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THIS ISSUE

MMC's Fall Restart Plan
Returning to Campus: FAQs
New MMC Engage App
...and more!

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, JULY 21

6:00pm: *First-Generation Student to First-Generation Professional: Pride and Pressure in Leading* with Rebecca Mattis-Pinard
(register [here](#) for Zoom link)

THURSDAY, JULY 23

1:05pm: *Exploring Intersectionality: Black Trans Women and the Movement* with Dominique Jackson from FX's *POSE*
(register on MMC Engage app)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

1:05pm: *Navigating Broadway: The Journey Ahead* with Broadway performer Betsy Wolfe
(register on MMC Engage app)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

6:00pm: *Black August: What Resistance and Survival Look Like for the Black Community* with Rebecca Mattis-Pinard
(register [here](#) for Zoom link)

ALL FALL CLASSES ONLINE

MMC's Virtual Classes/Open Campus Model

President Walk recently announced MMC's Fall Restart Plan, which will follow a **Virtual Classes/Open Campus** model. The fall semester will offer an enhanced educational experience for students that provides the best of both worlds: We are optimizing health and safety for students with online classes, while simultaneously providing students the choice of whether they want to make use of the College's facilities in Manhattan. This will offer a better, more comprehensive, and safer educational experience than if we attempted to have all students and faculty proceed with in-person classes while wearing masks and practicing social distancing throughout our buildings.



To make it simple: **ALL FALL CLASSES WILL BE ONLINE** and there is **NO REQUIREMENT TO BE IN NYC** in the fall—you can be a Griffin from home or from NYC, whichever works best for you and your family!

A very small number of science lab classes will have an in-person *option*, but *no requirement* to be in-person ([see list of those courses here](#)). The residence halls are open with limited capacity and, as a perk, on-campus studios, performance spaces, study spaces, and equipment will be available for students and faculty to reserve throughout the semester, in accordance with state and local public health directives, for those who choose to utilize them. We are developing a reservation system for campus facilities, and more information will be coming soon. [Read more inside...](#)

Find the most up-to-date information about the Restart Plan at www.mmm.edu/restart

RETURNING TO CAMPUS

What you need to know, whether you'll be here physically or virtually.

CAN I REALLY TAKE ALL MY CLASSES ONLINE?

Yes! Our Virtual Classes/Open Campus model ensures that students have the flexibility to study from wherever they're most comfortable. Any in-person opportunities that may be available will be entirely optional and supplementary.

WILL MY TUITION DECREASE WITH ONLINE CLASSES?

Yes. MMC rolled back a tuition increase set for the coming academic year in recognition of the financial challenges many of our students and their families are experiencing due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. The roll-back was made possible through the MMC Together Grant, generously funded by alumni, donors, and friends, and will be reflected as a credit on tuition bills. MMC is also waiving some standard fees, to be announced soon. The College does not anticipate further across-the-board tuition reductions, but will continue to work with students and their families individually to make an MMC education affordable. If you have questions about your specific aid package or expected cost of attendance, please contact the Center for Student Services at css@mmm.edu or 212-517-0500.

AM I GUARANTEED TO BE ABLE TO USE CAMPUS FACILITIES?

Unfortunately nothing is *completely guaranteed* during this pandemic. Currently, we do plan to open our main campus buildings for use beginning in August, and we are developing a reservation system so that we can ensure proper social distancing and safety measures for the students and faculty who wish to make use of campus. But we all know that things can change quickly given the trajectory of the pandemic—we will keep you posted on any changes that must be made to our plans due to local and state directives and public health guidelines!

What You Need to Know continued on next page...



QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FALL SCHEDULE?

TALK TO AN ACADEMIC ADVISOR

Reach out to the Office of Academic Advisement anytime at advisement@mmm.edu to discuss possible changes to your fall schedule.

Continuing students can also make changes throughout the summer via MMC Connect.

