**Bard Connects and COVID-19 Response**

In this time of COVID-19, the College has found new ways to connect, nurture our relationships, continue our academic excellence, and serve the needs of the campus and our greater community.

The Bard College COVID-19 Response Team formed in March 2020 and launched Bard Connects, [bard.edu/connect](http://bard.edu/connect), a website dedicated to helping Bardians stay connected virtually.

Please visit the College's COVID-19 Response Page at [bard.edu/covid19](http://bard.edu/covid19) for the latest updates related to the pandemic, as well as changes to Bard’s regular operations.

The Bard community is facing this challenging time with a surge of support as we continue to maneuver this changing landscape.
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Welcome to the Bard College Family Network. This handbook is your go-to resource for information about student life in Annandale-on-Hudson, including policies, procedures, important dates, and phone numbers. The College provides numerous opportunities for you to visit, get involved, get a feel for how unique the Bard experience is for our students, and encourages you to take advantage of every opportunity you can. To that end, here’s our list of the top 10 things to do during your tenure as a Bard family:

• Read our monthly e-newsletter just for families, Annandale Insider, for updates on everything going on at Bard—in Annandale and on our other campuses. Watch for e-blasts and news releases from the Bard Family Network sent from families@bard.edu. We suggest adding this email to your contact list to ensure that you receive important information about upcoming events on the Annandale campus and anywhere our worldwide Bard network is active.
• Join us for virtual Family Weekend, October 22–24, 2021. The weekend offers a range of activities that provide a window into your student’s life at Bard, including virtual and in-person tours, tastings, concerts, and classes taught by our stellar faculty.
• Volunteer to be a mentor to a Bard student during BardWorks, a weeklong career program designed for juniors and seniors. Being a mentor involves participating in a virtual introduction and mock informational interview, reviewing student résumés, making introductions to colleagues, offering job-search recommendations and other career advice, and answering specific field-related questions. You don’t need to live near campus to volunteer.
• Support the College’s athletes, the Bard Raptors. Bard has 18 intercollegiate sports programs and several club teams, and plans to return to full intercollegiate athletic competition this fall. Be sure to visit the Friends of Athletics and Raptors store, where you can support Bard athletics: sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/newyork/annandaleonhudson/bard-college.
• Enjoy a concert, play, or event from Bard’s renowned Fisher Center for the Performing Arts. Designed by Frank Gehry, the Fisher Center is a Tony Award–winning theater and has been named one of the top college arts venues in the nation. Visit fishercenter.bard.edu to view the 2021–22 schedule.
• Check out the recently renovated Center for Curatorial Studies at Bard College (CCS Bard) and Hessel Museum of Art, an exhibition, education, and research center dedicated to the study of art and exhibition practices from the 1960s to the present. CCS Bard’s permanent collection of contemporary art includes over 3,200 works by more than 400 of the most prominent artists of the 20th and 21st centuries. Visit ccs.bard.edu for gallery hours and updates.
• Watch for programming from the Hannah Arendt Center for Politics and Humanities, the world’s most expansive home for bold, critical thinking about our political world inspired by the spirit of Hannah Arendt, the leading thinker of politics and active citizenship in the modern era. For more information, go to hac.bard.edu.
• Visit Bard’s 1.25-acre student-operated organic farm, and stop by the weekly Bard College Farm stand to purchase produce grown on site.
• Explore the Hudson Valley by visiting one of the area’s historic estates, such as Montgomery Place and Blithewood, both owned by Bard, or others such as Springwood—Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s estate—and the Vanderbilt Mansion in Hyde Park, Mills Mansion in Staatsburg, Clermont estate in Germantown,
and Olana in Hudson. Stroll through Hudson, Kingston, Rhinebeck, Tivoli, and Woodstock, five nearby communities that are rich in arts and culture and have a number of charming restaurants that serve delicious food grown or produced in the Hudson Valley. View a list of local accommodations at bard.edu/visiting/accommodations.

- Make an annual gift to the Bard College Fund and, if you’re able, join the Family Leadership Council (FLC). Bard’s FLC consists of dynamic, engaged, and supportive parents and guardians committed to enhancing and strengthening the Bard family community, ensuring a rich and productive dialogue between families and the College, supporting participation in the Bard College Fund, and assisting with student recruitment and mentoring.

Once again, welcome to Bard! The College looks forward to working with you during your family’s time here. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at families@bard.edu or by phone at 845-758-7152.

Lindsay Davis Carr ’06
Assistant Director of Development | Family Programs
Bard College Family Network
Family Leadership Council
The Family Leadership Council (FLC) plays a key role in the Bard community. Members participate in an array of optional activities in the interest of improving the student experience at the College, including developing and participating in on-campus and regional events and mentoring students. We ask members to play a role in the success of the Bard College Fund through annual gifts of $1,500 or greater. The council meets two times each year—once during Family Weekend in the fall, and once remotely in the spring via teleconferencing software.

FLC members receive:
• An invitation to meet with President Leon Botstein during Family Weekend
• Early notification of upcoming campus news and activities
• Invitations to small, select, off-campus Bard events such as concerts, lectures, and salon evenings
• Advance notice of special events and Fisher Center ticket sales
• Priority seating with President Botstein’s party during the Commencement ceremony

Where Your Support Goes
Family contributions to the Bard College Fund are a vital component of ensuring that the College maintains a healthy financial position; they enable the College to enhance the educational experience for all Bard students. The Bard College Fund provides scholarship dollars to 70 percent of students, as well as access to the latest books, technology, and online resources for the entire student body. In addition, the fund sustains faculty development and retention, student life, and campus facilities. Contributions to Bard College, a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Visit annandaleonline.org/bcf to learn about the various ways to make a gift.

Ways to Get Involved
BardWorks
BardWorks is a career development program designed to strengthen the link between Bard’s undergraduates and Bard’s vast professional network. Now in its tenth year, BardWorks is coordinated by the Center for Civic Engagement, Career Development Office, and Office of Development and Alumni/ae Affairs. BardWorks offers students a five-day, career-focused workshop series that includes a day of networking. Students meet over 150 professionals in a wide range of fields. BardWorks goes on the road to New York City and Washington, DC, for panel discussions and networking, which were held virtually most recently due to COVID-19. Professionals from Bard’s alumni/ae and family networks serve as mentors, run workshops, join panels, and attend networking receptions that help students develop professional skills while expanding their connections. For more information and/or to sign up early, contact bardworks@bard.edu.

Assisting the Office of Admission
The experience and insights of Bard parents and families are especially valuable to the parents of prospective students. Each spring, we solicit volunteers to call the families of admitted students who are considering enrollment at the College. The Office of Admission also holds receptions throughout the year in various parts of the country that bring together President Botstein, prospective students, their families, and college counselors. Bard benefits from the generous community that offers to host such events in their homes. If you are interested in volunteering or hosting an event, please contact Assistant Director of Development | Family Programs Lindsay Davis Carr ’06 at families@bard.edu.
RESOURCES

Dining Services
Bard has four locations where students can purchase hot meals, snacks, or groceries. Facilities include Kline Commons, the main dining facility on campus; Down the Road Café at the Bertelsmann Campus Center; Manor House Café in the Ward Manor residence hall on North Campus; and the Green Onion Grocer at Kline Commons.

