Blue Jay Families,

As the days slowly begin to lengthen and we see more students enjoying the outdoor spaces on campus, our excitement is building for spring traditions, from admitting the Class of 2028, to Spring Fair, and most importantly, Commencement!

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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Family Weekend 2024: New Dates
Family Weekend has been confirmed for **September 27-29, 2024**! You may have already received these new dates in the [email announcement we sent last month](#), but we are excited to welcome families to campus in September this year.

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.

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**Upcoming Webinar for Pre-Med Families**

On Wednesday, March 13 from 12-1 p.m. EST, the Office of Pre-Professional Advising and the Life Design Lab will hold a webinar focused on information and resources available to pre-med students.

The Pre-Professional Advising team will discuss pre-med services, review traits of a successful pre-med student, and highlight ways in which you can support your student. The Life Design Lab will discuss how they support students throughout their college journey and beyond, whether
they're interested in pursuing graduate school, a well-aligned internship, or just a healthy and balanced life.

Register for the Webinar

**Milton S. Eisenhower Library Modernization Project**

Remind your student to participate in the upcoming information sessions regarding the renovation of the Milton S. Eisenhower Library, which will be under construction starting in summer 2024. Dean of the Library Elisabeth Long will be sharing updates and answering student questions about the planned modernization, as well as options for alternative study spaces during construction, at these upcoming information sessions:

- **In person:** Monday, March 4 from 12-1 p.m. (Scotts-Bates Commons, Salon B)
- **Online:** Wednesday, March 27 from 5-6 p.m. over [Zoom](#)
Meal plan enrollment for the 2024-25 academic year begins in March! First-year students going through the Housing Room Selection Process will choose their meal plans during the week of March 11.

Non-residential students can begin enrolling in their 24-25 meal plans on Monday, March 25. Students can enroll in a meal plan by Sunday, June 30 to keep any leftover Dining Dollars from the 2023-24 academic year. After June 30, any remaining Dining Dollars will be lost.

Visit Hopkins Dining's website to learn more about your student’s meal plan eligibility and the Nutrislice website to learn more about the menus being offered at our dining locations. You can also follow @HopkinsDining on Instagram for regular dining updates.

Alumni Weekend is April 5-7
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!

Celebrating 148 years of Johns Hopkins University
Johns Hopkins University celebrated its 148th anniversary as the nation's first research institution on February 22, 2024.

This Commemoration Day, the JHU community reflected on over a century of scholarship, discovery, and impact, including a memorable 2023 in which Hopkins championed democracy around the globe, opened a new building in the heart of the nation's capital, made a $7.3 billion financial impact in Baltimore, and much more.

View more photos from Commemoration Day on the Hub.

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. 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.
3. The Commencement Undergraduate Checklist contains information on ordering graduation-related items, including class rings, graduation announcements, senior portraits, and academic regalia.
4. On March 4, 2024 an email will be sent to eligible graduates on how to RSVP for the Commencement ceremony and other important information.
5. On April 11–13, Johns Hopkins Barnes and Noble Bookstore will be hosting the annual Grad Fair. All graduates attending Commencement must wear regalia, so please make sure your graduate marks their calendar to purchase their cap and gown. Professional photographers will be on-site at this event to take graduate photos in their regalia.

If you have any 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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