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This bi-weekly newsletter is meant to inform you of important events, announcements, acknowledgements and deadlines in the [Division of Student Affairs](#) over the next two weeks.

Events:

Monday, Aug. 14 – Thursday, Aug. 17

- **NSFP – R.O.C.K. Camp.** You may already know a lot about the University of Arkansas, or you may know very little. But no matter where you come from, or what your background is, our Extended Orientation Programs are designed to help you gain valuable insight and knowledge about your new home at the University of Arkansas.

Monday, Aug. 14 – Saturday, Sep. 2

- PWHC - Wellness Initiative Instagram Kickoff Challenge. Instagram. [« Welcome Weeks Crew Applications](#)
- Tag @UAWellness with the hashtag #UAWelcome (two L's) in any Instagram post demonstrating how you live a holistic lifestyle for a chance to win a wellness swag bag!

Tuesday, Aug. 15 – Friday Aug. 18

- **NSFP – Class of 2021 T-Shirt Pick Up.** 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., ARKUA688. Stop by the New Student & Family Programs office to pick up your official Class of 2021 T-shirt! All first-year students will wear their Class T-shirt to New Student Welcome on Sunday, August 20.

Tuesday, Aug. 15

- **HOUS – Patrol Pups.** 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., ARKU Connections Lounge. Meet and Greet with UAPD and the K9's will be held on August 15th from 2:00 – 4:00pm on patio located on the south side of the Student Union. This is an opportunity to meet the University of Arkansas Police officers that provide safety and services to the students, faculty, and guests on campus and the K9 division. UAPD has the most elite K9 unit in the state providing explosive security and narcotics detection. Students can learn more about UAPD services and try the drunk goggles. No Woman Left Behind will be there providing information about bystander intervention and upcoming programs on campus. Stop by to enjoy some appetizers and treats while learning about programs and resources on campus.
- **GREK – Panhellenic Recruitment.** Panhellenic recruitment offers an opportunity to meet chapter members and peers, while learning what each sorority has to offer. This is a great way to meet new people and find out about different ways to get involved on campus. This process is intended to be a positive, fun, and enriching experience for everyone who participates.

Wednesday, Aug. 16

- **HOUS – Taste of Fayetteville.** 7:00 – 10:00 p.m., McIlroy & Greek Theater. Get your own Taste of Fayetteville! Check out the samples provided by local vendors in the community. After you have sampled some of the local foods, you can join us in the Greek Theatre to dance the night away with our own local DJs and live music with The Space Rockers out of Austin, TX.

Thursday, Aug. 17 – Thursday, Aug. 31

- **OSA/UP – First Year Photo Project Exhibit. 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Anne Kittrell Art Gallery.** See pictures taken by last year's Freshman class.
- **OSA – Fall Carnival/Outdoor Movie. 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., Greek Theater.** Grab a friend and head down to the Greek Theater for a night of fun! Starting at 7 p.m., you will be entertained by DJ Derrick while enjoying a caricature artist, face painting, and sno-cones. Then at dark, a showing of "Guardians of the Galaxy, Vol. 2" will begin. Join us to watch the Guardians fight to keep their newfound family together as they unravel the mystery of Peter Quill's true parentage.

Friday, Aug. 18

- **NSFP – Cardinal Nights. 8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m., Union Mall.** Calling all Razorbacks! Join us on Friday, Aug. 18, from 8 p.m. to midnight on the Arkansas Union mall for the first UARK Cardinal Nights! New Student & Family Programs invites the entire campus community to celebrate the beginning of the school year at the University of Arkansas! The event will feature laser tag, bungee basketball, mechanical bull, bumper cars, and so much more! You can also get your face drawn by our caricature artist, grab a bite to eat, and jam out to music provided by DJ TyWalk. Free T-shirts will also be available.

Saturday, Aug. 19

- **GREEK – Panhellenic Bid Day. 10:00 a.m.,** Panhellenic Bid Day is a day of celebration where over 1600 women receive bids from one of our eleven Panhellenic sororities here on campus. This serves as a huge welcoming into the Greek community for our new members.
- **HOUS – Luau at Pomfret, 7:00 – 11:00 p.m., Pomfret.** The Pomfret Hall Great Room is transformed into a luau themed party with DJ Derrick, mini-games, food, and fun! Over 700 students attended last year, let's see if the class of 2021 can shatter this number! You won't want to miss this annual tradition which helps to kick-off the year!