The College contracts with Parkhurst Dining, a family-owned company that has been operating for more than 20 years, to create the Bard dining experience. All meals are fresh, made from scratch, and cooked in small quantities. The campus community can select from a creative mix of nutritionally balanced entrées prepared with fresh-cut vegetables, lean proteins, and healthy grains, as well as international foods and vegetarian and vegan entrees prepared fresh daily.

Parkhurst finds and partners with local growers and family-owned farms for produce and artisanal products, with more than 20 percent of its food sourced locally. Parkhurst’s sustainability philosophy will be coupled with the BardEATS (Education, Advocacy, Transparency, and Sustainability) program—a collaborative partnership among Bard students, dining services, faculty, and staff—committed to increasing food purchasing transparency, reducing waste, decreasing the College’s carbon footprint, promoting food access, and supporting local farms. In addition to seasonal produce grown by students on the Bard College Farm, our dining service offers local honey, milk, eggs, beef, chicken, produce, legumes, grains, organic bread, and fair-trade coffee. You can follow BardEATS on Facebook (@EATBard), Twitter (@BardEATS), Instagram, and Tumblr (bardeats.tumblr.com).

Parkhurst has been working closely with the College and our partners at Nuvance Health throughout the pandemic to implement safety protocols during the dining experience, including social distancing, proper use of PPE, and take-away services.

If you have any questions for the Parkhurst Dining team at Bard, please reach out to Brittany Muthard at bmuthard@parkhurstdining.com.

Bard Information Technology
Computers are necessary for all college students, but with more than 250 public access computers at Bard, it is possible to survive without owning one. Bard’s Information Technology department supports several Mac and PC computer laboratories, including one that’s open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For students who bring a computer to Bard, IT staff recommends the following minimum capabilities:

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Experimental Humanities Open Labs
Students are welcome to drop in for Open Lab hours at the Center for Experimental Humanities to troubleshoot digital projects underway for individual and class assignments or to plan future projects. The Center for Experimental Humanities is located in New Annandale House. Hours vary by term. For current hours, visit eh.bard.edu.

Stevenson Library
The Charles P. Stevenson Jr. Library is Bard’s main library on the Annandale campus, and seeks to be an active partner in the intellectual work of Bard’s students, faculty, and staff by developing and maintaining collections, services, and partnerships that help all users become more resourceful, more independent, and more original scholars. The collection consists of more than 425,000 monograph volumes, over 44,000 unique periodical titles in paper and in electronic format, and more than 100 online indexes and databases. Various resource-sharing relationships considerably expand the resources available to the campus community. The library staff works to help students become more skilled and productive, offering one-on-one research assistance, workshops on research skills, source evaluation, and citation information, as well as online subject-specific guides. Stevenson Library also houses special collections including the Hannah Arendt Collection, a large photography book collection, and the Sussman Rare Book Collection. For more information and library hours, please visit bard.edu/library.

Career Development Office
Student Services
The Bard College Career Development Office (CDO), located in Bertelsmann Campus Center 201, is available to answer all internship, job, and career-related questions. CDO staff members meet with students one-on-one throughout their college life and after graduation, helping students determine who they are and what matters to them. CDO helps students translate their liberal arts education to the workplace. In addition to career counseling, job and internship guidance, and career events that include two recruiting consortia in New York City for juniors and seniors, CDO offers many online resources that provide job and internship postings, career exploration assessments, and graduate school resources. Informal talks, career-specific panels, and formal symposia take place throughout the year to help students learn about various professions and connect with alumni/ae and employers.

The CDO website, bard.edu/cdo, presents the range of CDO services and offers the downloadable Bard Basic Job Guide and the Career Guide for the Arts, which includes sample cover letters and résumés, tips for job searches, and much more. CDO also reviews personal statements for graduate school applications and presents workshops on applying to graduate schools. Students and alumni/ae are encouraged to use CDO to seek assistance in exploring career options and support in applying for jobs and internships.

Student Employment
The Student Employment Office and the Career Development Office work collaboratively on posting all on-campus employment, jobs, internships, volunteer opportunities, and announcements of career events on CDO’s online job/internship board, Handshake, at bard.joinhandshake.com. This collaboration allows students to search for jobs on and off campus simultaneously. All students must meet with the Student Employment Office (seo@bard.edu) prior to starting or returning to on-campus positions to be sure all required documents are on file. Students will receive instructions on how to log in to Handshake soon after they arrive at Bard.
Family Partnerships
CDO works actively with Bard parents and families on a range of activities and programs related to internships, jobs, career exploration, and professional development. We invite you to become involved with CDO via current programming or by forging new networks with you and/or your workplace. Some of the ways in which CDO partners with parents have included:

*Hiring Bardians for jobs and internships.* CDO can help families recruit Bard students and alumni/ae for job and internship opportunities at your place of work. Families are encouraged to send openings to cdo@bard.edu. CDO also welcomes family participation in the annual recruiting consortium in New York City.

*Career exploration.* CDO organizes a series of Career Exploration Trips, which are site visits to the offices of Bard alumni/ae, parents, and friends of the College. These trips allow students to gain inside perspective about career paths within specific industries, tips and advice from hiring managers, opportunities to network and engage with top employers, and more. Families are invited to host a site visit to their company or organization.

*Professional development.* Families can participate in several professional development programs that CDO organizes throughout the year. These include mock interview sessions, career panels and workshops, networking opportunities with other families and alumni/ae, sponsorship of select career conferences, and more. Families can also join our mentor network and take part in our annual BardWorks programs in Washington, DC, or New York City. We continually seek to create new career-related programs, events, and opportunities for our students.

CDO staff look forward to working with you and your student. Feel free to contact CDO at cdo@bard.edu or 845-758-7539, Monday–Friday, 9 am – 5 pm.

Purchasing Books and Supplies
Located in the Bertelsmann Campus Center, the bookstore stocks books and supplies required for coursework (including many used books) and a wide selection of general books, Bard sportswear, snacks, and other items. The bookstore also can special order any book in print. Students may purchase required textbooks after class registration. Most students use credit cards to purchase books; the bookstore also accepts cash and bank checks made out to Bard College Bookstore. The student’s Bard identification card can also serve as a debit card. For more information on establishing a Bard ID debit-card account (bookstore account), contact the Office of Student Accounts at 845-758-7520.

Textbooks are ordered from requisitions submitted by the faculty. Shelf cards indicate how many books are required for the course and whether a book is optional. Although the bookstore’s refund policy protects students in the event of a schedule change, students should not purchase books for any course they might drop. The bookstore website is bard.bncollege.com.

