

WELCOME BACK



NEWSLETTER

8/14/2023



Welcome from the AVP for Student Affairs - Multicultural Services, Dr. Rabekah Stewart



Greetings and welcome to all of our new and returning Bear Scholars! Summer flew by, and I hope you are getting ready for a successful year. As you know, we are always striving for efficiency and a positive student experience. Keeping that in mind, many of you completed a program assessment last year that provided us some insight and suggestions for making this year even better.



We are introducing a new blog, continuing with the Blackboard course for tracking and communication, as well as giving the group meetings a makeover. We are excited about this academic year and hope that your involvement in the Inclusive Excellence Scholarship program will be helpful to you throughout your college-going experience. I look forward to seeing you all at the orientation session on Thursday, August 24th at 4:30 pm in the Plaster Student Union Theater (PSU 2nd Floor by Chick-Fil-A).

Be sure to check your emails for announcements and read through the blog to learn more details about the upcoming year.

Bear up,

Dr. Stewart



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Welcome Week Events

Multicultural Services will be hosting some Welcome Week events that we want to bring to your attention.

The Belong-B-Que will be on Sunday, August 20th starting at 5:00 pm in the North Mall. Volunteers are needed for check-in tables and food servers. If you want to get a head start on your service hours, please go to the following link to sign-up for a time to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA4AD29A6F8C07-belongbque#/>.

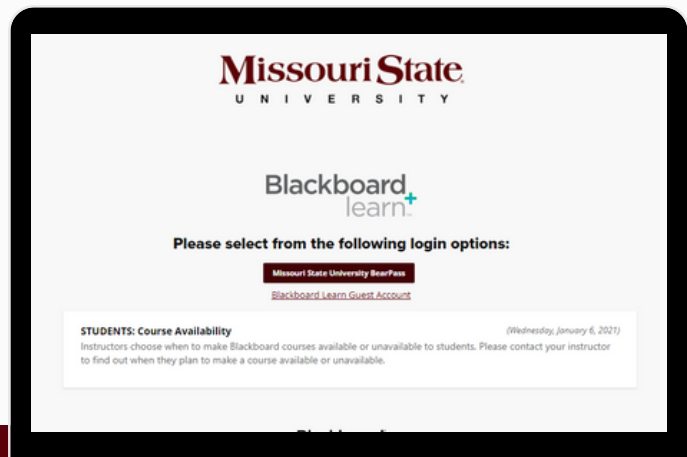
The annual Multicultural Networking & Welcome Reception will be on Wednesday, August 23rd, at 6:00 pm in the PSU Ballroom. If you plan to attend this event, please RSVP at the following link: <bit.ly/mnwr23/>. Volunteers are also need for this event to check-in attendees. To signup for volunteering, please go to: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA4AD29A6F8C07-multicultural1#.



SENIOR SCHOLARS GRADUATING IN DECEMBER

Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 6:00 pm for the fall Multicultural Services Graduation Reception. The reception will be held in PSU 315. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served at this event. You may bring a plus 1 to the event. More information will be communicated and a sign-up form will be sent out later in the semester.

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BLACKBOARD COURSE INFO

The feedback that we received regarding the use of Blackboard to submit requirements was overwhelmingly positive, therefore we are going to continue to utilize it this year. The layout and organization of it will look a little different from last year as we took some of your suggestions into consideration to make it more user friendly. If you ever have any questions or issues with using Blackboard, please contact us.

New Scholars, if this is your first time using Blackboard (Bb) and are unfamiliar with it, you can use the "On Demand Help-Missouri State University" section on your main Bb page right after you successfully sign in. These links will help educate you on how to navigate Bb. It will be a vital tool for making sure you meet all of your program requirements throughout the year. Failure to interact with Bb may result in the loss of your scholarship for the following academic year. The Bb course will be available this Friday, 8/18 at 5:00pm.

Upcoming Events

INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE
SCHOLARS

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*Belong-B-Que

PSU North Mall

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

23
AUG

*Multicultural Networking Reception

PSU Ballroom

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
PLEASE RSVP

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AUG

IES Orientation

PSU Theater

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

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SEPT

New Scholars Banquet

PSU Ballroom

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
PLEASE RSVP

About The Events

Get a head start on your requirements for the fall 2023 semester. New and continuing scholars are **strongly encouraged** to attend the IES Orientation.

RSVP Information

- RSVP for the Multicultural Networking Reception:
bit.ly/mnwr23
- To RSVP for the New Scholars Banquet:
bit.ly/IESBanquet

More Information

417-836-8921

ies@missouristate.edu

multicultural.missouristate.edu/IELS



*Events that will count towards your requirements.

TRADITIONS TOUR



Thursday, August 17

6:00 PM and 6:30 PM North Mall
ICOR - Event Canceled

Missouri State is 118 years young, so you can bet we have a LOT of tradition on this campus. Meet at the PSU Bear Statue to start earning traditions and learning about campus!

SNOW GLAD TO SEE YOU



Friday, August 18

11:00 am - 2:00 pm
PSU North Mall Patio

It's hot, come get a free snow cone! This event is sponsored by Student Activities Council, one of the largest organizations on campus!



PRESIDENT'S DESSERT RECEPTION

Friday, August 18

6:30 PM, Welcome Center

Join President Clif Smart and his wife, Gail, for a dessert reception and mingle with other families as you share the beginning of your first year. Relax after a day of moving in to meet faculty, staff and administrators while your student enjoy other activities. All family members are welcome.

PLAYFAIR AND CLASS PHOTO



Friday, August 18

7:00 PM
Plaster Sport Complex

The best way to meet 1,000 of your classmates in one hour! It's a team bonding experience that you'll find that it gives you a long lasting, positive start to your college career.

RALLY IN THE VALLEY



Friday, August 18

8:00 PM
Plaster Sport Complex

Get ready for Missouri State Fall Sports. Time to get that MOState Spirit! Enjoy performances by the Sugar Bears and cheerleaders, meet the coaches and players.

SEE YA LATER BRUNCH



Saturday, August 19

10 am - 1 pm,
Blair Shannon and Garst
Dining Centers

Enjoy a lovely brunch with family and friends. Up to two people can eat free with students. The rest must pay.

BEAR BASH



Saturday, August 19

8-11 PM, North Mall and
Plaster Student Union

The biggest event of the weekend returns, and you don't want to miss it! You'll enjoy comedy, crafts, food, games, prizes and more!

TRANSFER STUDENT ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Sunday, August 20

2:00 PM
Plaster Student Union

Meet up with your fellow new Bears for an ice cream treat, learn more about opportunities at Missouri State, and get your questions answered in an informal setting!

CONVOCAATION



Sunday, August 20

2:00 PM

Great Southern Bank Arena

This is THE official welcome to the academic year! This year's speaker is alumna _____. You'll also hear from our university president, Cliff Smart!

STUDENT ORGANIZATION FESTIVAL



Sunday, August 20

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Bearfest Village

Come meet the student organizations of Missouri State University!



BELONG B BQUE

Sunday, August 20

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Freddy House Courtyard

Meet representatives from student organizations, watch performances and meet staff members from Multicultural Student Services!