FALL PROGRAM CHANGE PERIOD

FIRST WEEK OF THE SEMESTER

A virtual Program Change Period will be available to all students during the first week of the fall semester. Students will receive more information about this prior to the start of the semester.

REACHING OUT

Students, faculty, and staff are all working and learning remotely—from many different corners of the country and globe. But we're still here for you! See below for key contact information you may need.

Office Hours are 9am - 5pm EST

ADVISEMENT

Changes to fall schedules, advising

212-517-0568

advisement@mmm.edu

CAREER SERVICES

Support on resumes, internships, or the job search

212-517-0599

careerservices@mmm.edu

CENTER FOR ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND TUTORING (CAST)

Remote tutoring options

cast@mmm.edu

Make an appointment:

<https://mmm.mywconline.com>

CENTER FOR STUDENT SERVICES

Questions on financial aid, scholarships, payments, etc.:

212-517-0500

CSS@mmm.edu

FinancialAid@mmm.edu

StudentAccounts@mmm.edu

COUNSELING & WELLNESS CENTER

Counseling and mental health resources & support

Counseling@mmm.edu

IT HELP DESK

Assistance with technology or email issues

212-517-0580

usersupport@mmm.edu

RETURNING TO CAMPUS (continued)

What you need to know, whether you'll be here physically or virtually.

WHY DO SOME SCIENCE LABS HAVE AN IN-PERSON OPTION BUT PERFORMANCE CLASSES DON'T?

In-person science labs will be conducted in compliance with all health and safety directives, with students and faculty wearing required face coverings and practicing social distancing. It is much more difficult to adhere to such guidelines with singing, acting, or dance classes, and performance-based classes come with an inherently increased risk of COVID-19 transmission. To protect our students and faculty, all performance-based classes will be conducted virtually. However, on-campus studios and performance spaces will be available for faculty and students to reserve throughout the semester, in accordance with state and local health guidelines.

SHOULD I LIVE IN THE RESIDENCE HALLS?

That's a decision you and your family will need to make. We recognize this is a challenging new environment, and each person has different needs and priorities. Some students may be able to better focus on their studies if they can live on-campus, which is why we are opening the residence halls with limited capacity. However, all classes can be completed virtually, and you have the flexibility to live wherever you will be most comfortable—you can be an MMC Griffin from home, from the residence halls (space permitting), or from your own apartment in NYC!

WHAT IF I HAVE STUFF IN MY LOCKER FROM THE SPRING SEMESTER?

We know many students were unable to empty their on-campus lockers before leaving campus last semester. Don't worry—your items will not be discarded during the summer! Once the College is able to reopen, students will be invited to retrieve items from their lockers. Those who currently have lockers will hear from the Student Affairs team soon with more information about the retrieval process.

We expect to have some lockers available this year, but only after the lockers that were used in spring 2020 are emptied.

[MORE FAQs ABOUT THE FALL RESTART>>](#)



HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

MMC has devised a robust health and safety plan based on guidance from NYS, the CDC, and State and City Health Departments to address the risks presented by COVID-19 and to enable a comfortable and secure return to campus for those who choose to do so.

THREE DAILY CAMPUS HEALTH & SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Anytime you access campus, keep these three rules in mind:

- Complete the **Daily Health Screening questionnaire** on MMC Engage (*faculty, staff, and visitors must complete the brief screening questions each day and students will be screened intermittently, per NYS directives.*)
- Wear a **face covering**—it's required on campus.
- Maintain **6 feet of social distance** from others whenever possible.

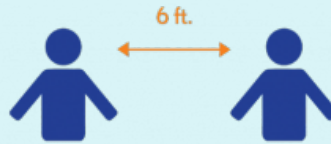
[Read more about MMC's health and safety guidelines here.](#)



Daily Health Screening



Wear a Mask



Social Distancing



CONTACT THE RESTART TEAM

If you have questions or concerns about MMC's Fall Restart Plan, or suggestions for the Restart Team, let us know!