Residence Life and Housing
Bard’s Office of Residence Life and Housing comprises a director, four area coordinators, and a part-time administrative assistant. The director of residence life and housing is responsible for creating and maintaining a vibrant on-campus living experience that is student driven, inclusive, and focuses on forging lifelong connections among residents. Area coordinators are full-time, professional staff members who oversee different groupings of residential buildings, divided into five areas: North Campus, South Campus,
Central Campus, Resnick Commons, and Cruger Village. Area coordinators live on campus, arrange administrative and emergency protocols, and supervise paraprofessional student staff members, known as peer counselors (PCs) and lead peer counselors (LPCs), who serve as resources within residence halls. They provide support to individual students as needed and interact with the Offices of Safety and Security, Buildings and Grounds, and Environmental Services to foster a safe, healthy campus community. Any questions or concerns regarding your student’s experiences within a residence hall can be directed to the Office of Residence Life and Housing at reslife@bard.edu or 845-758-7455 (call) or 845-208-4811 (text).

Office of Student Life and Advising
To ensure that all students are successful in their adjustment to college life, the Office of Student Life and Advising does its best to accommodate an individual student’s circumstances. Bethany Nohlgren, dean of students (nohlgren@bard.edu or 845-758-7454), is responsible for nonacademic matters and community or private concerns.

Bicycles on Campus
Bard encourages students to bicycle on campus. It’s a healthy, sustainable way to get around our 1,000 acres and the nearby villages of Red Hook and Tivoli, located less than four miles from campus.

Bicycles should be secured with standard bicycle locks. If a bicycle cannot be stored in a residence hall room, it should be locked to a bicycle rack or in a designated bicycle-storage location. Bicycles are not permitted to be stored in residence hall hallways or common rooms due to fire regulations. The Office of Buildings and Grounds, in conjunction with Safety and Security, will remove bicycles that are improperly secured to buildings, trees, fences, or light poles, or that block access to or exit from buildings (including hallways). The College is not responsible for damaged locks, or improperly stored or unsecured bicycles. A bike bell is required by New York State law, and we recommend a bike light and helmet.

Bard provides a limited amount of indoor bicycle storage during winter break. After Commencement, bicycles left on campus are considered abandoned and will be donated to charity or recycled. Students working on campus for the summer must register their bicycles with the Office of Safety and Security before Commencement to obtain a summer permit sticker.

The student-run Bike Co-op is a free resource for the Bard community. Anyone is welcome to get help fixing their bike, learn about bike maintenance, or get involved in bike outreach programs. The Bike Co-op is located in the basement of the Old Gym and opens in September.

To learn more, including the option of renting bicycles from a private company, scroll to the Biking section on the Transportation Initiatives web page, bos.bard.edu/initiatives/transportation/.

Vehicles on Campus
Vehicles are not a necessity at Bard. Academic, social, and athletic events on campus are within easy walking and biking distance of residence halls. The Campus Shuttle Service provides transportation to students living off campus, and makes trips to shopping centers and other local destinations. Vehicles must be registered if they are parked on College property. Failure to register a vehicle may result in its removal from campus. Get a head start by visiting Bard Security Vehicle Registration at tools.bard.edu/tools/webforms/view.php?id=50807. A yearly fee of $200 allows resident and nonresident students parking privileges in authorized lots (but parking space availability immediately adjacent to buildings
is not guaranteed; short walks may be needed). A courtesy call to the driver of a vehicle improperly/illegally parked will be made to those who are registered, avoiding a ticket/tow. This courtesy call is not guaranteed. It is made if the emergency dispatcher has the ability/time to initiate the call. The Faculty/Staff Main Lot is restricted. Students may not park in the Faculty/Staff Main Lot during normal business hours (Monday–Friday, 8 am – 5 pm). We recommend that resident-student vehicles be parked in the lot closest to their residence hall, and not driven to class. The campus shuttle can transport students to class or other campus locations if they prefer not to walk or bicycle, though the shuttle is prioritized for off-campus students.

Main Campus residents will be issued a special permit allowing them to park in a designated row of the Faculty/Staff Main Lot, since the Olin (South Hall) Lot closes at 11:45 pm each evening. No vehicle may be parked overnight in the Olin (South Hall) Lot.

**Zipcar at Bard**
Bard maintains parking spaces for Zipcar—self-service, on-demand car sharing. Bard students register to become members of Zipcar, reserve a car online or by phone, unlock the car, and drive away. Drivers return the car to the same location where they picked it up. Learn more at zipcar.com/bard. Membership, which takes up to 10 days to process, is $15 per year. Benefits include:
- 24/7 access to Zipcars on campus
- Discounted rates for students aged 18+, starting at $7.50/hour and $69/day (the first 180 miles are free; trips further than 180 miles are charged an additional per-mile fee)
- Gas, insurance, and maintenance

**Bard College Alumni/ae Association**
Nearly 20,000 Bard alumni/ae make up the Bard College Alumni/ae Association. The association’s mission is to help alumni/ae connect with one another and maintain a relationship with the College. The Bard College Alumni/ae Association Board of Governors leads the association; its members serve as ambassadors of the College through alumni/ae outreach and support of the College’s fundraising efforts.

In conjunction with the Career Development Office, the association facilitates mentoring relationships among students, recent graduates, and alumni/ae professionals.

Bard’s Office of Alumni/ae Affairs generates the College magazine, *Bardian*, and maintains a dynamic social and professional networking community, *annandaleonline.org*, which contains information on national and international events for alumni/ae, contacts for classmates, and other alumni/ae and reunion information. The Office of Alumni/ae Affairs is housed in the Anne Cox Chambers Alumni/ae Center, which was built through the generosity and leadership of a small group of alumni/ae. Situated at the gateway to the College, the center welcomes alumni/ae and visitors to Bard and hosts faculty and alumni/ae events throughout the year. The center is a dynamic campus space that provides conference and informal meeting rooms, exhibition areas, and offices for Bard’s alumni/ae affairs, development, and institutional support staff. For more information, contact Director of Alumni/ae Affairs Jane Brien ’89 (brien@bard.edu or 845-758-7406).
CAMPUS LIFE

Athletics and Recreation
Bard College is a member of NCAA Division III, the Liberty League, Eastern College Athletic Conference, College Squash Association, and United Volleyball Conference. The College sponsors intercollegiate programs in baseball, basketball, cross-country, women’s lacrosse, soccer, swimming, squash, tennis, track and field, and volleyball. Various club sports are also organized by the Department of Athletics and Recreation; they include equestrian, rugby, and Ultimate Frisbee. Additionally, Bard offers a number of intramural programs, such as badminton, basketball, dodgeball, kickball, and squash.

The 69,000-square-foot Stevenson Athletic Center is the centerpiece of Bard’s Department of Athletics and Recreation facilities, which include the synthetic-turf Lorenzo Ferrari Soccer and Lacrosse Complex; a 25-yard, six-lane indoor swimming pool; a 3,300-square-foot cardiovascular, aerobics, and strength-training center; state-of-the-art squash courts; lighted tennis courts; and a 12,500-square-foot gymnasium. Classes range from yoga to spin cycling to aerobics. Honey Field is home to the Raptors baseball team.

Student Clubs
Students may choose from more than 200 active clubs on campus, from astronomy to tango. Any student can start a club, including first-year students, and new clubs begin every semester. Bard does not have a Greek system; there are no fraternities or sororities on campus.

