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What do "As" and flowers have in common? "B's"/bees come after them.

What will **Fall 2021** at **SUNY Fredonia** look like?

CHLOE KOWALYK

News Editor

With recent updates in CDC guidelines and an increase in vaccination rates, many students are wondering what next semester at SUNY Fredonia is going to look like.

According to SUNY Fredonia, the campus is hoping to reach a “near normal,” which will replace the image of a “new” normal.

However, creating this “near normal” atmosphere poses to be quite difficult.

With changing advice from the CDC and the need to comply with the SUNY system, the exact view of the Fall 2021 semester is still unknown.

In previous interviews, many campus services such as Academic Affairs, Pool Testing and Residence Life have said that they are still unsure what next semester will look like.

This is still the case, as with changing case numbers, vaccination rates and CDC guidelines, all final decisions are set to be made prior to student move-in dates, which begin on Aug. 19.

The college is constantly updating the guidelines for next semester on fredonia.edu/about/fall2021, which can be accessed by students, parents and faculty alike.

Here is what we currently know.

SUNY Fredonia is currently planning to return to normal course scheduling in the fall, including in-person instruction.

Students will be able to choose their courses from the standard modalities of the college: face-to-face classes, on-line-only classes, and hybrid classes.

It is important to note that Fredonia is not planning to offer remote synchronous classes in the fall.

In an email to faculty and staff, Interim Provost Kevin Kearns said, “We will continue the 20 minute class break schedule adopted this academic year.”

That being said, the 20 minute breaks between Zoom classes will transfer to in-person classes next semester.



Photograph by Prince Hunt.

Along with in-person classes, the college plans to hold in-person clubs and activities next semester.

According to Mark Suida, the director of Campus Life, the college has created many different scenarios for Activities Night based on guidance from SUNY and the CDC.

As with many other aspects of next semester, decisions are still waiting to be made until more guidance is given at the start of the semester.

Regarding study abroad programs, SUNY has suspended international travel and study abroad programs until further notice.

Currently, Residence Life has no COVID-related restrictions set in place for students living in residence halls.

Many students are hoping to return to some normalcy through intervisitation and regular dorm life.

In terms of dining on campus, FSA plans to offer a combination of dine-in and takeout services in the dining halls.

Cranston Marche will be a dine-in only buffet, while Willy C’s will offer both dine-in and takeout opportunities.

Dine-in capacity will be determined based on guidelines set in place by the CDC at the start of the semester.

A major question on the minds of many students is whether or not vaccination for COVID-19 will be mandatory to attend in-person next semester.

Governor Cuomo has recently announced that vaccination is mandatory for all SUNY and CUNY students.

However, this mandate is contingent upon the actions of the SUNY board and the full FDA approval of the vaccines.

The vaccines are currently approved through the FDA’s emergency use authorization process.

Currently 1,400 people, including community members and students, have been vaccinated on Fredonia’s campus.

According to SUNY Fredonia, around 6,000 students will need to be vaccinated to be “in good standing.”

Regarding masks, a decision on whether or not it will be required to wear masks in residence halls and academic buildings at the start of the fall semester will be in compliance with SUNY and the Chautauqua County Department of Health.

What dining halls and cafes will be open next semester?



Cranston Marche. Fredonia Admissions virtual tour.

CHLOE KOWALYK

News Editor

After several on-campus cafes closed at SUNY Fredonia last academic year, many students are wondering when they will reopen.

The cafes — with the exception of Café Mason — were closed in February last semester in hopes of keeping positive COVID-19 case numbers down.

FSA will be making a decision in August as to whether or not they can open at least some of the cafes again in accordance with CDC and SUNY guidelines.

Darin Schulz, the executive director of FSA, said “we hope to be opening at least [either McEwen Café or Tea Rex] as we plan on being a lot closer to normal than last year.”

Although final decisions are still being made, here are the dining halls and cafes we know will be open for certain next fall.

Cranston Marche

Cranston Marche is an all-you-care-to-eat dining hall that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner daily.

The dining hall is located upstairs in the University Commons, making it a central location to almost all students.

Cranston serves both hot and cold meals, and will be a dine-in only buffet style service next semester.

Inside the dining hall is a large seating area with tables and chairs to accommodate many hungry students.

Willy C’s

Willy C’s, located in its namesake building “William’s Center,” is a grab-and-go service that offers several fast food selections.

Willy C’s serves burgers, fries, pizza, chicken wings, mozzarella sticks, pizza logs and soup.

The dining hall also has a deli option, where students can order toasted subs, sandwiches and wraps.

To many student’s delight, Willy C’s also serves sushi, fresh salads and all kinds of snacks, including chips, cookies, fruit, veggies, yogurt and muffins.

Blue Devil Grill

Right next to Willy C’s in the William’s Center is Blue Devil Grill.

Blue Devil Grill serves made-to-order dinner and lunch, and rotates between Mexican, Mediterranean and Italian palates each week.

Students can order tacos, burritos, grain bowls, pitas, lasagna, fresh salads and much more.

