Counseling

Staffed by physician assistants, the **Campus Health Clinic** is dedicated to providing prompt and appropriate health care to Oklahoma City University students. Students may call the clinic to make an appointment or walk-in and be seen during specific times each weekday. Services include injury and illness assessment, immunizations, and referrals for more advanced care. Additionally, Oklahoma City University offers health insurance to all full-time students.



University Counseling offers services to students to promote healthy lifestyles and support academic success. Enrollment as an OCU student entitles you to 4-5 free counseling sessions per semester.

What is **Verification?**



Understanding the FAFSA
What is Verification? [Watch Now](#)

Learning Enhancement Center

The **Learning Enhancement Center** (LEC) offers a variety of services at no cost to students. These services include one-on-one tutoring in many areas of curriculum, critiquing and guided revisions for papers, access to computers and printers, and internet access for research. Visit [Learning Enhancement Center](#) for hours and useful links.



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