Student Government
All students are automatically members of the Bard Student Government, a democratic forum with three main functions: to raise issues and take action, or recommend College action, on these issues; to provide student representation on administrative and faculty committees in all matters of concern to the College community; and to administer allocated funds for student-run organizations.

Leadership opportunities include the Student Judiciary Branch, which enforces policy and protects the rights of all Bard students; Student Life Committee, which coordinates with campus constituents to improve student services and residential life; Educational Policies Committee, which acts as liaison between students and faculty on academic issues; Multicultural Diversity Committee, which advocates for and enhances aspects of diversity in academics, social, and community life at Bard; and Fiscal Committee, which allocates funds to student organizations. Student representatives are also elected as liaisons to the Board of Trustees and the Bard College Alumni/ae Association Board of Governors.

Civic Engagement
Bard’s Center for Civic Engagement (CCE) supports, coordinates, and promotes the wide array of initiatives that define Bard as a private institution in the public interest. With an entrepreneurial spirit and a sense of civic duty inspired by social consciousness, CCE creates and sustains reciprocal programs and relationships locally, nationally, and globally. For undergraduate students, CCE provides opportunities
ranging from local community service days to international conferences sponsored with Bard's partner institutions. Each summer, CCE awards funding for students to pursue internships, preprofessional experiences, and community action projects that address education, government, justice, human rights, public policy, and social entrepreneurship.

CCE’s Trustee Leader Scholar (TLS) program supports student-led civic engagement through leadership development and training in which students learn how to design and implement civic projects based on their own interests. Examples of recent TLS projects include the New Orleans Initiative (more than 700 Bard students have worked with Voice of the Experienced, a grassroots organization led by formerly incarcerated people with four chapters throughout Louisiana), mentoring in local prisons to help inmates prepare for the high school equivalency exam, giving music lessons to low-income children in nearby towns, and running summer camps for children in a small Palestinian village. For more information about CCE, visit cce.bard.edu.

Sustainability at Bard

Bard engages in sustainability efforts on multiple fronts. The College believes that the next generation of leaders will require unprecedented expertise in balancing issues of social equity and the economy within the constraints of the ecosystem. Bard students, faculty, and staff work locally and nationally toward a sustainable future, from farming on campus to holding dialogues with U.S. politicians. Initiatives coordinated by the Bard Office of Sustainability—including recycling and conservation, green building, and energy efficiency—are taking the Annandale campus closer to its goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2035.

Bard is committed to increasing the campus’s energy efficiency, most notably with an Annandale-wide upgrade of inside lighting to LED and high-efficiency fluorescent technology, and plans to upgrade all external building, path, and street lighting to LED. The Annandale campus has geothermal heating and cooling in over 25 buildings, representing 39 percent of campus square footage. Bard also has completed several renewable energy projects, including a large-scale solar photovoltaic array near the athletic fields, solar thermal hot-water systems at Keene and Tremblay residence halls, and a 9kW solar electric system at South Hall residence. Additionally, the Horticulture Department has a policy of “no to low” irrigation on campus and uses local, native plants wherever possible. An example of a native habitat planting can be seen between the Office of Admission (Hopson Cottage) and Bertelsmann Campus Center. Look there for goldfinches and the Agastache (purple hyssop) bush full of honey bees.

Bard College Farm

This 1.25-acre, student-operated, market farm on the Annandale campus uses regenerative practices to grow 20,000 pounds of produce sold annually to the College’s dining service provider and campus community. The farm also serves to educate students about food systems, and connects Bard to the region’s sustainable agricultural community.

The farm, with its visibility in the community, accessibility, and opportunities for hands-on experience, demonstrates the realities of small-scale, supportable farming in a changing climate.
Your First-Year Student’s Extracurricular Experience

Bard’s Dean of Student Affairs (DOSA) Office supports first-year students. DOSA staff members are the primary contacts for students and families who have concerns specific to the first year at Bard, such as social and adjustment issues, academic challenges or questions, College regulations and requirements, and campus safety and security.

The assistant dean of students and assistant dean of studies work closely with new students to help them take advantage of Bard’s many opportunities and resources. The deans also oversee orientation planning during the Language and Thinking Program, provide students with individual assistance throughout the academic year, and coordinate information sessions, academic programs, and social gatherings that help meet the diverse needs of the first-year class as they adjust to life at the College. Families, faculty, and staff are encouraged to contact the deans with any questions regarding students in the first-year class.

First-year students also have the opportunity to begin their Bard College experience at Bard College Berlin.

Bard Houses

Bard Houses is a faculty-in-residence program established in 2017–18. All first-year and transfer students are assigned to one of four “houses” (which refer to communities rather than buildings). Intended to foster a sense of tradition and belonging, the houses are named after distinguished alumni/ae and friends of the College, reflecting the history of progressive education at Bard: George Coulter ’51, Stuart Levine, Emerald Rose McKenzie ’52, Marie McWilliams, and Adam Yauch ’86.

The goal of Bard Houses is to provide an opportunity and resource for students—from the moment they arrive on campus for Language and Thinking—to engage with faculty members and their families outside of the classroom. A growing body of research suggests that such interactions enhance learning, cognitive thinking, problem solving, student satisfaction, and academic achievement. Bard’s program builds on its strengths as a small, residential liberal arts community to enrich the educational experience of incoming students as they settle into their academic home in Annandale-on-Hudson.

A house professor, whose role is to nurture intellectual and social connections within and across houses, leads each community. House professors reside on campus, eat in the dining commons, and are fully integrated into campus life. They collaborate with students, faculty, administrators, residence life staff, and peer counselors on events that establish the distinctive identity of each house community. Events can range from local trips and Sunday brunches to civic engagement projects, sustainability work, and more.

For more information, please visit bard.edu/houses.

Diversity at Bard

From Hannah Arendt to Chinua Achebe, Bard College has historically been a sanctuary for those escaping from ethnic, political, religious, and other forms of intolerance. The College embodies this legacy today with a strong investment in both local and global initiatives, such as the Bard Globalization and International Affairs Program, Bard Prison Initiative, Bard Early Colleges, and partnerships with institutions of higher education in Bishkek, Berlin, and East Jerusalem.
The Bard College Council for Inclusive Excellence approaches diversity, inclusion, and equity as central to a liberal arts education and critical to the well-being of a democratic culture. The council includes faculty, staff, and students whose work focuses broadly on learning, teaching, student development, institutional functioning, and engagement in local and global communities. Council members work closely with other campus offices and organizations, including the Bias Incident Community Response Team, Center for Civic Engagement, Center for Faculty and Curricular Development, Center for Student Life and Advising, Dean of the College, Difference and Media Project, Faculty Diversity Committee, Multicultural Diversity Committee, Residence Life, Student Activities, Student Government, and student clubs. For more information, contact Kahan Sablo, dean of inclusive excellence, at ksablo@bard.edu.

