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COVID-19 Info & Campus Resources

We hope that all of you are staying safe wherever you currently are. You all have been receiving lots of emails, and info gets lost. Here are the locations where you can stay up to date on things that you need to know.

- University updates will be posted to the COVID-19 website: https://Purdue.university/covid-19
- Students that need assistance with learning remotely can find resources here. The academic assistance programs that students depend on while on campus will continue to be available remotely.
- Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). CAPS remains available to provide students mental health assistance and can be reached at 765-494-6995.
- WellTrack. WellTrack continues to provide online interactive self-help therapy.
- Office of the Dean of Students. ODOS can help students navigate challenges they are experiencing both personally and academically.

Student Check in

The Provost Office wants to make sure that students are accessing their coursework and have the ability to do so in Blackboard. If any student is having trouble logging into Blackboard due to internet connection, they can call the Purdue COVID-19 Information center at 1-833-571-1043 and press 7 for assistance. The Learning remotely site here also has good information to aid students as well.

Fall 2020 Registration Update

- Fall 2020 Time Tickets: this is “sophomore classification” week.
- Open Registration begins on 4/28.
- A few students still need to have their appt with Tammi. A completed Mentor form is required for the appt as reference, but the mentoring meeting and mentor signature will NOT be required. Email your Mentor form 12hrs prior to your appt time to Tammi at thayert@purdue.edu. At your appt time, call Tammi at 765.496.7238. If email exchange is desired, include that in your email with your Mentor form.
- It is imperative that students update their own myPurduePlan plan of study prior to their appt. Updates should include current Spring 2020 enrollment, and planned Summer/Fall 2020 courses. Find tutorials for all MPP features here.
- Reference the EEE Registration Newsletter-Fall 2020 and EEE Curriculum resources at https://engineering.purdue.edu/EEE/InfoFor/CurrentStudents under Academic Resources

SEEE Instructional Excellence Award

Vote now: The SEEE Instructional Excellence Award recognizes an Environmental and Ecological Engineering faculty member for outstanding achievement in the area of teaching with emphasis on the current academic year. All students who are majoring in EEE may vote for the faculty nominee of their choice, so now is your opportunity
to give your input. Please participate right now by going to the link below. The link will close April 22. To take the survey click [here](#).

**Spring 2020: Considering P/NP option, or Dropping a Course?**

For most, this is not a decision to make quickly if a student thinks that they could end with a letter grade of A or B. In my advising opinion (Tammi), students should delay all decisions to as close to May 1 as possible. Do your best first; then convert to P/NP if you are dissatisfied with your expected letter grade as the end of term nears.

A FAQ document has been created and placed on the Registrar website. Currently it is a clickable PDF link directly under the RED text on that page; it may move or be renamed so hopefully you can find it. They are going to update the doc with instructions, but here they are if needed.

- How do students request to take their course(s) Pass/Not-Pass?
  - A student will request this [change in Scheduling Assistant](#). There is no approval by instructor or advisor needed. (How to [URL](#))

- How to drop a course? Does a student need any approvals to drop a current course for Spring 2020?
  - Any course drop request made through the last Friday of classes (May 1, 2020 at 5:00pm) will need approval from the student’s academic advisor. (How to [URL](#))

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**Job Corner with Ms. Whelton, PE**

If you are looking for summer job opportunities, there is still time. I will continue to send emails about opportunities that generally have a short turnaround time. I also post job opportunities (full and internship/coop) on the EEE sites:

- [https://engineering.purdue.edu/EEE/Academics/InfoFor/CurrentStudents/EEERelatedFullTimeJobs](https://engineering.purdue.edu/EEE/Academics/InfoFor/CurrentStudents/EEERelatedFullTimeJobs)
- [https://engineering.purdue.edu/EEE/Academics/InfoFor/CurrentStudents/EEERelatedPartTimeJobs](https://engineering.purdue.edu/EEE/Academics/InfoFor/CurrentStudents/EEERelatedPartTimeJobs)

The CCO is a great place to find both full time and internship related opportunities. I don’t post their opportunities. If you don’t have a CCO account or haven’t looked at it this semester, please go to here: [https://www.cco.purdue.edu/#myCCO](https://www.cco.purdue.edu/#myCCO). The jobs tab of Linked In is another great way to look for jobs or even using general job search engines. Don’t forget that research counts as related experience!

There are now virtual career fairs to look for job opportunities such as the [Engineering and Science virtual career fair](https://engineering.purdue.edu) on April 28th. Details are attached to the newsletter. The Just in Time Career Fair on April 22nd at Purdue has become virtual ([https://bit.ly/2UdIWtK](https://bit.ly/2UdIWtK)). Take advantage of virtual fairs. If you do have an opportunity, it is a good idea to check with your employer on your job status due to COVID-19. Some companies are changing their plans, but there are still opportunities.

There have been a lot of changes recently and we are all in unchartered waters. Remember I’m still here to meet with you (virtually). Email me if want to talk about job searches, resume questions, etc.