Sunday, Aug. 20

- **OCSS – ConnectU, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., ARKU 508-510.** This FREE event is designed to help freshman commuters become more acclimated to campus, meet other commuter students, and to become more comfortable with the University of Arkansas. Students will leave this event with all questions about the upcoming semester answered! Attendees will be taken on a personalized campus tour of where their classes are, get to know other students, and ask questions anonymously. Snacks and drinks will be provided and attendees can then head to New Student Welcome immediately after this event.
- Registration must be completed by August 16 at <http://offcampus.uark.edu/freshmen-commuters/index.php>
- **HOUS – Mandatory Floor Meetings. 2:00 – 5:30 p.m.** Residence hall students are to attend their community floor meetings. Students will get a chance to interact with those living on their floor, meet key Housing staff and learn the important steps to being a successful community member and student at the University of Arkansas.

- NSFP – New Student Welcome. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Union Mall. New Student Welcome serves as the official welcome for new students at the University of Arkansas. Come out to meet all members of the Class of 2021 and our Chancellor, Dr. Joe Steinmetz. Performances by the Razorback Marching Band and the Razorback Spirit Squads also take place at the event. Immediately following New Student Welcome, students will then take part in the official welcome back picnic, sponsored by Chartwells.

Monday, Aug. 21

- First Day of Classes
- OSA/ASG – Help A Hog. 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. New Student & Family Programs and other volunteers will spend the day staffing tables strategically located in high-traffic areas to assist campus community with any questions they may have. The volunteers can help with directions, building codes, academic and administrative services information, and any other issues you have in order to make the first few days at the University of Arkansas easier. Tweet us questions @UARKHelpAHog if you are on the go.
- OSA/ASG – ASG Welcome Back Cookout. 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Union Mall. Members of the Associated Student Government (ASG) welcome back all undergraduate, graduate, and law students with a cookout on the Union Mall! Come hear more about how to get involved in ASG this year!
- NSFP – Back 2 School Bingo Night. 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Pomfret Hall Great Room. Students will have the opportunity to reconnect with friends while enjoying several variations of BINGO and FREE FOOD. Students will have the opportunity to win a variety of prizes.

Tuesday, Aug. 22

- GREEK – IFC Cookout. 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. The IFC cookout is geared to male students who are looking into joining Greek Life here at the University of Arkansas. Registration for recruitment doesn't close until August 23rd at 11:59pm - any male student who is considering getting involved with Greek Life should come out to meet our chapter members and get free food!

Wednesday, Aug. 23

- OCSS – Wake Up Wednesdays. 8:30 – 11:00 a.m., Commuter Lounge ARKU 632. Join Off-Campus Student Services for free coffee and doughnuts every Wednesday morning in the Commuter Lounge! Meet other off-campus students, become familiar with lounge amenities, and pick up any information you may need!
- OSA – Razorbash U. 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Union Mall. Razorbash U is a University-specific information fair. This year's Razorbash U features Club Sports and Registered Student Organizations in the Religious and International/Cultural categories. Razorbash U features groups on the Union Mall, so you can stay cool while finding out how to get involved! Enjoy music by KXUA and some other fun surprises along the way!
- GREEK – IFC “Meet the Chapters”. 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. IFC “Meet the Chapters” is geared to male students who are looking into joining Greek Life here at the University of Arkansas. Registration

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Thursday, Aug. 24

- OSA – Razorbash. 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Union Mall. As a welcome to students, more than 200 booths featuring local businesses, community groups, campus departments, and registered student organizations will provide free food, giveaways, and information. Razorbash offers students an opportunity to connect with the local community and organizations that suit their interests. Be sure to stop by the Registration Tent to get a Razorbash bag and sign up for grand prize drawings! For more information visit osa.uark.edu or call 479-575-5255.
- GREEK – IFC Recruitment Orientation. 8:00 – 8:30 p.m. This event is a part of the formal recruitment process for our fraternal organizations here at the University of Arkansas. Orientation is REQUIRED for all potential new members. During orientation, students will be given information about our 14 chapters, how the formal recruitment process works, and what group they will be a part of.
- OSA – Freshman Pep-Rally. 9:00 p.m., Razorback Stadium. The Class of 2021 is welcomed to join University Programs, Razorback Athletics, Marching Band and the Spirit Squad to learn all of the University of Arkansas traditions prior to the first football game. There will also be a spirit competition.
- Doors open at 8:15 p.m. Attendees are asked to please wait until 7:30 p.m. to begin lining up and to use the southeast outdoor staircase of Barnhill Arena to gain access to the football stadium (this will be where students will line up on game days as well). Unfortunately, due to construction we will not be able to do the class picture at this year's pep rally.

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Friday, Aug. 25

- GREEK – IFC Recruitment, Open House Round, Part 1. 5:00 – 10:00 p.m. This event is a part of the formal recruitment process for our fraternal organizations here at the University of Arkansas. During this round of men's recruitment, students will have an opportunity to visit all 14 of our fraternities.
- NSFP – Cardinal Night. 8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m., Union. Events TBD.

Saturday, Aug. 26

- GREEK – IFC Recruitment, Open House Round, Part 2. 5:30 p.m. This event is a part of the formal recruitment process for our fraternal organizations here at the University of Arkansas. During this round of men's recruitment, students will have an opportunity to visit all 14 of our fraternities.