Blue Devil Grill shares its seating area with Willy C’s, but is used by most students as a grab-and-go option for a quick bite.

Starbucks

Along with Cranston Marche in the University Commons, Starbucks is also a central location for many students.

The coffee shop serves the same

customer favorite food and customizable drinks as other community Starbucks locations.

Those looking for a caffeine boost or a vivacious study space can find what they're looking for at the campus Starbucks.

Tim Hortons

Similar to Starbucks, SUNY Fredonia also has a Tim Hortons right on campus.

Tim Hortons is located on the main floor of the Williams Centers, and is a great place to grab a quick breakfast before heading to class.

This quick and easy cafe has an express counter for students on the go and a normal ordering counter for those hoping to take advantage of the indoor or patio seating.

Tim Hortons is a great place to study and enjoy with friends alike.

Convenience Store

Right next to the campus Starbucks is a convenience store, stocked full of snacks, frozen dinners and necessary groceries.

The convenience store, also known as the C-Store, is a great place to spend your extra points or grab a quick snack on your way back from class.

FREDExpress Cafe

One of the cafes on campus, the FREDExpress cafe located in Thompson Hall will be open next semester.

Here, students can grab a quick coffee, tea or breakfast item of their choice right inside an academic building.

Cafe Mason

Similar to the FREDExpress Cafe in Thompson Hall, Cafe Mason also continues to stay open next semester.

This cafe offers brewed coffee, pastries, soups, sandwiches, salads and cookies.

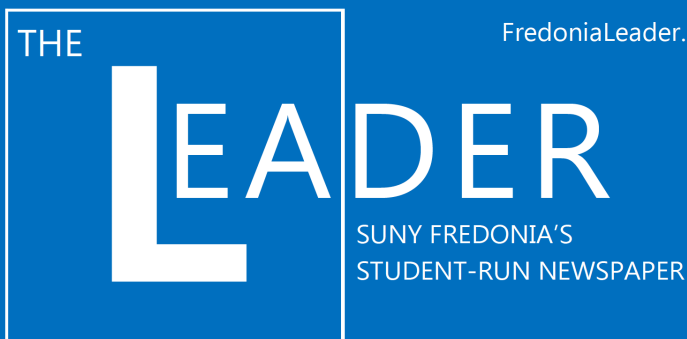
Cafe Mason is located right in Mason Hall, an academic building on campus that holds mostly music-related classes.

Many of the above options offer vegan and vegetarian options.

Students can pick up a "Dining Vegan/Vegetarian at Fredonia" pamphlet in any of the dining halls to further understand how to accommodate dietary restrictions.

Students can also contact FSA or ask the employees for advice and safe food options.

We will likely know the status of other cafes on campus prior to moving in around late August.



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The ultimate college move-in guide

CHLOE KOWALYK

News Editor

Getting ready to move into your college dorm room for the first time is an exciting, yet nerve-racking experience.

But what should you pack?

This guide is sure to help you pack all the essentials (and fun stuff too) needed for dorm life.

Before we dive into what to bring to college, it is important to note that move-in dates for freshmen start on Aug. 19.

You can check all the move-in dates and times on Fredonia's website, under "Student Life" or by searching for move-in dates and times.

To fully tackle what you should bring with you on move-in day, let's separate the lists into categories.

Below are lists for items you should bring for academics, basic necessities, fun additions and things to leave at home.

Academics

To ensure you're successful in all of your classes, make sure you're well prepared!

Be sure to stock your desk with the basics, such as pens, pencils, erasers and a calculator, but in addition, here's a complete list of educational essentials.

- Laptop
- Flash drives
- Headphones
- Backpack
- Desk Lamp
- Stapler
- Tape
- Hole puncher
- Index cards
- Required textbooks
- Notebooks
- Planner

Fun Additions

Now that we got the important stuff out of the way, we can focus on the fun parts!

Decorating your dorm room and making it your own is one of the best parts about living in a dorm.

Here's some fun, yet optional ideas to make your room more homey.

- Mini refrigerator
- Small microwave
- Coffee maker
- Rug
- White board
- TV
- Posters
- Fairy/battery-operated lights
- Pictures
- Bluetooth speaker (trust me on this one!)
- Waterproof picnic blanket
- Gaming consoles
- Snacks
- Playing cards, games, movies

Basic Necessities

Dorm life is a lot different than living at home, so you'll need a few things you may not have thought about.

These are a few items you may want to bring to have the best experience while away at college.

- Command strips and hooks
- Shower caddy
- Shower shoes/flip flops
- Towels
- Toothbrush, toothpaste AND a holder for your toothbrush!
- Hair dryer
- Fan
- Set of sheets (twin sized bed sheets fit just fine!)
- Blankets
- Pillows and Pillowcases
- A mattress pad (dorm beds alone are NOT comfy!)
- Laundry detergent
- Laundry basket
- Dryer sheets
- Vacuum/broom
- Batteries
- Hangers
- Umbrella
- Storage containers/organizers
- First-aid kit
- Warm winter clothes: hat, gloves, scarf, winter jacket

Things to leave at home

- Plug-in lights
- Candles
- Drugs and alcohol
- Exposed heating elements (like toasters)
- Multi-arm lamps
- Extension cords
- LED lights (they'll probably pull the paint off the walls if you're not careful!)
- Anything that is nailed into the wall, or doesn't use command strips

With that, your dorm room should be amazing!