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**Summer 2020 Update**

As stated by Provost Akridge, Purdue’s plan for summer is as follows:

- Virtually all courses, graduate and undergraduate, that start in the months of May or June will be conducted remotely.
- July courses - The decision on whether or not courses that start in July will be conducted face-to-face will be made no later than May 15.
- It is our hope that we are able to offer all courses originally planned for summer in a remote format. Academic progress for all students continues to be a priority.

**Schedule of Classes - Office of the Registrar:** For all courses starting in either May or June, the meeting room will be changed to ONLINE. The instructional method, meeting days and times will remain unchanged. Each section will also include the following note: Due to COVID-19, this section will be delivered ONLINE.

**Summer Aid Update - Division of Financial Aid:** If students experience income loss such as a job change or job loss due to COVID-19, students can contact the Division of Financial Aid to see if a special circumstance appeal is
a possibility. A financial aid counselor will use information and numbers provided by the student to see if processing an appeal may change the student’s aid.

**Billing Update - Office of the Bursar:** For Summer 2020, the Office of the Bursar will not be processing a registration cancel run for non-payment. The Bursar will begin assessing summer fees starting on April 15. Invoices will be sent on April 20 with a due date of June 15. For students who are planning to use financial aid to pay their tuition, they will be required to confirm their enrollment in order for their aid to disburse to their account. If the student does not complete this step, their aid will not be disbursed to their account nor will they receive any excess aid refunds. Since there is not a registration cancel for Summer 2020, it is important that students understand the drop/add deadlines and University refund policy. Published dates are on the [Registrar’s website](https://www.purdue.edu/admissions/). If a student with financial aid is considering dropping a course, please discuss this decision with the Division of Financial Aid to make sure the student understands the implications to their financial aid. Please reach out to Michelle Fulk at [mfulk@purdue.edu](mailto:mfulk@purdue.edu) with any questions or concerns.

**Campus Housing - University Residences:** University Residences will accommodate students who need to remain on campus over the summer for various reasons (e.g., lack of internet access at home, travel restrictions). More information to come.

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**Earth Day 2020 Contest**

The Center for the Environment is requesting your help. With the goal of better engaging with the undergraduate students at Purdue, the center is holding an Earth Day contest where students create a video or photo submission explaining what they plan on doing for earth day this year. The event for Earth Day 2020 is the event’s 50th anniversary, so the center wants lots of students to participate. To follow the Center and learn more about all of its activities you can follow them on Instagram @PurdueC4E. More information about the contest can be found [here](https://www.cco.purdue.edu) or in the attached flyer.

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**FNR 49800: Plants of Midwestern Habitats**

The FNR departments is offering a new online summer course (June 15 through Aug 7). The class will be counted as a EEE tech elective and is taught online. It is a 2 credit hour course with no prerequisites. This course focuses on identifying herbaceous plants found in woodlands, wetlands, and grasslands in the Midwestern United States. Students will learn how to identify plants using family characteristics and use field guides to identify plants to species. They will explore growth and reproductive strategies that herbaceous species have to allow them to claim in their ecological niches. Students will learn how seasonality, site characteristics, seral stage, and other factors can be used to predict which plants should occur in a habitat. Any questions can be sent to Cortney Mycroft ([mycroftc@purdue.edu](mailto:mycroftc@purdue.edu)).

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**Rising Seniors: Thinking about Graduate School? Or about the EEE Combined Degree Program?**

- Not sure how to prepare? Check out the CCO Handbook - pages 58-60 - that provides a Graduate School Application Checklist and resources. Go to [https://www.cco.purdue.edu/Services](https://www.cco.purdue.edu/Services) -> CCO Handbook
- Students with an overall 3.25GPA or better are encouraged to apply to the EEE Combined Degree program.
- Apply at end of junior year (generally the 6th semester, or before the start of your final 2 terms if you are a December graduate).
- Nine-twelve credits of approved 500 level course work may be carried forward to the Master’s program, allowing you to earn the MSEEE in only two semesters beyond the undergraduate degree. Talk to your EEE Faculty Mentor or Prof. Howarter. See link [here](https://www.cco.purdue.edu/Services) for details.

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**Steps to Leaps Corner**

Feeling like you are in a rut and don’t know what to do? Visit the New [Virtual Student Life](https://www.cco.purdue.edu/Services) page to find useful tips for ways students can get involved and back on track. Other campus resources are available to students to help...
with all types of well being. There is the WellnessTrack Self-Help Therapy tool which you can download [here](#). You can visit a PUSH provider [here](#). Student Support Services can be contacted [here](#). CAPS will be offering telehealth resources including screenings, individual therapy, psychiatry, care and case managers. Contact 765-494-6995 for assistance or visit the CAPS website for more information. Purdue Recreation and Wellness is offering several programs virtually including Group X, Wellness Coaching, Cooking Demonstrations and more. Visit RecWell’s Virtual Programs page for more information. On the Steps to Leaps website you will be able to find Learning Modules about stress management as well as time management. The newest tip sheet can be found [here](#). Sign up for the Steps to Leaps Newsletter to stay up to date.