Chaplaincy
The chaplaincy at Bard College actively promotes and develops a richer understanding of what we believe and how to use our beliefs to transform the world. The College chaplaincy offers spiritual support to all students and members of the Bard community, and values the varied ways students can explore faith academically, often with a focus on social issues, and always with an emphasis on diversity and openness. All are invited to learn more about the diverse perspectives of Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, and other traditions. The chaplaincy includes an Episcopal priest, rabbi, Buddhist chaplain, and Muslim chaplain. The chaplains are available to meet with students, staff, and faculty in times of crisis or whenever an attentive and sympathetic ear is needed. They also work closely with the Counseling Service, Health and Wellness Department, Office of the Dean of Students, and others in the Bard community who focus on the physical, mental, and spiritual well-being of students, faculty, and staff.

The College holds weekly Christian services on Sundays, Shabbat services every Friday, Buddhist meditation twice a week, and bimonthly Muslim student gatherings. The chaplaincy also coordinates a series of interfaith events during the academic year and supports and advises various student groups such as the Bard Christian Fellowship, Buddhist meditation group, Jewish Students Organization, and Muslim Students Organization. The Chapel of the Holy Innocents is open at all times for prayer, reflection, and meditation, and hosts classes, concerts, student projects, and other events. A meditation garden is located next to the chapel. The Center for Spiritual Life (located at Resnick Village A) comprises the Beit Shalom Salaam House of Peace meeting room, a kosher and halal kitchen, Buddhist meditation room, and Muslim prayer room. To learn more, visit bard.edu/chaplaincy.
HEALTH, SAFETY, AND SECURITY

Safety and Security/Emergency
The Office of Safety and Security serves the faculty, staff, students, and guests of Bard College, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 12 months a year. Bard security officers are New York State-certified security professionals who use patrol vehicles, bicycles, all-terrain vehicles, and foot patrols to keep vigilant watch over the campus. The office is managed by a director and an assistant director with extensive backgrounds in all aspects of college safety and security. All staff members are recertified annually by New York State’s Division of Criminal Justice Services. The Office of Safety and Security fully complies with all state and federal mandates and publishes a daily crime log and yearly crime report.

In the event of a life-threatening/serious emergency, students should call the Bard College Emergency Line at 845-758-7777 (x7777 from a campus phone). At any time, 911 may be called for police or fire, although it is recommended that the Bard College emergency dispatcher be notified to allow Bard security officers to respond immediately. The emergency dispatcher may contact outside emergency services if necessary.

In cases of medical need/emergencies, Bard Emergency Medical Services (BEMS) may be contacted through the emergency line at 845-758-7777 (x7777 from a campus phone). BEMS volunteers are New York State–certified first responders and EMTs. All services are confidential and provided free of charge. When necessary, individuals will be transported to nearby Northern Dutchess Hospital. The Office of Student Affairs and Office of Residence Life and Housing share a 24-hour, on-call rotation to respond to any student concern or emergency; a staff of highly trained counselors and health-care workers supplements these services. The Student Health Service provides daily medical and counseling services to the student community. Safety and Security personnel transport BEMS volunteers to those who need medical aid on campus.

A student-run, emergency driver service takes students to and from medical appointments, and responds to nonemergency medical needs.

The Student Resource Group was founded in 2001 and offers assistance with
• Community Appointment Driving Service
• Emergency Drivers
• Night Rides
• Study/Student Spaces
For more information, please visit blogs.bard.edu/srg.

The Office of Safety and Security maintains a close professional relationship with local emergency services. The Red Hook Police, Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office, New York State Police, and Tivoli and Red Hook Fire Departments are the public agencies that support Bard College, contributing to overall community/campus safety.
Health and Safety on Campus

Bard Health Service

For medical appointments during office hours, Bard students should call the Student Health Service: 845-758-7433. Masks are required at all times while in health care facilities, so please wear your mask if you are coming to the Health Service for any reason. Those with emergency symptoms after hours or on weekends should call the Bard Security emergency line at 845-758-7777.

The Bard Student Health Service website, bard.edu/healthservices, can help you navigate your health needs at Bard.

COVID-19

Bard has a mandatory vaccine requirement for attendance on campus in the 2021–22 academic year. For current information regarding your responsibilities and the campus response to COVID, please regularly check Bard’s COVID Response Team updates: bard.edu/covid19/.

BRAVE

BRAVE is a professionally directed, student-service organization whose members provide anonymous and confidential crisis intervention, supportive counseling, advocacy, and ongoing education to the Bard community. BRAVE staff members receive specialized training on issues relating to sexual assault, sexual harassment, relationship violence, sexuality, eating disorders, depression and suicide, sexual orientation, loneliness, isolation, anxiety, and social and academic issues. Students may call 845-758-7777 (x7777 from a campus phone) to be put in touch with a BRAVE counselor. Students who contact the Office of Safety and Security at 845-758-7460 (x7460 from a campus phone) can also be connected to a counselor. All calls are confidential.

Bard’s Gender-Based Misconduct Policy

Notice of Nondiscrimination

Bard College is committed to ensuring equal access to its educational programs and equal employment without regard to an individual’s sex, gender, race, color, national origin, religion, age, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, predisposing genetic characteristics, marital status, veteran status, military status, domestic violence victim status, ex-offender status, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state, or local law. Students, employees, applicants, and other members of the Bard College community (including, but not limited to, vendors, visitors, and guests) shall not be subject to discrimination or harassment prohibited by law or otherwise treated adversely based upon a protected characteristic. Inquiries or complaints regarding any form of discrimination or harassment may be directed to:

Kimberly Alexander, Director of Human Resources
Ludlow
kalexand@bard.edu
845-758-7516

Jacob Testa, JD, Deputy Title IX and Civil Rights Coordinator
Gahagan 202
titleix@bard.edu or jtesta@bard.edu
845-758-7007 or 845-758-7542

Lauren Gretina, JD, Title IX and Civil Rights Coordinator
Sottery 103
titleix@bard.edu or lgretina@bard.edu
845-758-7542
Bard Acts
The College will not tolerate harassing, violent, intimidating, or discriminatory conduct by its students, employees, or any other member of, or visitor to, the College community. This includes, without limitation, sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual violence, dating violence, and domestic violence.

Bard Cares
Bard College and its affiliated programs are committed to providing a learning environment free from sexual and gender-based harassment, discrimination, and assault (“gender-based misconduct”). Bard College is committed to preventing, responding to, andremedying occurrences of gender-based misconduct.

Bard Listens
Any member of the College community who wishes to make a report of gender-based misconduct may do so by contacting Lauren Gretina, J.D., Title IX and Civil Rights Coordinator, who can discuss options for reporting and assist with numerous other resources to offer support and assistance. Reports can be submitted by contacting the Office of Title IX and Nondiscrimination, either by phone (845-758-7542), by email (titleix@bard.edu), through campus mail to Sottery 103, or using the online reporting system at bard.edu/genderequity by clicking “Title IX Reporting Form.”

Bard College strongly recommends reading its entire Gender-Based Misconduct Policy, which can be obtained online at bard.edu/genderequity/policy.