Be sure to check out the specifications for a mini fridge and microwave on the "Residence Life" section on the school website!

Stay safe, and have fun at move-in this semester!

Career Development Office: A must-visit for all students

ALYSSA BUMP

Editor in Chief

Despite being tucked away on the second floor of Gregory Hall, the Career Development Office manages to serve hundreds of students every semester — even during the pandemic.

The office offers a plethora of useful services for students that everyone should be aware of.

Christopher LaGrow, the Associate Director of the CDO, has worked for the office for about 17 years.

“I provide career counseling to students, career presentations to classes and groups and serve as the primary contact for our recruiting team,” said LaGrow.

The CDO provides individual career counseling, which can be extremely useful for students that are feeling lost or confused when it comes to their career path.

LaGrow encourages students to check in if they feel uncertain about their major or career.

For a situation like this, the CDO would use the MyPlan online career assessment tool to give some insight on what interests, values and skills a student possesses that would be useful for their career.

And for those that feel comfortable in their major, the CDO can be a great resource to start planning out a potential internship or other career goals.

LaGrow said, “We critique resumes and cover letters, conduct practice interviews and review personal statements for graduate school applications. We have several career and recruiting events each school year that directly connect students to employers.”

Other areas the CDO provides services for are job searches, interview preparation and graduate school preparation.

It is also important to note that the CDO’s services are available to all alumni too. This means that even if your time at Fredonia is done, you will still be able to set up an appointment to plan for the steps after graduation.

During COVID-19, the office has

students to visit at least once before they graduate.

“They should also visit with us early in their senior year to get their resume into shape and make plans for their job or graduate school search,” said LaGrow.

LaGrow advises new students to get involved on campus right away. “Employers love to see students who were active in student organizations



Photograph by Jules Hoepting.

mainly relied on Zoom to set up appointments.

Regarding next semester, LaGrow said the CDO is “hopeful but not 100% sure if we’ll be able to go back to in-person appointments, but rest assured that we can provide our full array of services by Zoom again if needed!”

Students are allowed to meet with the CDO as often or as little as they feel necessary, but it would be wise for all

... That aside, it’s a great way to make new friends and pursue areas of interest with people that share those interests,” LaGrow said.

If you would like to make an appointment with the CDO, check out the office’s webpage, fredonia.edu/student-life/career-development-office, and click the blue “schedule an appointment” button at the top of the page.

Campus Media at Fredonia:

Fredonia Radio, WNYF-TV and The Leader

BRIANNA HOWARD

Special to The Leader

With communication professors who have done everything from working on “Boss Baby” to winning an Emmy, it is no surprise the campus’ media clubs have been going strong for decades.

These clubs require no experience and can help build essential skills in all types of communication, making the clubs excellent to join for students of all majors.



Photograph by Jules Hoepfing.



Photograph from @WNYFTV on Instagram.



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Fredonia Radio Systems

Fredonia Radio Systems is a student-run radio station located in 115 McEwen Hall. Students can have shows on WCVF FM 88.9 “The Campus and Community Voice of Fredonia” and/or WDVL 89.5 “Fredonia’s Hit Radio Station.”

WCVF is broadcasted on FM waves to Chautauqua County, and can also be listened to on the station’s website, fredoniaradiosystem.com. WDVL is an online-only station and can be heard from the TV in the Tim Horton’s on campus.

Some shows the station features include the 36-year-running variety show “High Noon Friday,” the late-night college hookup culture themed show “Lover Call” and the show all about gaming “VGS: Let’s Talk Gaming.”

Students can host shows by themselves or in a group. They can join the news team. If students are interested in post production, they can pre-record segments, PSAs and sweepers.

To see what’s new, check out the station’s Instagram page, @fredonia_radio, and YouTube page, “Fredonia Radio.”

Who to Contact?

General Manager: Yisel Fernandez, yfernandezarevalo@fredonia.edu

Station Manager: Jackson DiCarlo, jdicarlo@fredonia.edu

WNYF-TV

WNYF-TV (also known as Western New York Fredonia TV) is a student-run, fully functioning television station located in the basement of Hendrix Hall, one of the residence buildings on campus.

At WNYF you can join the cast or crew of a live or postproduction show and get hands-on experience with running a TV station.

Current shows to join include “News 11,” the weekly live report of national, local and campus news, “Sports Hour,” a weekly live talk show about sports, and a soon-to-be created game show.

If none of these shows suit your fancy, members of the station are always welcome to create a new show.

Sign up during Activities Night at the beginning of the semester, or feel free to come say “hi” by stopping by the station. You can also visit various social media pages — @wnyftv on Instagram, Twitter and YouTube — and check out the website wnyftv.com.