Submit a comment to our online [Idea Catcher](#), or email us at restart@mmm.edu.

Be sure to monitor www.mmm.edu/restart and your MMC email for the latest updates and information.

STUDENT PAYMENT PLAN OPTIONS

Did you know the Center for Student Services (CSS) offers a variety of customizable options for payment plans for students and their families? Payment plans are interest-free and offer the opportunity to split student account charges into equal monthly payments that can be scheduled in advance of key due dates.

Fall 2020 Payment Plan			
ENROLL BETWEEN	DOWN PAYMENT	# OF PAYMENTS	MONTHS OF PAYMENTS
Now - July 24	20%	6	Aug. - Dec.
July 25 - Aug. 15	20%	5	Sept. - Dec.
Aug. 16 - Aug. 31	25%	4	Oct. - Dec.
Aug. 25 - Sept. 12	35%	2	Nov, and Dec,

For more information or help enrolling, contact CSS at studentaccounts@mmm.edu or 212-517-0500.

TAKE THE PLEDGE

Join the effort to keep all Griffins safe!

We encourage all students, faculty, and staff to join in our efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to take the ***Pledge to Keep MMC Healthy.*** We must all join in the mutual, continuous effort to keep our community safe and take responsibility for our own health and actions to protect ourselves and others.

[Read the pledge here.](#)

FROM THE 'GRAM

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Check out Class of 2024's Desyre Collier, an incoming double-major in Politics and Human Rights and Public Relations and Strategic Communication, who recently organized a rally in her hometown of San Marcos, Texas, in support of racial equity and police reform. We want to hear how other Griffins have stayed active and civically engaged over the last month, from supporting the Black Lives Matter movement and fighting for LGBTQ rights, to getting involved in community engagement efforts, wherever home may be. DM us your photos and information, or email us at editor@mmm.edu to be featured. Great work, @des.niko_! Photos by Rebecca Harrell for The University Star."

Many thanks to poet, actor, comedian, and activist @amandaseales for taking the time to share her thoughts on Juneteenth and its immense importance with the MMC community, and shout out to @mmcsda for making this message possible!



As we come to the end of June and enter the second Summer session of classes, we're reflecting on all that's happened over the last year and how different our future may look. There are a lot of unknowns for all of us, but one thing is for sure: we're in this together. Please continue practicing healthy social distancing, wear your masks, and stay safe! Shoutout to our community for helping flatten the curve and for your continued advocacy for social justice. We're with you while apart ☐ #GoGriffins

Tag us in your photos for a chance to be featured in the next edition of MMOnline! @nycmarymount

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Update: no requirement for in-person classes

On Tuesday, July 14, the College was thrilled to hear the news that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) rescinded the recently released guidelines barring international students on F-1 visas from staying in the U.S. if their colleges were fully online this fall.

When the problematic change in policy was announced on Monday, July 6, President Walk [released a statement denouncing the guidelines](#) and committing to designing class schedules that would enable the College's international students to continue their academic progress and protect their status in the U.S.

MMC's international students should monitor their MMC email for further updates from the Office of International Student Services (ISS).

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Kean Hawker, Assistant Director for ISS, at khawker@mmm.edu.



ASK US ANYTHING

COMING UP: JULY 21

We're hosting an "Ask Me Anything" (AMA) on the main MMC Instagram account this week. Have questions about the Fall Restart? Wondering what it'll be like to be a virtual Griffin? Join us this Tuesday!



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MMC ENGAGE

Stay in touch with the MMC mobile app!

We recently launched [MMC Engage](#), the College's first inclusive community engagement platform and mobile app. With MMC Engage, all members of the community can access helpful College resources, learn about programming and virtual events, chat with other members of the community, and more, all with the touch of a button.

Ready to download the app?

It's simple! Search "MMC Engage" in your app store and click "download." Once you have installed the app, open it and sign in with your MMC email and password.

