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It's a great day to be a Bengal! The team in Student Leadership and Engagement (SLE) is excited to welcome you to the Buffalo State family!

Due to COVID-19 pandemic we have made the difficult decision to transition to live online orientation this summer and expand programming during Bengal Bound in August.

I know you were looking forward to coming to campus for orientation this summer and recognize many of you are being impacted by the current situation in complex ways. Student Leadership and Engagement is here to assist you in your transition to campus. Though we will be offering virtual program this summer, I promise you an exciting in person welcome this fall during Bengal Bound.

Our Commitment to you:

- **An amazing virtual experience** - We will provide you and your family with a top-notch virtual experience to prepare you to succeed at Buffalo State College. Registration will begin May 1 for one of our 75 live sessions! This will be followed by a comprehensive self-paced supplemental program in Blackboard.
- **Expanded Bengal Bound programming** – Making connections to the people and places of your new Bengal community is an important part of your transition to Buffalo State. Student Leadership and Engagement will be hosting multiple programs to welcome you to Buffalo State and connect you with other students. We will be hosting programs such as Grocery Bingo, Food Truck Kickback, Student Organization Involvement Fair, and the Glow Zone Dance Party. We're also excited for you to be part of the 2024 Bengal Paw Class photo where you will receive your class t-shirt and the first of many great memories!
- **Connect with academic advising** – You will be introduced to the Academic Commons during your live session. Then, in the days following your live session, you'll connect with your assigned first-year adviser. They'll ask about your goals and interests to design a personalized course schedule that you'll love. (Directions for scheduling your advising appointment will be provided during the live session, but if you have a question before then, feel free to contact advise@buffalostate.edu.)

As you prepare for orientation, I know you have many questions. The Bengal Experience and Transition Team (BEAT Team) is a group of highly trained student leaders ready to assist you in your transition to Buffalo State. The BEAT Team is able to understand the experience you are about to have as they were once new students themselves. I encourage you to connect with them on Facebook, Instagram, and Snap @LifeatBuffState, schedule an individualized session with one of them for additional guidance, or send an email to sle@buffalostate.edu. How you choose to connect is up to you but know we will be ready to assist in any way possible to welcome you to our Bengal community!

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