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The Leader

The Leader is SUNY Fredonia’s student-run newspaper, with its office in the Williams Center S206. Articles are posted on fredonialeader.org on a weekly basis and physical copies are printed and distributed in all academic buildings every two to three weeks.

The Leader engages its audience by offering a forum for divergent views on contemporary issues.

You can write for just one or multiple sections of The Leader, such as News, Life and Arts, Sports, Opinion and the Scallion (The Leader’s version of The Onion, a satirical publication).

In addition to providing timely news to the area through its publication, The Leader offers hands-on experience to students with a variety of interests.

New writers, copy editors, photographers, illustrators, layout editors, social media managers and business managers are always welcome.

To check out the paper’s work, take a look at its website, <https://fredonialeader.org/>, or visit @leaderfredonia on Instagram or Twitter.

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Why the Fredonia Honors Program sparkles

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Editor in Chief

The Fredonia Honors Program has three pillars: Learn. Lead. Live.

The more than 400 Honors students in nearly 70 majors learn about diverse topics through Honors courses, develop leadership skills both inside and outside of the classroom and have the opportunity to live with other like-minded students.

Dr. Natalie Gerber, the director of the Honors Program, works hard to implement these three pillars while also highlighting wellness, diversity and career readiness within the program.

If you are in the Honors Program or plan to be, you will get familiar with Gerber through her weekly email updates about different honors events, course updates, wellness opportunities and more.

But what exactly does it take to become an Honors student at Fredonia?

For first-year students, they must have a high school GPA of 92% or above and fill out an application which includes an essay.

For transfer and current Fredonia students, their GPA must be 3.3 or higher and they will need to fill out the same application.

Those accepted into the program will receive a one-time \$1,500 scholarship to help support non-tuition related expenses, like on-campus housing and meal plans.

Honors students are also given first-priority registration for courses every semester. This means that even if you are a freshman Honors student, you will have first pick for your courses over a non-honors senior starting your second semester.

If you are an incoming first-year Honors student, you will also have a chance to live in Hemingway Hall, which is the Honors House of SUNY Fredonia.

Living in the Honors House gives students a chance to live in close quarters with other Honors students.

Gerber said, "Honors students are incredibly knowledgeable, hard-working and ambitious."

Being given the opportunity to be in a dorm with individuals that possess these qualities can prove to be motivating.

The Honors House helps to enrich Honors students' experiences by building communities with other Honors students that have similar goals and work ethics.

The dorm building is suite style, which means there are normally three bedrooms, a common room and a bathroom and a common room within each suite.

The Honors Program requires students to complete six credits in Fredonia Foundations Honors courses, six credits

If you are interested in checking out the rest of the Honors courses being offered for the Fall 2021 semester, you can check out fredonia.edu/academics/honors-program/courses.

The program also encourages students to get involved in events outside of the classroom.

"Honors brings back alumni to share their professional experiences and offer advice, and also has organized career readiness workshops," said Gerber.

Wellness is also actively explored



Photograph from Honors Program page on fredonia.edu.

in Upper-Level Honors Seminars, three additional credits from either of the previous categories and three credits in a senior project that is completed within their major.

Honors students may also pursue an applied-learning experience, such as an internship, directed research, independent study, study abroad or a learning assistantship in place of part of the program.

For more details about the requirements, you can visit fredonia.edu/academics/honors-program/apply.

The Honors Program also offers unique courses that are only available for Honors students.

"We offer around 20 courses a year and have really strived to diversify the courses, both in terms of disciplines and in terms of diversity and inclusion," said Gerber.

Some eye-catching courses that will be offered next semester are HONR-302 Black Lives Matter, HONR-306 Public Intellectuals & Soc. Change, WGST-210-HR LGBTQ Lit & American History and MUS-233-HR Musics of the World.

through different programs, such as healthy cooking demos, meditation and exercise.

Gerber also gave a bit of advice for first-year honors students.

She said they "should expect to be challenged by their courses, engaged by their peers, and supported by the program."

"Like everything else, the Honors Program is ultimately what you make of it," said Gerber.

She continued, "Beyond the evident benefits that come with being an Honors student ... the program really offers you the opportunity to tailor a portion of your academic experience to your personal needs. Honors courses will give you flexibility to fulfill gen ed requirements with really engaging courses and to dig deep into topics that you and the faculty are passionate about."

The program offers an abundance of opportunities to learn and grow. Students just need to be prepared to take these opportunities and build them into accomplishments.

The face of the Honors Program: **Natalie Gerber**

ALYSSA BUMP

Editor in Chief

Dr. Natalie Gerber is an English professor at SUNY Fredonia, as well as the director of the Honors Program.

Surprisingly, this career path in the humanities was strongly discouraged.

“My mom had forbidden me to major in English,” said Gerber. “So I did her one better and double majored in English and in film and broadcasting, and she hated it even more.”

Born and raised from a hardworking, middle-class family, Gerber grew up similarly to many Fredonia students.

