



Blue Jay Families,

We're so excited to be welcoming our students back for the start of the spring semester! We had [snow on the ground](#) here in Baltimore for the first day of classes on January 22, and the Johns Hopkins Ice Rink at Homewood has reopened for its third year. There is so much to look forward to this spring as our students return to Homewood!

Please read on for updates from our office on upcoming programs and events, and please contact us at bluejayfamilies@jhu.edu if you have any questions or need assistance.

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Johns Hopkins Ice Rink at Homewood opens for the 2024 season



The [Johns Hopkins Ice Rink at Homewood](#) has returned for the 2024 winter season! All JHU students are invited to sign up for a free 90-minute skating session. Rental skates, beverages, and snacks are also free of charge to all attendees who have completed their registration and submitted an electronic waiver.

The ice rink is in a new location this year, off W. University Parkway near the intersection of San Martin Drive, behind the Imagine Center. Remind your student to take a break this winter and check out the calendar for [available time slots](#). Special theme days and giveaways are being offered, so tell your student to take advantage of the ice rink before it closes on February 25.

Upcoming webinars for families

FLI Compass Series - JUMP

On Wednesday, February 7 at 7 p.m. EST, the FLI Compass Series continues with a presentation from our [Johns Hopkins Underserved in the Medical Professions \(JUMP\) office](#), a large learning community invested in helping students achieve their health professional dreams. They will present information to our First-Generation, Limited-Income (FLI) families about how they build bridges of opportunity for aspiring healthcare leaders from under-resourced and/or underserved backgrounds to successfully navigate the pre-med/pre-health pathways at Johns Hopkins and beyond. [Please register online to attend.](#)

On-Campus Residence Hall Room Selection Webinar

On Wednesday, February 21 at **12 p.m. EST**, (please note the new time for this webinar) the

[Housing office](#) will present information to families of first-year students who are in the process of selecting their on-campus rooms for their second year. [Please register online to attend.](#)

[Visit the Family Engagement website](#) to see the complete schedule of upcoming webinars, as well as archived recordings of past sessions.

Family Weekend 2024



Family Weekend has been confirmed for September 27–29, 2024! This annual celebration is an opportunity for families to join their student on campus and get a taste of their home away from home.

A variety of activities will be offered to appeal to the many different interests of our students; some will require advance registration and payment. Registration will open after classes begin in the fall. Once the schedule is announced, please share it with your student and decide together which activities will work with their schedule before registering. [Visit our website](#) to view the 2023 schedule to get a sense of the activities we typically offer, and stay tuned for additional announcements in the coming months.

Spring tuition and FAFSA

Spring tuition payments are due February 5, 2024. Any questions related to making payments, tuition bills or third party payers should be directed to the [Office of Student Enrollment and Account Management \(SEAM\)](#).

Due to technical difficulties, the FAFSA application deadline has been extended to February 15, 2024. Please note that there will be a delay between the date you submit the FAFSA and when JHU receives it; if you have already submitted your FAFSA application in December or January, please note that JHU will not be able to confirm receipt until early February. Any student who wishes to be considered for financial aid should complete the FAFSA form each year. Questions regarding FAFSA should be directed to [SEAM](#).

Alumni Weekend 2024



Calling all JHU alumni! You're invited to join us on campus April 5–7, 2024 for Alumni Weekend. Programming will include talks, walking tours, student and alumni coffees, President and Dean's breakfasts, the annual crabcake luncheon, a lacrosse game, and much more.

Registration is now open; visit the [Alumni Weekend website](#) for all the details and registration information. We hope to see you there!

5 tips to help you plan for Commencement 2024



1. The **universitywide [Commencement](#)** ceremony will be held on **Thursday, May 23 at 9 a.m.** at Homewood Field on Johns Hopkins Homewood campus. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be postponed to Friday, May 24 at 9 a.m.
2. Our **[2024 Family & Friends page](#)** has links to frequently asked questions, hotels offering discounted rates, details on event accessibility, parking and transportation information, and suggestions to help you commemorate your graduate's moment.
3. The Commencement **[Undergraduate Checklist](#)** contains information on ordering graduation-related items, including class rings, graduation announcements, senior portraits, and academic regalia.
4. Johns Hopkins is committed to promoting the full participation of all individuals with disabilities in the Commencement Exercises. Large print program books will be available and the ceremony will be captioned and include ASL interpretation. For any other requests, please contact the Commencement Office at commencement@jhu.edu or 667-306-9110 by April 22, 2024.
5. All bags and purses may be searched upon entering Homewood Field. For a complete list of restricted items and bag size requirements, please visit the [Frequently Asked Questions page](#).

If you have questions about the event, please contact the Commencement Office by email at commencement@jhu.edu or by phone at 667-306-9110.



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