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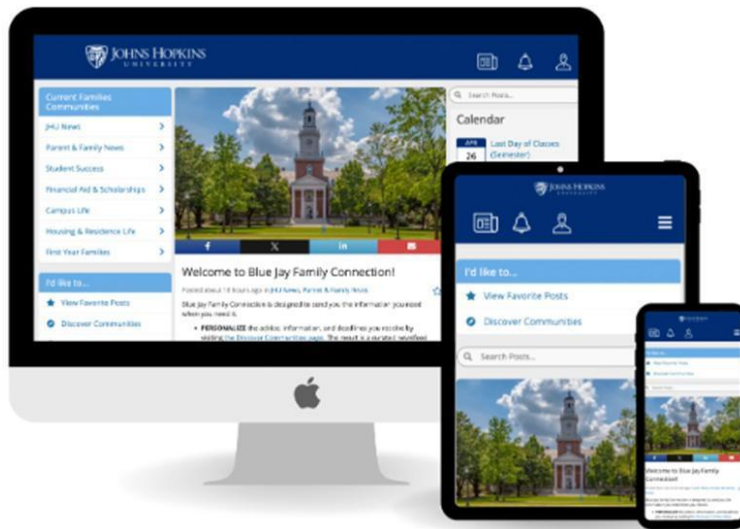
We are approaching the long days of spring and the energy on campus in April is palpable. From the warmer weather to campus traditions such as Spring Fair, we are eager to be out in the sunshine as much as your student! Excitement is building as we approach Commencement, summer internship season, and welcoming the [class of 2028](#). Wishing you the best from this corner of the world and beyond!

Please read on for updates from our office on upcoming programs and events, and please [email](#) the Office of Family Engagement if you have questions.

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## Introducing Blue Jay Family Connection: A new way to stay involved with your student and JHU

We are thrilled to announce the launch of brand new communications hub for our families: [The Blue Jay Family Connection!](#)

At Johns Hopkins, we understand the importance of family engagement in supporting our students' academic and personal journey. That's why we're excited to introduce this new interactive platform, dedicated to staying connected with all things Hopkins.

With the Blue Jay Family Connection you will have the ability to customize your experience. Whether you're interested in academic resources for your student, campus events, or important deadlines, you can curate your preferences to receive information that matters most to you and your family.

Families will receive an invitation email this week with instructions to join the Blue Jay Family Connection community.

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## Update on Milton S. Eisenhower Library Modernization Project

As shared previously, the **Milton S. Eisenhower Library** will close this summer as part of a planned multi-year project to renovate and fully reimagine the building, now critically overdue for health, safety, and mechanical system upgrades.

The university recently announced an interim library service plan, informed by student input and data about the building's use, to maintain continuity of library service throughout the renovation and provide the traditional communal learning environment our students value. As part of the plan, new study spaces will be available to students during the renovation, including the former Johns Hopkins Club building, Brody Learning Commons, Hutzler Reading Room in Gilman Hall, and Hudson Hall.

More details about the modernization project and interim service plan can be found [on the library website](#).

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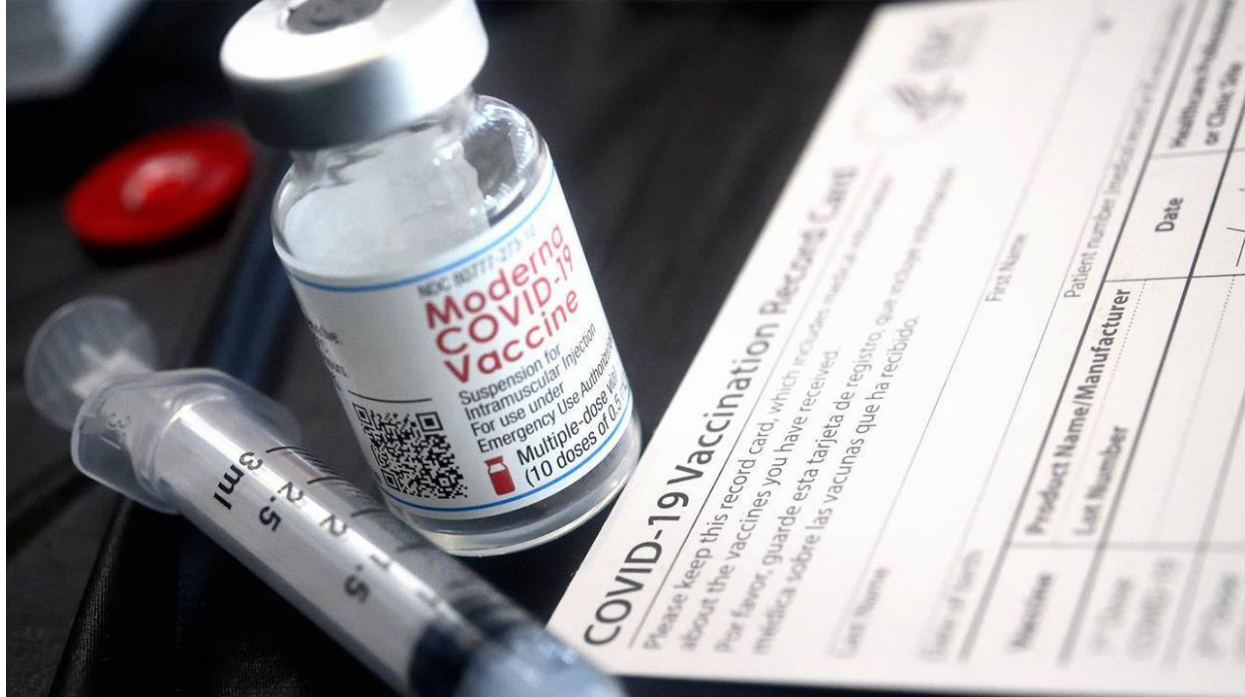