She grew up in northern New Jersey with her parents and two brothers.

Her father was a pharmaceutical salesperson who also worked a second job on the weekends to help support their family.

Her mother started out teaching in NYC, but she left to be a stay-at-home mom for a number of years.

When she came back to work, “she taught at East Side High School, under Principal Joe Clark (who died recently) and who became famous from the film “Lean on Me,” based on his efforts to improve the school in Paterson, NJ,” said Gerber.

Gerber describes herself as the “black sheep of the family,” because her brothers went into the field of sciences while she decided to major in the humanities.

Because of her mother’s experience as an English teacher, Gerber was discouraged by her parents in pursuing such an aspiration.

She described her mother by saying, “She worked really, really hard to help students who were growing up with grandparents or guardians ... she also helped students get into college and earn scholarships.”

Despite being able to help young people learn and grow, Gerber’s mother was underpaid, worked long hours and had to deal with some dangerous situations.

“She broke up a knife fight in the hallway once; there were shootings continuously,” Gerber recalled.



Dr. Natalie Gerber. Photograph from English faculty page on fredonia.edu.

“She holds herself to very high standards as she juggles a schedule three people would find difficult to manage.” — Dr. Bruce Simon

Despite her parents’ doubts and disapproval, Gerber managed to get a full-ride scholarship to Boston University.

Gerber then continued her education at New York University by earning her master’s degree.

“I was supposed to get my Ph.D. there, but I left after the master’s and worked for a year at the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation,” said Gerber.

The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation

is a philanthropic organization that supports the arts, education and the environment to make New Jersey a better place.

The organization’s mission statement specifically mentions supporting poetry, which is one of Gerber’s main interests.

She then went back for her Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley.

Notably, each college Gerber attended has less than a 25% acceptance rate.

Gerber then went on to work for barnesandnoble.com in New York City, but saw a teaching position available here at Fredonia.

When she came to Fredonia for her interview, there was a horrible snow storm.

She ended up going to Professor Ted Steinberg’s house, where he was home eating dinner with his family on a Friday night.

“At that time, I was living and working in New York City, and nobody was home with their families. That ability impressed me,” Gerber explained.

She described Fredonia’s English department as “cohesive and really special.”

Gerber was hired in 2004, but since then she has also taken on other roles at Fredonia.

She can often be spotted on campus with her shoulder-length curly hair, thin-wired glasses and a large stack of books and papers in her hands.

Dr. Bruce Simon, a Fredonia English professor, department chairperson and University Faculty senator, has worked with Gerber since 2004.

“We’ve worked together closely on the Writers @ Work Alumni Writers-in-Residency Series — on which she’s been one of the main driving forces — since it began in Spring 2016,” said Simon.

According to SUNY Fredonia’s website, Writers @ Work, “brings Fredonia

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alumni with a variety of educational backgrounds, careers and accomplishments back to campus for a series of events.”

Simon described Gerber as “probably the hardest-working person” he knows. “She holds herself to very high standards as she juggles a schedule three people would find difficult to manage,” he said.

To add onto Gerber’s busy schedule, she has two daughters, Michaela and Rebecca, as well as a small Yorkie dog, named Lily Reese, with fluffy black fur and a fashionable pink sweater.

It is even evident to students that Gerber is a very busy yet hard working woman.

Sara Gorton, a sophomore video production major with a minor in visual arts and new media, had Gerber as her professor in her first semester.

Gorton is also an honors Student, and recalls that Gerber was “a helpful resource because she always supplied us

with office hours if we needed them, as well as lots of information in regard to the Honors Program.”

Other students that have taken courses taught by Gerber have said anonymously on ratemyprofessor.com that, “Natalie is the sweetest, most caring teacher you will ever have,” and “Natalie Gerber is probably the smartest [professor] in Fredonia.”

Gerber is currently working on diversifying the Honors Program and increasing wellness.

She is proudest of “seeing something in students and pushing them ... giving them the confidence and the skill set to reinforce it.”

As for advice she would like to give to current students, Gerber said calmly, “Life goes faster than you think. Don’t compromise your ambition. But be flexible.”

She continued, “Use your time at college, not only to take classes that you love, but to challenge yourself to expand

your skill set in an area that’s practical.”

When Gerber was a college student, she felt as though she didn’t have many models of what she wanted to do.

“I was the first person in my immediate family to go for a Ph.D.,” said Gerber.

She continued, “So I went to poems to figure out how to live ... Lucille Clifton, the great American poet who also happens to be African American, which is very important, talked about not having role models.”

The poem Gerber is referring to is “won’t you celebrate with me” by Clifton.

The poet wrote, “won’t you celebrate with me / what i have shaped into a kind of life? / i had no model.”

Gerber said, “I want to help students here, especially because students here are not entitled. They don’t feel that something is owed to them.”



GREYSTONE
NATURE PRESERVE

Greystone Nature Preserve is located on the Portage Escarpment above Brocton, NY, and features a panoramic view of Lake Erie. Our 71 acres of woods, meadows and streams support thriving communities of wildlife.

