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It's a great day to be a Bengal! On behalf of the entire Buffalo State Community, thank you for choosing our College and we can't wait to meet you! The team in Student Leadership and Engagement (SLE) is excited to welcome you to the Buffalo State family!

Your safety is our number one priority! Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we have made the difficult decision to continue with live virtual orientation sessions this summer. Don't worry, we have some fun and exciting activities planned for you this summer so we can be together even if we are a part!

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 programming this summer, **we have some fun on campus events and activities planned for the first few weeks of the fall semester, get ready for Bengal Bound 2021!!!**

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. **Currently, all deposited students can access our [pre-orientation tutorial](#). Here incoming students can browse through various modules and review video content that will teach you all you need to know about Buffalo State. We encourage students to engage with us in the pre-orientation tutorial by leaving comments, questions, or posting your own video introduction!** Registration for the **LIVE Virtual sessions** will begin in May. Get ready to meet other new students, talk with current student leaders, learn more information and insider tips from various campus support staff. There will even be a Bengal Bound Trivia game, where you will have the opportunity to win fun prizes!
- **Personalized summer outreach, 1:1 meeting options, and a chance to participate in our 8 week virtual Countdown to College program--** *We know that transitioning to college can be tough.* Get ready to hear from your personal success team! Every first-year student is wrapped in support and will have access to a peer mentor and Completion Coach through our Roar 2 Success program. Coaches and mentors will connect with you this summer and help set you up for success before the semester begins.
- **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 Kickbacks, the Student Organization Involvement Fair, more!
- **Connect with academic advising** – Stay tuned for an email in the coming weeks from your academic advisor. They will invite you to set up a meeting to plan for your fall registration. They'll ask about your goals and interests in order to help you design a personalized course schedule that you'll love. (Directions for scheduling your advising appointment will also be provided during the live session, but if you have a question before then, feel free to contact



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advise@buffalostate.edu.) You will also be introduced to the Academic Commons Department during your live virtual session. There, you can ask additional questions or learn more about how to connect with your first-year advisor.

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 Snapchat using our handle @LifeatBuffState. You can also schedule an individualized 1:1 session with one of them for additional guidance. The link will be made available starting in June. Additionally you can always email us 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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