Students’ Bill of Rights
All students have the right to:
• Make a report to local law enforcement and/or state police;
• Have disclosures of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault taken seriously;
• Make a decision about whether to disclose a crime or violation and participate in the judicial or conduct process and/or criminal justice process free from pressure by the institution;
• Participate in a process that is fair, impartial, and provides adequate notice and a meaningful opportunity to be heard;
• Be treated with dignity and receive from the institution courteous, fair, and respectful health care and counseling services, where available;
• Be free from any suggestion that the reporting individual is at fault when these crimes and violations are committed or should have acted in a different manner to avoid such crimes or violations;
• Describe the incident to as few institution representatives as practicable and not be required to unnecessarily repeat a description of the incident;
• Be protected against retaliation by the College, any student, the accused and/or the respondent, and/or their friends, family, and acquaintances within the jurisdiction of the College;
• Access to at least one level of appeal of a determination;
• Be accompanied by an adviser of choice who may assist and advise a reporting individual, accused, or respondent throughout the judicial or conduct process, including during all meetings and hearings related to such process; and
• Exercise civil rights and practice of religion without interference by the investigative, criminal justice, or judicial or conduct process of the College.
TRAVELING TO, FROM, AND AROUND ANNANDALE

We encourage all parents and family members to visit Bard and experience the beauty of our rural Hudson Valley campus. The College regularly offers public lectures, film screenings, and arts performances at several campus venues. Families may also want to cheer on the Raptors at an athletic event. The Hudson Valley’s outdoor recreation, cultural activities, and historic sites complement any visit to campus.

Accommodations
A list of area accommodations can be found at bard.edu/visiting/accommodations. If you’re planning a trip to Bard for Family Weekend (in October) or Commencement Weekend (in May), we strongly suggest you book rooms well in advance; area accommodations are limited and fill up quickly. Many families book lodging for Commencement a year ahead.

Travel to Bard
Bard College’s main campus is located in Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, on the east bank of the Hudson River, about 90 miles north of New York City; 60 miles south of Albany, New York; 100 miles west of Hartford, Connecticut; and 220 miles west of Boston.

By Automobile
The Taconic State Parkway and New York State Thruway provide the most direct routes to campus. View the maps provided here or find directions through Google Maps or with your GPS by entering the following address: 51 Ravine Road, Red Hook, New York 12571.

Taconic State Parkway
If you are traveling from east of the Hudson River in New York State:
• Take the Taconic State Parkway to the Red Hook/Route 199 exit. Drive west on Route 199 through the village of Red Hook to Route 9G. Turn right onto Route 9G and drive north 1.6 miles. Turn left at the traffic light and continue on Annandale Road to the campus.

New York State Thruway (I-87)
If you are traveling from west of the Hudson River:
• Take the New York State Thruway (I-87) to exit 19 (Kingston). Take Route 209 north (changes to Route 199 at the Hudson River) over the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge to Route 9G. Turn left onto Route 9G and drive north 3.5 miles. Turn left at the traffic light and continue on Annandale Road to the campus.
By Air
Bard is accessible from five area airports:

- JFK International and LaGuardia Airports (New York City)
- Newark Liberty International Airport (Newark, New Jersey)
- Albany International Airport (Albany, New York)
- Stewart International Airport (Newburgh, New York)

When students leave campus for holidays and recesses, Bard runs a shuttle to Kennedy, LaGuardia, and Albany Airports.

By Rail
Amtrak provides service from Penn Station in New York City and from Albany to Rhinecliff, about nine miles south of Bard. Amtrak offers a 10 percent discount on tickets for AAA members; visit amtrak.com for details. Metro-North Railroad provides service from Grand Central Terminal in New York City to Poughkeepsie, about 25 miles south of Bard. Taxi service is available at both the Rhinecliff and Poughkeepsie stations.

By Bus
Trailways provides service between New York City and Kingston, and between Albany and Kingston. Visit trailwaysny.com for more information.

Dutchess County offers bus service between Tivoli and Poughkeepsie via the Loop Bus System. A taxi service is available from the Poughkeepsie bus station.

Schedule Information

Amtrak: Train service between Rhinecliff and Penn Station in New York City
800-USA-RAIL | amtrak.com

Metro-North Railroad: Train service between Poughkeepsie and Grand Central Terminal in New York City
800-METROINFO | mta.info/mnr

Trailways: Bus service between Kingston and Port Authority in New York City
845-331-0744 | trailwaysny.com

Loop Bus: Bus service between Tivoli and Poughkeepsie
845-473-8424 | co.duchess.ny.us (click on “Transportation” under Quick Links)
Transportation On and Off Campus

When the College is in session, a free shuttle bus runs from campus to Red Hook and Tivoli, from early morning through late evening, seven days a week. Shuttles are available to Target and Walmart in Kingston on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Weekend train shuttles are available between campus and the Poughkeepsie (Metro-North Hudson Line and Amtrak railroads) and Rhinecliff (Amtrak only) stations.

Dutchess County Transit’s Route “C” Bus runs through Bard’s Annandale campus to and from Poughkeepsie’s station for Metro-North and Amtrak trains and is free with a current Bard student ID ($1.75 without ID). The Route “C” Bus schedule runs Monday through Saturday.

Special schedules are available for the opening of school, Fall Break, Thanksgiving Recess, Winter Intersession, Spring Recess, End of School Year, and Commencement Weekend. Unless otherwise specified, all trips leave from the Kline South and Kline North Bus Stops.

Schedule information is available at blogs.bard.edu/transportation. Updated transportation information is sent via email to students throughout the year. For more information, call 845-758-7625 or email trans@bard.edu.
HEALTH INSURANCE AND MONEY MATTERS

Health Insurance
All full-time, domestic undergraduate and graduate students are automatically enrolled in Bard College’s Student Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan unless they obtain a waiver by presenting evidence of their own health insurance coverage. A student with existing accident and sickness insurance coverage under another policy (self, parent, spouse, etc.) may waive the Bard insurance plan by going to mystudentmedical.com. Please refer to the insurance plan brochure (also at mystudentmedical.com) for complete details regarding coverage, benefits, limits, and exclusions.

All international undergraduate and graduate students are automatically enrolled in the Student Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan (as described above), unless they obtain a waiver by presenting evidence of insurance coverage from one of four commercial providers. To compare the costs and benefits of these alternative plans with the cost of the Bard plan, go to mystudentmedical.com.

Insurance can only be waived online at mystudentmedical.com. Students enrolled in the insurance plan must actively attend classes for at least the first 31 calendar days after the coverage start date to remain eligible for coverage.

Billing and Payment of Tuition and Fees
Account statements covering tuition and fees for the term are published online about 20 days before each scheduled payment date. The cost of tuition and fees is distributed over four payments. Payment dates are as follows:

June 18, 2021
July 20, 2021
November 19, 2021
December 20, 2021

The College also offers the Bard Budget Plan, an alternative payment system that allows student accounts to be paid in 10 installments from June through the following March. An application form may be obtained from the Office of Student Accounts. Payment dates are as follows:

June 18, 2021
July 20, 2021
August 20, 2021
September 20, 2021
October 20, 2021
November 19, 2021
December 20, 2021
January 20, 2022
February 18, 2022
March 18, 2022
A four-year, tuition prepayment plan is also available to incoming first-year students who do not receive financial aid toward tuition. For those electing this option, the tuition cost for each year is stabilized at the first-year amount; if a student withdraws from the College, the excess credit balance is refundable.