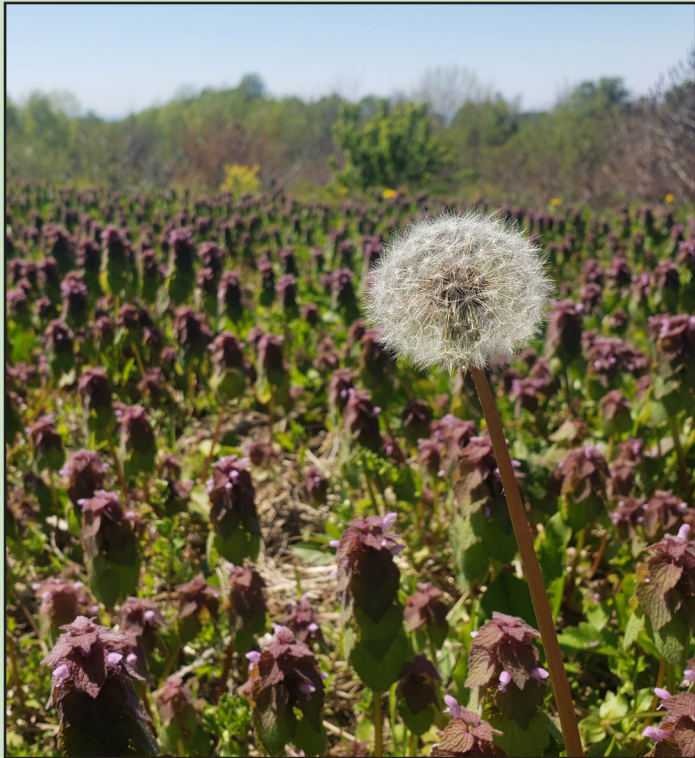
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Top five best study spots on campus

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When it comes to academics, SUNY Fredonia's campus is more than just a pretty sight.

Numerous study spaces are scattered around the college's 266-acre campus.

When students feel they need a break from studying in their dorm rooms, they can look to these spaces for a nice change of scenery.



Science Center study lounge. Photograph by Prince Hunt.

5. Science Center

Tucked between Jewett Hall and the University Commons is Fredonia's own Science Center, complete with a large seating area on the first floor and study spaces located throughout the whole building.

You don't have to be a STEM major to enjoy the plethora of study spaces in the Science Center: it's open to students regardless of their major or minor.

As soon as you enter the main entrance of the building, there are tons of chairs and tables set up for students to use to wait for class or get some work done.

Conveniently, the Tea Rex Cafe is located right next to the seating area, allowing students to easily grab a mid-study session snack or bubble tea.

A decision on whether or not the Tea Rex Cafe will be open next semester will be made closer to the start of the semester.

It's a quiet, yet public area where students can get a quick study session in or hammer out a last minute assignment if needed.



Tim Horton's Patio. Photograph from fredonia.edu.

4. Patio

Another great study spot on campus is the patio, located just outside Tim Hortons in the William's Center.

Complete with tables, chairs and even a large futon, the patio makes for a great group study session.

Students hoping to work on a group project or simply just looking to study with friends can find large seating areas to accommodate the whole group.

The patio is also fit for a late-night study session, where string lights line a metal bar at the front of the patio.

Plus, Tim Hortons is located right inside, so students can feel free to grab a snack to re-energize when needed.

3. Outdoor Picnic Tables

It's a bright summer day: the sun is shining and the birds are chirping.

But, alas, you have a big assignment due tonight!

How can you enjoy the wonderful weather and finish that assignment on time?

Take a seat at the picnic tables outside of University Commons!

Just outside of University Commons are several picnic tables where students can choose to study by themselves or with friends.

The tables are located both in the sun and the shade, making them perfect for enjoying any warm day.

You may even get a few squirrel visitors while studying, providing you with a cute break from your homework!



Outdoor picnic area. Photograph by Jules Hoepting.

2. Three Man Hill

Yet another perfect study space is Three Man Hill, the grass-covered incline located between Rockefeller Arts Center and the Campus Woodlot.

This popular picnic destination gets its name from the metal sculptures of three men located at the top.

Many students use Three Man Hill to have picnics, hang with friends and my personal favorite: to watch the sunset!

There's nothing better than finishing up a Zoom meeting while you watch the sunset over your laptop screen on Three Man Hill.

There's an amazing view overlooking the stadium and townhouses, making group study sessions all the more enjoyable.



Sculpture on Three Man Hill. Photograph from fredonia.edu.

1. Starbucks, University Commons

While all the study spots on this list are fantastic, my all-time favorite place to study on-campus is the Starbucks inside of University Commons.

Central to practically all buildings on campus, Starbucks is a popular study space, so if you want a spot, get there early.

After ordering the drink and food of their choice, students can make their way to the cafe seating at the back of the store.

The campus Starbucks has a studious atmosphere, with upbeat instrumental music and the smell of coffee throughout.