Sunday, Aug. 27

- GREEK – IFC Recruitment, House Tour Round. 1:00 – 10:00 p.m. This event is a part of the formal recruitment process for our fraternal organizations here at the University of Arkansas. During this round of men's recruitment, students will have an opportunity to visit up to 7 chapters. If they chapter has a physical house, tours will be given.

Announcements:**Chartwells:**

- Coming Wednesday, Aug. 16.

“Where the Wild Greens AR” – Founder’s Hall Retail 1st Floor (formerly occupied by Olympus Greek Grill and next to Rocket Taco).

Wild Greens was created from a desire to raise awareness about salad greens that are grown in our very own Freight Farm on campus. This explains the “AR” in the name. We used to distribute the Freight Farm lettuce across campus to different locations and the message was diluted or lost. The second key driver to the concept was the popularity of over-the-top entrée salads where all ingredients are “clean”. Students told us last year in our On-site Insight focus groups that they were interested in eating this way. Each item in this concept is house-made and kitchen crafted. We felt that this would be a perfect marriage for the locally grown salad greens.

Where the Wild Greens AR allows the guest to choose a salad, grain bowl, flat bread pizza or soup combo base. They can then choose from on on-site prepared protein, two different spreads or dressings from an over-the-top selection, layer on unlimited toppings like house-pickled red onion and more. Each entree can then be finished with two different options like roasted seed or nuts and pita strips for interesting texture.

We are confident that any concerns raised about removing Olympus will quickly be satisfied. Where the Wild Greens AR actually incorporates the best loved salad and grain options from Olympus and turns them up several notches with the addition of uber-creative options.

Greek Life:

- Panhellenic Women’s Recruitment began Friday evening, Aug. 11 and will continue through Bid Day on Saturday, Aug. 19. A record number of 1,703 women are Potential New Members (PNMs). We need five (5) more Student Affairs colleagues to assist on Bid Day. Please contact Helene Wommack at hwommack@uark.edu if you are available. We will have a short training meeting on Thursday, Aug. 17 at 1:30-2:00 at Hillside Auditorium, and Bid Day help is needed from 8:00 - 10:30 am.
- IFC Men’s Recruitment already has 650 men registered to begin the recruitment process on Thursday, Aug. 24. Registration is open through Wednesday, Aug. 23.

Off-Campus Student Services:

- OCSS created a new student employee position this semester, Commuter Success Mentors, which allows 5 undergraduate off-campus students to gain experience as both a mentor to a group of freshman commuters and as a vital member of our office staff by answering student questions and triaging off-campus living inquiries.

Office of Student Activities:

- Applications Available for Leadership Positions are currently open for the following ASG positions:

- [Staff – Freshman Leadership Forum](#) Deadline: Friday, Aug. 25
- [Member - Freshman Leadership Forum](#) Deadline: Friday, Sep. 1
- Applications are also open for [University Committee](#) positions. Deadline: Friday, Sep. 1.
- Nominations are being accepted for [Family of the Year](#) through Monday, Aug. 28.
- ASG Vacancy Elections will take place in September. Applications for the following positions open on Wednesday, Aug. 16 and are due by Friday, Sep. 1.
 - [ASG Senator](#) (undergraduate students)
 - [Graduate Student Congress Representative](#)

Awards & Acknowledgements:

Off Campus Student Services:

- Samantha Higgins, associate director for marketing and retention programs, was named Employee of the Quarter for the 3rd quarter for the Professional/Non-Faculty – Administrative category.

Office of Student Activities:

- The Office of Student Activities is pleased to announce Amber Widdowson as its new Assistant Director for Registered Student Organizations. As part of this new position, Widdowson will oversee RSO registration for more than 430 RSO's on campus as well as advise Associated Student Government Office of Financial Affairs in its RSO funding allocations processes. She will also advise SOOIE, the Student Organization Outreach and Involvement Experience RSO.

Widdowson is a product of the Office of Student Activities. She was involved with University Programs as a member, Coffeehouse Committee chair, and Vice President while an undergraduate student from 2006-2009. After working in Human Resources positions at various retail organizations for six years, Widdowson returned to the Office of Student Activities as Graduate Assistant for Registered Student Organizations in 2015. She was named Program Coordinator for RSO's in January 2017 and received her M.A. in Higher Education in May 2017.

"It is very exciting to have Amber join the Office of Student Activities in this new role," said Mary Skinner, Director of Student Activities. "She has already made such an amazing impact on the students and staff with her past leadership as a Graduate Assistant and Program Coordinator. It will be wonderful to see how far she takes the Registered Student Organizations."

If you have any comments or suggestions please email Scott Flanagin, executive director of communications for Student Affairs, at sflanagi@uark.edu.