All enrolled students must attend the financial clearance session scheduled at the start of each semester in order to confirm their enrollment. Students who anticipate arriving after that date should contact the bursar (in the Office of Student Accounts) and Dean of Students Bethany Nohlgren (nohlgren@bard.edu) in advance. Students who do not complete the enrollment confirmation requirement are assumed not enrolled, and their registration and campus housing will be canceled. Payment of a $100 fee must accompany requests for reenrollment. Students and parents or guardians are responsible for keeping the Office of Student Accounts informed in writing of their correct billing address.

**Financial Aid**

Three forms of financial assistance are generally available to students: grants, loans, and federal work-study funds. Bard awards financial aid on the basis of need, academic achievement, and promise. The College is committed to helping as many qualified candidates as its funds allow. Need is determined annually by the U.S. Department of Education, College Scholarship Service of the College Board, and Bard College. In order to qualify for financial aid, students must submit the appropriate forms annually; it is important to meet application deadlines. More detailed information on specific financial aid programs and application dates is available at bard.edu/financialaid.

Through the administration of its financial aid program—supported by the College’s endowment, scholarship programs, and family and alumni/ae contributions—Bard assists approximately two-thirds of its students.

Tuition alone only covers approximately 60 percent of the cost of a Bard education, which is why the College relies on the generosity of alumni/ae, parents, and friends to ensure that the quality of a Bard education is maintained.
COLLEGE POLICIES

Bard College Parent Relationship Policy *
Bard’s approach to its relationship with its undergraduates recognizes their status as young adults—even those few who have not yet reached the majority age of 18. Bard respects the role of parents and guardians, even if the College’s primary relationship is with its students.

Parents can become involved with Bard in many ways. We strongly support the efforts of parents to help their students develop into independent adults who take charge of their own lives and make decisions with greater confidence than before. Among the principles guiding Bard’s relationship with its students are the following:

• Students are trusted to be able to manage their own affairs, including decisions and responsibilities around academic, financial, and personal issues. Students are afforded privacy in their academic and personal lives. They are expected to act responsibly, and they should expect to be held accountable for their behavior. If they do make mistakes, Bard is committed to trying to help them learn and grow as a result. Students have College resources available to help them help themselves in their academic and personal development.

Because of these principles, our compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), and the practical fact that Bard is unable to assess the nature of each student-parent relationship, in most cases the College leaves it to each student to decide whether or when to involve parents. Most academic and personal difficulties can be resolved on campus, without involving parents. That is because College staff members (such as residence deans, academic directors, area coordinators, and counselors) are committed to supporting students working through difficult issues.

In some situations, parental involvement or notification may be appropriate: when a student’s enrollment status changes (on leave, withdrawn, suspended, etc.), when a health or safety emergency arises, or when a student engages in behavior calling into question the appropriateness of the student’s continued residency in College housing or enrollment in the College. Generally in these cases, we first encourage students to communicate directly with their parents. Where student consent is not sought or available, the College may still choose to disclose information to the parents if permitted by law.

FERPA permits the College to notify parents under certain additional specified circumstances, such as a student under the age of 21 who violates laws or College policies relating to the use or possession of alcohol. The College encourages its students and their parents to maintain an ongoing, open dialogue throughout the undergraduate years and to speak frankly about academic progress and personal responsibility, including the use of alcohol and general safety issues.

*adapted from Stanford University’s Parent Policy
Health Information Privacy
Bard Student Health Service staff members are ethically and legally required to maintain the privacy of protected health information. Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), no one—including family members, faculty, staff, coaches, and employers—may be given any protected health information without the student’s written permission.

Alcohol and Drug Policy
Bard College is committed to providing a healthy learning environment that facilitates the highest level of academic achievement and fosters the full development of all students. The community strives to support and promote safe, legal behavioral norms and standards, with respect for individual integrity coupled with our shared responsibility to create a safe and vibrant academic environment. Students and parents can access the full alcohol and drug policy in the student handbook, bard.edu/dosa/handbook. Every member of the community is responsible for abiding by the alcohol and drug policy and encouraging others to do the same. The College expects that all members of the community will, through year-round educational programming and orientation events, familiarize themselves with the physical risks of and legal constraints on alcohol and drug use, and that they will make informed decisions regarding their own behavior.

Grade Release Policy
In compliance with FERPA, Bard College does not release information about students’ academic records to anyone other than the student unless the student has signed a consent form, allowing their records to be released to the individual(s) named in the release; or the student is claimed as a dependent for tax purposes by either parent, in which case information about the student’s record may be released to either parent (regardless of which is the custodial parent). If you would like to receive information about your student’s academic record after your student has approved consent, please download the grade release form located at bard.edu/dosa under “Forms and Applications.” Information will be sent at the discretion of the dean of the College and upon request.

Consensual Relations
The College strongly discourages amorous or sexual relationships between faculty members and students, administrators and students, and staff members and students. Although the College recognizes that adults, including young adults, may make choices regarding personal relationships, amorous or sexual relationships between students and faculty, administrators, or staff raise serious concerns about conflicts of interest, validity of consent, and preferential treatment, jeopardizing a student’s educational program as well as the learning environment for all students. For the full consensual-relations policy between students and faculty/staff, visit bard.edu/dosa/handbook.
Student Consent Policy

Sexual Assault consists of (1) Sexual Contact and/or (2) Sexual Intercourse that occurs without (3) Consent.

1. Sexual Contact (or attempts to commit) is the intentional touching of another person’s intimate body parts, clothed or unclothed, if that intentional touching can reasonably be construed as having the intent or purpose of obtaining sexual arousal or gratification.

2. Sexual Intercourse (or attempts to commit) is any penetration, however slight, of a bodily orifice with any object(s) or body part. Sexual intercourse includes vaginal or anal penetration by a penis, object, tongue, or finger, or any contact between the mouth of one person and the genitalia of another person.

3. Consent is an understandable exchange of affirmative words or actions, which indicate a willingness to participate in mutually agreed-upon sexual activity. Consent must be informed, freely and actively given. It is the responsibility of the initiator to obtain clear and affirmative responses at each stage of sexual involvement. Consent to one form of sexual activity does not imply consent to other forms of sexual activity. The lack of a negative response is not consent. An individual who is incapacitated by alcohol and/or other drugs both voluntarily or involuntarily consumed may not give consent. Past consent of sexual activity does not imply ongoing future consent.

Consent cannot be given if any of the following are present: (A) Force, (B) Coercion, or (C) Incapacitation.

A. Force is the use of physical violence and/or imposing on someone physically to gain sexual access. Force also includes threats, intimidation (implied threats), and/or coercion that overcome resistance.