## 53rd annual Spring Fair is approaching

**Spring Fair**, one of the biggest traditions of the year, returns later this month for its 53rd year! The community event is made possible with generous support from the [Hopkins Parents Fund](#) and coordination between the Office of Leadership Engagement and Experiential Development, Hopkins Student Organization for Programming, and other campus partners.

Spring Fair is a celebration of the season, filled with lawn games, an arts marketplace, food selections from popular vendors, and a closing concert. This year's Spring Fair will occur from Thursday, April 25 through Saturday, April 27. Visit the [Spring Fair website](#) for more information and updates, and encourage your Blue Jay to attend!

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## Johns Hopkins lifts COVID-19 vaccination requirement

Johns Hopkins [recently announced the lifting of its COVID-19 vaccination requirement](#), effective immediately. The change aligns the university with current federal public health guidelines. With the change, the university will continue to strongly encourage but no longer require faculty, staff, and students to receive at least one dose of the vaccine.

The university's Health Advisory Group will continue to closely monitor public health conditions and could reinstate vaccination requirements and other preventative measures in the future. Affiliates who test positive for COVID are advised to follow the updated [CDC guidelines](#).





## Mitt Romney is announced as this year's Commencement speaker

Johns Hopkins [has announced](#) that former Governor of Massachusetts and U.S. Senator **Mitt Romney** will be delivering the Commencement address this year. With a distinguished career spanning public service and business, Romney brings experience and insight to inspire the 2024 graduating class.

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## Upcoming webinar for families of the Class of 2024

Our next Family Engagement webinar will focus on Commencement. On **Wednesday, April 17 from 12–1 p.m. EST**, the Commencement Office will join us to share important details and information about events being held as part of the Commencement celebration. The Commencement staff will also take time to answer questions from our families. The webinar will be recorded and posted on the [Family Engagement website](#) for those who cannot attend live.

[Register for the Webinar](#)

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## Updates from the Commencement Events Team

1. Graduates are encouraged to attend the Barnes & Noble Johns Hopkins University **Graduation Fair April 11 to 13 from 11 a.m.–6 p.m. each day**. Students will be able to purchase their cap and gown, personalized announcements, and diploma frames. GradImages® also will be



on-site to take senior portraits.

2. Remind your graduate that Friday, April 19 is the **LAST DAY to RSVP** in Marching Order to ensure they have a seat on the field.
3. Family and friends of the Class of 2024 are encouraged to **submit photos and videos** to be featured in the Commencement ceremony. Details are available on the [content submission page](#). The deadline to submit is Friday, April 19.
4. Wednesday, May 22 is the **Senior Celebration**, a day of academic receptions and club gatherings on Homewood campus. See the [schedule of events](#) for additional Commencement-related events.
5. **Homewood Undergraduate Senior Toast**, a champagne and dessert reception, will take place on Wednesday, May 22 from 8–10 p.m. For more information, please visit the [Homewood Undergraduate Senior Toast page](#) on the commencement website.
6. On Commencement day, Thursday, May 23, **gates will open at 8 a.m. The ceremony will begin at 9 a.m.** Tickets are not required for the ceremony. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be postponed to Friday, May 24 at 9 a.m.
7. For the safety of our guests, all backpacks and any **bags larger 13" x 15" are NOT permitted** at Homewood Field (including camera bags, purses, and any luggage). All bags, regardless of size, may be searched upon entry into the stadium. No outside food or beverage, with the exception of water, are allowed.
8. **Limited complimentary parking**, on a first-come, first-served basis, will be available on Commencement day in the South and San Martin garages on Homewood campus. The San Martin garage is the closest garage to Homewood Field. Guests are encouraged to walk the short distance from this garage to the stadium. Shuttles will run on a loop between the garages and the stadium. Information is available on the Commencement [Parking and Transportation page](#).
9. For family and friends who cannot attend Commencement, the **ceremony will be livestreamed**. A link to the livestream will be available on the [Commencement page](#) the week of May 20.
10. To request **ASL interpreters, assisted listening devices or Braille program booklets** contact the Commencement Office at [commencement@jhu.edu](mailto:commencement@jhu.edu) or 667-306-9110 by May 17.

In March, parents of students expected to graduate in May should have received a letter and email from the Commencement Office. If you did not receive yours, or have questions, please contact the Commencement Office by email at [commencement@jhu.edu](mailto:commencement@jhu.edu) or by phone at [667-306-9110](tel:667-306-9110).



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