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I hope that everyone had a restful and rejuvenating ~~Easter~~ break. While we are continuing to see low positivity rates on campus up to this point in the semester, we still have 6 weeks of classes in this challenging semester. We are particularly watching the impact of students returning to campus after Easter ~~Break~~ Students who chose to depart the ~~Scranton~~ area for the break will be scheduled for University surveillance testing during the weeks immediately following the break.

Summer and Fall plans

As announced (<https://www.scranton.edu/royalsafetogether/assets/documents/summer-fall-2021.pdf>), the University will begin to open campus for ~~in~~ person events and activities this summer, which will include orientation sessions for the Class of 2025, ongoing admissions tours, some classes and laboratories, University sponsored summer programs, and conferences and camps conducted by outside groups. Campus will remain closed to the general public.

We also plan to offer undergraduate and graduate classes ~~fully~~ in person in fall 2021, excluding graduate programs that are traditionally online. Classes are expected to begin as planned on Monday, Aug. 30, with Fall Welcome Weekend scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, 28-29. Implementing a fully ~~in~~ person approach will depend on a number of factors, including vaccination and infection rates, and will demand that we retain many of the safety measures now in place. All plans are subject to change based on guidance,

Ceremony will be moved to the Mohegan Sun Arena.

Office of Research and Sponsored Programs

If you are mentoring a Senior or Graduate student who is performing research or scholarly work, we ask you to encourage them to share their results using the link below. They may submit an abstract that we will make available to the University community. They also have the option of submitting a video (approximately 3 minutes in length) in which they describe their project and conclusions. *Students from all colleges and disciplines are encouraged to participate!*

Acceptable student scholarly work includes thesis research, research conducted as part of the Faculty/Student Re

