THE OLIVET EXPERIENCE
SPRING SEMESTER

2020–2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

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LETTER FROM STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

Hello Olivet Community!

I hope you all are enjoying your break thus far and taking time to rest. This past semester seemed long in many ways and short in others! We worked extensive hours toward projects, examinations, and speeches which showcased our education. We found new opportunities to express love to one another, like sending care packages or building relationships through music and bingo at Nights at the Plex! Although this semester was short in duration, nothing could diminish the investment of time spent building community with precious close friends. We definitely faced many new things! Thank you for your dedication to considering one another’s safety. Thank you also for your responses to the survey which was sent in reflection of this past semester. These replies are crucial in representing your voices accurately and effectively.

As one would expect in a pandemic, we learned to navigate new difficulties and challenges. Looking forward to the spring, we are hopeful for another successful semester where we can remain on campus. The University’s COVID Planning Steering Committee is working diligently to review and adjust campus protocols in order to ensure our safety. Continued cooperation will be imperative for the health and well-being of our community. Though the world looks different, we are grateful to be able to rely on the consistency of Olivet faculty, staff, and students to make sure we have a sense of belonging. Please continue reading below for new and exciting changes for spring semester!

I would love to leave you with a message of our true hope, Jesus Christ. As we are in the midst of Advent, I hope we all draw near to the truth that as we trust in the goodness of the Lord, we will find our rock and our salvation.

Isaiah 26:3: “You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.”

Happy Holidays,

Lily Jarzabkowski
Student Body President
Class of 2021
A SAFE START TO THE SEMESTER

• Move-in weekend is January 16-17.
• Please self-quarantine for 10 days before returning to campus.
• Take your temperature before returning (do not travel with a fever).
• Free COVID-19 saliva testing is being planned for all residential students upon return to campus.

COUNSELING AND HEALTH SERVICES

NEW FOR SPRING!
• To prioritize the health of our community and improve the overall campus experience, free and confidential, non-invasive, COVID-19 saliva testing will be conducted throughout the spring semester. More specific details about testing will be sent to students before the semester starts in January.
• The length of quarantine for close contacts will be shortened to 10 days based on the latest guidance from the CDC.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO:
• Provide counseling services both in-person and via tele-therapy.
• Provide health services primarily via tele-health and limited in person.
• Work with residential life staff to coordinate and manage details related to on-campus quarantine and isolation.
• Promote adherence to COVID-19 protocols through the Tiger Pause initiative.

IMPORTANT DATES

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<td>Wednesday, January 6</td>
<td>Begin 10 day self-quarantine</td>
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<td>Tuesday, January 12</td>
<td>First week of classes begins online (asynchronous)</td>
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<td>Saturday, Jan 16 - Sunday, Jan 17</td>
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<td>Tuesday, January 19</td>
<td>First day of in-person classes</td>
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<td>Friday, April 2 - Monday, April 5</td>
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There will be no Spring Break during spring 2021. Instead, those days will be interspersed as break days throughout the semester.

ACADEMICS

WE WILL CONTINUE TO:
• Offer classes in one of three different modalities:
  1. face-to-face
  2. hybrid
  3. fully online
• Adhere to mask wearing and social distancing in instructional settings.
• Record all classroom lectures so students not attending class can keep up.
• Use the Monday-Wednesday-Friday chapel hour as an additional class period.
• Utilize non-traditional space on campus as classroom space.
• Provide ample student support through the Center for Academic Excellence for alternate modes of instruction to students who require Learning Support Services.

**SPIRITUAL LIFE**

**NEW FOR SPRING!**
• Safe opportunities are being explored where students can join together for corporate worship.

**WE WILL CONTINUE TO:**
• Deliver students vibrant, practical messages throughout each week from Chaplain Holcomb.
  - **TUESDAY** - Ten on Tuesday
  - **THURSDAY** - Weekly online chapel service
  - **FRIDAY** - EVO devotional thought
• Hold Bible studies, created by Chaplain Holcomb, which are based on the week’s chapel message and led by RAs in the residence halls and apartments.
• Connect one-on-one with students, while following existing COVID-19 protocols.

**STUDENT LIFE**

**NEW FOR SPRING!**
• Nights at the Plex, our fall outdoor student activity hub, will move indoors to the Perry Center, creating a safe, protocol-compliant, indoor space for student activities and social gatherings.
• Perry Center will become REC CITY, with multiple areas zoned for different activities and vibes, such as gaming, concessions, arcade, billiards, ping pong, darts and table top games, as well as an area to chill out with some live music and open mic opportunities for the artists among us.

**WE WILL CONTINUE TO:**
• Provide small pop-up events to boost student morale.
• Offer class-specific events through the work of the class councils.

**DINING**

**NEW FOR SPRING!**
• Additional indoor dining space will be available at College Church.

**WE WILL CONTINUE TO:**
• Offer a reusable to-go option (OZZI) in the dining hall.
• Adjust seating arrangements and room capacities as appropriate based on the current COVID situation on campus.
Bring a Mask
Keep a face covering with you at all times as there will be times and places that campus officials require the use of face coverings.

Maintain Distance
Whenever possible, campus community and individuals should maintain at least 6 feet between one another.

Think Small
Smaller groups are encouraged to help maintain the health and general well-being of all those on campus.

Keep Your Paws Clean
To prevent the spread of illness, Tigers are encouraged to wash their hands or sanitize often.

Monitor Your Health
Students, faculty and staff are asked to monitor their own health daily, exercising good judgement when feeling unwell.

Unwell? Stay Home
To protect the health of our community, please do not attend class or work if you have any signs or symptoms of illness.

Be Prepared
Have supplies ready in case you become ill or may have to stay at home for an extended period.

Disinfect Often
Take a moment to clean the common surfaces around you before you leave a classroom or work area to prepare it for someone else.

Cover Your Cough and Sneeze
When you aren’t wearing a face covering, please use a tissue to cover your mouth and nose if you cough/sneeze, and dispose of it in a trash receptacle.

Limit Your Movement Off Campus
Always wear a face covering in public, and limit your movement in public to reduce exposure to non-family members.

Call First
If you must seek medical attention, please call your healthcare provider’s office in advance.

With your help, we can work to keep the Olivet community safe.

These recommendations are in accordance with guidelines from the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For more information, visit olivet.edu/tigerpause