While this isn't always the quietest option, students looking for white noise or a coffee shop setting can find exactly what they're looking for at SUNY Fredonia's Starbucks.



Starbucks lounge. Photograph from Fredonia Admissions virtual tour.



Between Alumni and Jewett Hall, Fredonia campus.



Fredonia Opera House on Church Street.



Canadaway Creek under Risley Street, Fredonia, NY.
All photographs by Jules Hoepting.

Fun around Fredonia: Places to go, things to see

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It's your first semester at Fredonia, and you don't know what people do for fun in vineyard country.

On Campus

If you're on campus without personal transportation, no need to let boredom creep in. As the semester is rolling, events get going and you'll be able to find too many things to do: all you have to do is check the posters on the designated boards in residence halls and academic buildings. Everything from drag shows to movie nights to video game clubs to writing clubs to student-run musicals and plays will be posted.

You can check out fredoniabluedevils.com for the sports schedule if you like the thrill of watching games/matches live.

The residence assistants in the residence halls put on several events each semester, everything from pancake making to game night, so there's a good chance there's something for you to do without even leaving your residence hall.

If you like walking, then walk all the way around Ring Road: you'll wind up at the Campus Woodlot, which is a small forest with trails in it.

Between the Campus Woodlot and the Rockefeller Arts Center is the Three Man Hill, which has a sculpture of three human-like figures on it. That's a great spot to catch sunsets.

If nothing else, the School of Music puts on over 300 performances every year, so there's probably a student recital you can catch in Mason Hall. Visit events.fredonia.edu/music/calendar for the schedule.

You might be thinking, "Okay, that's great and all, but I want to know where to go when I leave campus."

Within Walking Distance

Wander off campus and under a bridge and you'll be in Canadaway Creek. People do everything from biology labs to fishing down there.

It takes 20 minutes to walk down town. There you'll find a variety of shops: a thrift store, a chocolate shop, a record store, a tea shop, a flower shop, a surprising amount of salons and bars, and a whole bunch of restaurants with a variety of good food. (Turn to page 20 for recommendations.)

You might notice a historic marker saying Fredonia had the first natural gas well in the country. Yup. That's what established the town.

If you're fascinated by architecture, Fredonia's a fabulous place for you to be. The buildings in the town span a variety of architecture styles: gothic revival, greek revival, neocolonial, italianate, bungalow style, English cottage and many more styles. Most of Fredonia's campus was designed by the well-known architect I.M. Pei.

If you like fresh fruit, vegetables, baked goods, maple syrup and a sense of traditional community, then you'd love the Fredonia Farmers' Market, which takes place every Saturday on Church Street from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. from mid-May to October. From November to mid-May the market is held in the Masonic Lounge on Main Street.

On Church Street is also the Fredonia Opera House, which has a variety of live performances and cinema series: the first 20 Fredonia students who come to cinema screenings are admitted for free. Check out fredopera.org for more information.

Within Driving Distance

An eight minute drive or an hour long walk to Dunkirk can get you to Point Gratiot, the local's favorite beach. Because the beach's sandy shore lines the east side of Lake Erie, it is the perfect place to watch the sun slip into the horizon. In the winter, the beach transforms into an ice wonderland perfect for your social media aesthetics. Regardless of the time of year, the beach is often windy, so come prepared.

Point Gratiot is also the destination of Canadaway Creek: the black shale near the creek's lake entrance smells like natural gas if you snap it in half.

Drive along the coast of Dunkirk and you'll find yourself on the Dunkirk Pier, which is another neat spot to watch the sunset and contains a strip of restaurants.

A 15 minute drive can bring you to Greystone Nature Preserve, a mom and pop non-profit run by two wholesome souls on a mission to get people connected with nature. There's always good conversation and good views there. Call ahead of time for a visit and check out greystonematurepreserve.com for more information.

A 20 minute drive to Brocton can get you to the College Lodge, which is quite literally a lodge operated by the Faulty Student Association of SUNY Fredonia. There's over 200 acres of land and several trails and lots of locals.

A 20 minute drive can bring you to Lily Dale, a hamlet connected with the Spiritualism movement that attracts thousands of visitors every year for medium readings. If you go in the off-season, you can walk around the hamlet for free and admire the fairy garden-like architecture and landscaping or walk along the Cassadaga Lakes. You can walk the Leolyn Woods Nature trail and find Inspirational Stump, which is a preserved stump in front of rows of benches in the middle of the woods. The trail also has a pet cemetery.

Fredonia in the Big Picture

You might be thinking to yourself, "Those are nice suggestions and all, but I'm getting the sense Fredonia is a small town in the middle of nowhere."

Well, you're very wrong. Fredonia is not that small of a town — drive around the Southerntier, you'll see what I mean pretty quickly — and it's a short distance from a variety of locations.

Buffalo — the second most populated city in New York — is an hour away. Erie, Pennsylvania is an hour away. Cleveland, Ohio is two and a half hours away. Canada is an hour and a half away.

Fredonia's also a few minutes from Interstate 90, which will take you from Boston, Massachusetts to Seattle, Washington, if you ever feel like going on a road trip.