B. Coercion is unreasonable pressure for sexual activity. Coercion is more than an effort to persuade, entice, or attract another person to have sex. Conduct does not constitute coercion unless it wrongfully impairs an individual’s freedom of will to choose whether to participate in the sexual activity.

C. Incapacitation is a state where an individual cannot make rational, reasonable decisions due to the debilitating use of alcohol and/or other drugs, sleep, unconsciousness, or because of a disability that prevents the individual from having the capacity to give consent. Intoxication is not incapacitation and a person is not incapacitated merely because the person has been drinking or using drugs. Incapacitation due to alcohol and/or drug consumption results from ingestion that is more severe than impairment, being under the influence, drunkenness, or intoxication. The question of incapacitation will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Being intoxicated or incapacitated by drugs, alcohol, or other medication will not be a defense to any violation of this policy.
Shipping/Receiving Information

United States Postal Service (USPS):
When using USPS, all packages and mail will be delivered directly to the Post Office in the Bertelsmann Campus Center (845-758-7537).

United States Postal Service (USPS) mail and parcels should be addressed to your student at:
Name IN FULL
Bard College MSC (box # assigned to student)
PO Box 5000
Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 12504-5000

Each student is assigned a mailbox with a combination lock. Your student will receive locker information via email prior to arrival/return to campus.

All USPS mail is delivered to campus mailboxes. If a USPS mail/package is too large to fit in a mailbox, the post office will notify your student via email (postoffice@bard.edu) as well as by placing a notification slip in the mailbox. Your student can claim packages at the “oversize package window” in the post office. They will need a photo ID to claim packages.

Mail may be sent anywhere on campus via campus mail, using campus mailboxes or baskets in any office that has mail pick-up.

Buildings and Grounds (B&G)
B&G only receives packages from UPS, FedEx (both ground and express), and DHL.
Hours: Monday–Friday, 9 am – 5 pm; not open on weekends
Phone: 845-758-7653

When shipping packages to your student, please use the format below:
Name (as it appears on ID card)
30 Campus Road
Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 12504-5000

Packages received without a student name, with a parent’s name, or with a nickname might not be delivered.

Package information:
- Automated emails are sent out to those who receive packages.
- Tracking numbers are extremely important! This is how we find packages in the computer system or claim them from the mystery pile.
- Packagemapping.com is a great website to track all your packages. It will tell you where the package is, what carrier is being used to deliver it (UPS, FedEx, USPS, etc.), and who has signed for it upon delivery.
- Shipping/Receiving is a pick-up location. Students may also drop off any packages for returns with prepaid labels.

All packages delivered are signed for, always.
Please contact shipping@bard.edu with any questions, and follow B&G on Instagram for the latest updates @Bardshippingandreceiving.
# Academic Calendar 2021-22

**Summer 2021**
- Friday, August 6: Arrival, financial clearance, and orientation for first-year students
- Monday, August 16 – Wednesday, August 25: Language and Thinking Program for first-year students

**Fall Semester 2021**
- Friday, August 13: Arrival and financial clearance for transfer students
- Saturday, August 28: Arrival and financial clearance for all returning students
- Monday, August 30: First day of Fall classes
- Friday, October 22: Fall Break
- Wednesday, September 8: Drop/add period ends
- Monday, October 11 – Tuesday, October 12: Fall Break
- Friday, October 22 – Sunday, October 24: Family and Alumni/ae Weekend
- Thursday, November 25 – Friday, November 26: Thanksgiving recess
- Friday, December 3: Last day to withdraw from a course
- Monday, December 6: Advising day
- Wednesday, December 8: Senior Projects due for students finishing in December
- Monday, December 13 – Friday, December 17: Completion days
- Friday, December 17: Last day of fall classes

**Intersession**
- Saturday, December 19, 2021 – Friday, January 28, 2022: Winter intersession (no classes for sophomores, juniors, and seniors)
- Wednesday, January 12: First-year students return for Citizen Science
- Thursday, January 13 – Friday, January 28: Citizen Science

**Spring Semester 2022**
- Saturday, January 29: Check-in and financial clearance for all students not taking Citizen Science
- Monday, January 31: First day of spring classes
- Wednesday, February 9: Drop/add period ends
- Friday, March 18: Moderation papers due
- Saturday, March 19 – Sunday, March 27: Spring recess
- Monday, May 2 – Tuesday, May 3: Advising days (no classes)
- Wednesday, May 4: Last day to withdraw from a course; Senior Projects due for students graduating in May
- Thursday, May 12: Course registration opens for fall 2022 semester
- Wednesday, May 18 – Tuesday, May 24: Completion days
- Tuesday, May 24: Last day of spring classes
- Thursday, May 26: Baccalaureate service and Senior Dinner
- Saturday, May 28: Commencement
IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

All numbers begin with 845-758- unless otherwise noted

7089 Alumni/ae Affairs
    Jane Brien ’89, director

7531 Athletics and Recreation
    David Lindholm, interim director

7005 Bookstore
    Merry Meyer, manager

7557 BRAVE Counseling
    Rebecca Nidorf

7189 Career Development
7539 Jovanny Suriel, director

7453 Center for Civic Engagement
    Erin Cannan, vice president for civic engagement

7454 Center for Student Life and Advising
    David Shein, dean of studies and associate vice president for OSUN–Bard Network Programs and academic affairs

7056 Social Action and Trustee Leader Scholar Program
    Paul Marienthal, dean of social action and director, Trustee Leader Scholar program

7433 Counseling Services
    Larry Cerecedes, interim director of counseling

7454 Dean of Students
    Bethany Nohlgren, associate vice president for student affairs, dean of students
    Dumaine Williams, vice president for student affairs, dean of the early colleges

7526 Financial Aid Office
    Denise Ann Ackerman, director

7454 First-Year Experience
    Darnell L. Pierce, assistant dean of students

7433 Health Services
    Barbara-Jean Briskey, director

7500 Henderson Computer Resources Center
    Joe DeFranco, user services manager

7835 Institute for International Liberal Education
    Jennifer Murray, director

7080 Study Abroad
    Trish Fleming, adviser

7328 International Student Services
    Manishkamala Kalupahana, adviser

7812 Learning Commons
    Jim Keller, director

7605 Bard Educational Opportunity Programs
    Claudette Aldebot, director of equity and inclusion programs

7152 Family Network
    Lindsay Davis Carr ’06, assistant director of development, family programs

7537 Post Office

7458 Registrar
    Peter Gadsby, associate vice president for enrollment

4775 Religious Services
    Mary Grace Williams, chaplain of the College and dean of community life

7455 Residence Life
    John Cordella, director of residence life

7460 Safety and Security
    John Gomez, director

7454 Second-Year or Transfer Experience
    Timand Bates ’02, dean of transfer students, associate dean of students

7148 Stevenson Library
    Betsey Cawley, director

7520 Student Accounts
    Gwen Menshenfriend, bursar

7099 Student Activities and Campus Center

7625 Transportation and Shuttles
    Jeff Smith, transportation manager

7812 Disability Resources and Accessibility
    Erin Braselmann, director of disability and accessibility

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