

NEWS & INFORMATION

Using Pete's Place

Pete's Place lounge in the Barrington Student Union is available for use of Faculty & Staff groups to reserve. Your group can use the space which includes pool & ping pong tables, and other rec supplies for mixers, team building programs, or anything else you can envision. Contact [Tim Connolly](#) in the SGA office for more information and availability.

Group Tutoring

With Progress Surveys being completed in the next couple of weeks, each **Tutoring Referral** submitted will initiate both a text and an email to the student to connect them with support services. We also encourage faculty to share a [link to Group Tutoring](#) and other academic resources (Writers' Block, Math Lab) on your course Brightspace page and in class. All tutoring is **free** and is available for various lower-level and certain upper-division undergraduate courses. There need to be at least 2 student requests and an available tutor to form a tutoring group. To ensure an ample pool of tutors, please continue to share names of students you would endorse as tutors for your courses. For any questions regarding Group Tutoring or to nominate tutors for your courses, please contact [Annette Robbins](#).

Progress Surveys: The “See Instructor” Flag

As you're completing Progress Surveys, we remind you that if you select the **See Instructor** flag, it's your responsibility to clear those flags once you have connected with the student. We encourage faculty who raise this flag to also follow up individually with these students either in class or in office hours. Once contact has been established, please **clear the flag** in Starfish (instructions can be found [here](#)). If you have questions, please [email](#).

BEAR 101

Next year SUNY Potsdam will be piloting a new 3-credit course entitled BEAR 101, which is designed to support academic growth and retention for students as they adjust to university-level study. Student success affects all of us, so ideally sections of this course would be taught by an interdisciplinary range of faculty members from across campus. Interested faculty—particularly those who anticipate there may be available space in their teaching load—are encouraged to consider pursuing training to teach this course. The four-part training session will be from 12:00-12:50pm on April 10, 12, 17, and 19. Please feel free to reach out to your academic dean with any questions about this opportunity and to sign up.

CPS Announces Summer Musical 2023!

“The Addams Family – a Musical Comedy” will be produced this summer here on campus, by our own outstanding local talent. Consider joining us for some creative and professional level fun. Student Housing is available this year for SUNY Potsdam students! Please pass this around to all your friends and family, co-workers, students, social media – put it everywhere! Open to all! Audition dates are Saturday, March 25th & Sunday, March 26th; show dates are July 13th through July 17th; production dates are May 22nd through July 18th; tech week is July 5th through July 12th.

Want to join the Creative Team - Click here <https://forms.gle/pTwVj8NuRVjz2e8s9>

Want to join the Tech Crew - Click here <https://forms.gle/8JVw5o4JUcapGrvC6>

Want to Audition- Click here to sign up <https://signup.com/go/eNWdQbX>

Employee Awards

The Employee Awards Committee would like to remind you that we are accepting nominations for the 2022-2023 President's Award for Excellence. The guidelines and nomination forms are available [here](#). Please submit your nomination for President's Award for Excellence by **March 24, 2023** close of business. Please review the category, eligibility, and criteria information before submitting a nomination. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Office of Human Resources, [Nicole Bacon Ward](#).

Outlook Calendars

A friendly reminder that everyone must keep their schedules updated in their Outlook Calendar. Since we can see each other's calendars (not the details of what you have scheduled; just the times you are free/busy), this is the most efficient way to schedule meetings. The CCI has information on [how to use Outlook calendar](#). Emails back-and-forth and Doodle Polls should be a thing of the past!

Honors Program

Proposed revisions to the Honors Program have unfortunately stalled and we're going to pause the program so we can restart a campus conversation about how to move forward. While we won't admit any new students, we will teach-out those currently in the program. Honors was just one of many campus academic opportunities, and the LoCAL is working with Admissions on messaging to prospective students on all the [programs we have for high-achieving students](#), such as Presidential Scholars, Kilmer, and the Learning & Research Fair. Please contact the [provost's office](#) with any questions.

Coffee & Conversation

Join Alan Hersker and others from the Provost's office for a casual conversation about issues and questions in Academic Affairs on Tuesday, 21 March from 3:30-4:30 PM in

the Raymond 8th floor lounge. If you have questions or would like to suggest topics for upcoming sessions, please contact the [Provost's office](#).

KUDOS & CONGRATULATIONS!

New Graduate Recruiter

The office of Graduate & Continuing Education is thrilled that Makenzie Martin will start as our new Graduate Recruiter this week. Makenzie is a 2022 graduate of SUNY Potsdam (Communications, with a minor in Business Administration) and currently in our MS Management program. She has great sales and customer service skills and has been an active volunteer in our community. Please reach out to Makenzie to welcome her!

Faculty Transition

Professor Sergio Lopez has moved from the Department of Modern Languages to the Department of Anthropology. He will continue to coordinate the Exploratory Program and teach Spanish, but he will now also offer Anthropology courses and contribute to new and ongoing initiatives in that department. Welcome to Anthropology, Sergio! It's good to have you in your disciplinary "home".

Students & Faculty at ACDA Conference

During spring break, 8 students travelled with faculty members, Kerri Canedy and Robin Collen to the [American College Dance Association Conference--Mid-Atlantic North Region](#) at Mercyhurst University in Erie, PA. They took and taught classes and watched performances. MacKenzie Moonie and Camryn Douglas, both seniors double-majoring in Dance and Arts Management presented their work. MacKenzie taught a class based on her research of dancer Anna Halprin. Camryn's quintet, *Serenity*, was performed for attendees, including 3 choreographer/adjudicators, from whom she received feedback. Camryn's work was recognized for its artistry by being selected by the adjudicators to be performed again, with a selected group of dance works, in the gala concert at the conclusion of the conference.

Wenner Gren Award

The prestigious Wenner Gren Foundation has awarded \$17,000 to Sergio López and Lydia Rodríguez to fund the 9th AIBR International Conference of Anthropology, which this year will take place in Mexico City in August 8-11. Since 2016, this conference has hosted several SUNY Potsdam students who completed a 3-credit internship. Some of the funds awarded by the Wenner Gren Foundation have been used to support the travel of SUNY Potsdam interns to different venues where the conference has been held, like Spain or Mexico. This international meeting brings together over 600 anthropology professionals and students from all over the world.

If you or anyone in your area would like something included in the Academic Affairs Updates email, please send it to provost@potdam.edu. The emails are sent around the 1st and 15th of the month when classes are in session. Your submission should include: a 3-4 word header; no more than 75 words (including the 3-4 word header); a contact name and email; a link to more information (if available).