### Critical Need Fund/Disaster & Emergency Student Assistance Fund-Office of the Dean of Students (Updated March 26, 2020)

The Critical Need Fund also known as the Disaster and Emergency Student Assistance Fund was established by the Office of the Dean of Students, a unit of Student Life, to help ensure that Purdue University students have access to the support and resources they need to successfully recover from unexpected financial crises and stay on track academically. Examples of assistance include transportation costs, emergency housing, food, and replacement of essential belongings. The fund is made possible from generous donors committed to helping students.

Considering the significant disruptions caused by the current global crisis as it relates to COVID-19, we invite students to submit requests for these funds. Our process is intended to be simple and quick. The federal government has relaxed some financial aid regulations to allow students to be helped more efficiently. The process for emergency fund requests includes:

- Students contacts ODOS and discusses the need ([odos@purdue.edu](mailto:odos@purdue.edu) /765-494-1747)
  - Approvals are made on a case-by-case basis
  - Funds awarded will not typically exceed $500; exceptions may apply
- Unmet need is reviewed with Department of Financial Aid (DFA)
- In approximately 1-3 business days a Chase Quick Pay is complete

### Summer Scholarship Opportunities at Purdue

**Purdue Summer Stay Scholars** - If you are selected for Summer Stay Scholars, you will receive up to $2,500 to pay your estimated summer cost of attendance not already covered by other gift aid. A $2,500 scholarship would cover full tuition and fees for a resident student and offer a decrease in the total cost for non-resident or international students. You'll not only receive financial assistance, but the research or internship experience will enhance your coursework as well as give you a head start on your career. Prof. Inez Hua and Prof. Hua Cai, both EEE faculty, have a research project available through this program. See description; click on "Research Opportunities", then “College of Engineering” then “Modeling Stocks and Flows of Consumer Electronics in Households.”

- To qualify for Summer Stay Scholars, you must have:
  - Attended your first semester at a Purdue University campus in Fall 2019 or earlier
  - A GPA of at least 3.00 for research or at least 2.00 for internships
  - Undergraduate student status
  - Complete 9+ credit hours during Summer 2020

**Summer Finish** - Students who could graduate in August rather than waiting until December are eligible to apply for a $1,000 scholarship.

**Advisor-Initiated Scholarship** - Advisors can nominate three students who would benefit from online or on-campus summer courses for a scholarship. Preference is given to first year and second-year students needing to catch up on degree requirements. Let Tammi Thayer know if you would like to be nominated.

**Summer Housing Scholarship** - Students experiencing homelessness and students who have spent time in foster care may apply for a summer housing scholarship. This award will be applied to room and board in University Residences for Summer 2020. Please contact John Gipson at [gipsonj@purdue.edu](mailto:gipsonj@purdue.edu) if you would benefit from this scholarship and meet the qualifications.
TechPoint's upcoming Sales Bootcamp program starts on May 14th! Sales Bootcamp is a four-week program for new grads and career changers designed to train and provide a first-hand experience working on sales teams at several Indy tech companies. The application closes on Friday, April 24th.

To learn more and apply, CLICK HERE!

Since you can't drop-in to see us, the CCO staff want you to know we are still here to assist you remotely. Check out our CCO on the Go services!

CLICK HERE for Online Resources

Are you still looking for an internship or full-time opportunity? There are still many job postings available to you right now through myCCO!

The Success Express Podcast

Anyone considering grad school? Join us as Sam Mitchell walks us through the grad school application process on our latest episode of The Success Express. From deciding when to go to grad school to the waiting game after applications are submitted, we cover it all.

Tune in on SoundCloud or through the CCO blog!

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Visit the CCO website for a full list of upcoming workshops, career fairs, and other events www.cco.purdue.edu/calendar

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What does Earth Day mean to you?
Join others around the world from home. Add your voice using social media. Engage with Purdue on Earth Day & win earth-friendly prizes!

How to participate:
1. Create a video or take a photo to show what you will be doing for Earth Day or what Earth Day means to you to share on Instagram.
2. When you post, mention @PurdueC4E and tag #EarthDay2020.
3. Challenge two friends to do the same.
4. Wait and win some earth-friendly merch including Hydroflasks, reusable market totes, mugs from local coffee shops and other sustainable items.

Check here for more Earth Day Virtual Events: purdue.edu/discoverypark/environment/-for-students/earth-day2020.php

Learn about degree programs, campus events and research opportunities through the Center for the Environment: purdue.edu/discoverypark/environment

Read about Purdue Sustainability Council initiatives like Purdue’s Farmers’ Market and recyclemania: purdue.edu/sustainability

Stay up to date with research findings and engagement opportunities at the Purdue Climate Change Research Center: ag.purdue.edu/climate/

Stay informed through the Honors College: honors.purdue.edu