In terms of geography, there's a cornucopia of that as well.

Lake Erie is an eight minute drive away, which brings beaches and the flat lands of the former Great Lake basin.

You can drive to the mountains in Allegany State Park — New York's largest state park — in an hour. Allegany also has massive boulders to explore.

World-famous waterfalls known as Niagara Falls are an hour and a half away.

There's an abundance of gorgeous gorges less than an hour away: Zoar Valley in Gowanda, 18-Mile Creek in Hamburg. The greatest gorge in New York, the "Grand Canyon of the east" Letchworth State Park, is two hours away in Mount Morris.

If you're not a nature person, there's plenty of cityscape within an hour's radius; between Buffalo, Jamestown and Erie, all of your entertainment, shopping and medical needs are covered.

Not only is Fredonia a convenient distance from everything, but it's also a relatively cheap place to live. That's great for broke college students.

If you'd ask me, Fredonia's a pretty good place to be.

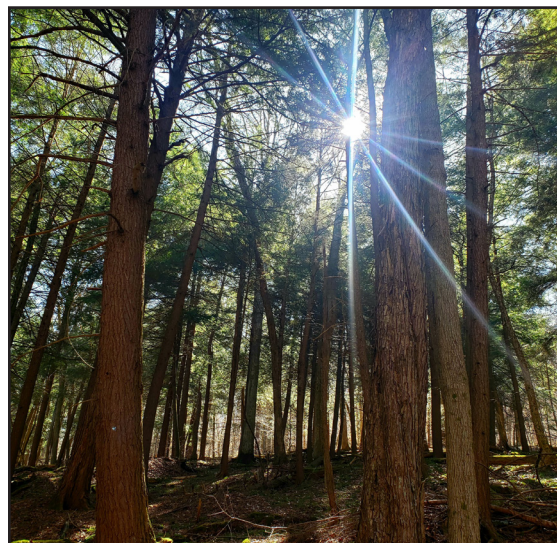
So, what will you do? Well, that is up to you.



Point Gratiot, Dunkirk, NY.



Allegheny River, Allegheny National Forest, PA.



Sunspiral in Allegheny National Forest, PA.

SPORTS

Athlete profile: Collin Barmore



Collin Barmore wins SUNYAC 800. Photograph from fredonia.edu.

ANTHONY GETTINO

Sports Editor

This past spring semester was tough for many reasons. With the COVID-19 pandemic still going on, along with the stresses of school and life, you could probably get away with sweeping that competitive season under the rug and going through the motions, right?

Not Collin Barmore.

Now going into his junior year, Barmore is a Cassadaga Valley alum and an interdisciplinary studies and environmental science major. He is also a captain of the cross country and track and field teams.

Barmore is the most recent SUNYAC champion of Fredonia, winning the 800 meter race this past year.

After that, Collin knows that there's still much more to come this next season.

"My goals for this upcoming cross season are to lead my team in practices and in races. I want to run sub 25:45 [in the 8k] this year," Barmore said.

Cross country is more of a team-oriented sport than track and field, so Barmore shed some light on what the team's goals are for the season as well, stating "our team's goals this upcoming season are to place in at least the top three in the

SUNYAC and try and find ourselves a spot at nationals."

Barmore isn't just a captain because of his skills as a runner; he is also a helpful hand off the track and does well in his classes too.

With the pandemic, every team and individual has had to adapt one way or another, and the team's leaders have to adjust more than others.

With COVID-19 regulations in place, in-person communication plummeted. He said leading through a phone can make it hard to get the point across at times, so he tried to just lead by example in practices and races.

While he isn't trying to look past his upcoming season of cross country, I was curious to see what his goals are on the track next year coming off of his SUNYAC win. Barmore hopes to achieve great things in both the 800 and 1500/mile races in the SUNYAC and try to make nationals in one of these events as well.

Looking for a nice final quote for this athlete profile I asked Barmore what he would say to his first day of campus self. His answer?

"I would tell myself to stop stressing about things I couldn't control. All of the hard tests and crazy training days are going to lead me to great moments."

Club and intramural sports: What they are and how to join

ANTHONY GETTINO

Sports Editor

Like many other colleges, Fredonia has NCAA sponsored sports teams that students come to the school to play for. But these teams have large time commitments and standards of skill level that some people who are interested in playing sports may not want to deal with.

Club teams are abundant on campus. There are several club teams that have a school regulated team as well, like the recently formed Club Basketball.

The beauty of having clubs is that those clubs can offer less traditional sports that aren't funded by the school and the NCAA, such as Fredonia Spikeball Club or the Fredonia LARPing Fellowship club.

Club sports give you the freedom to go to events when you have the time, but if you have a paper due the night of a meeting or need to study, you can.

You also don't need to be good at the sport to play, as clubs are often open to any and everyone to do.

If you want something that's more structured and want to compete against not only Fredonia students but neighboring schools as well, then you may want to join one of the intramural sports teams instead. One intramural sport that comes to mind is Ultimate Frisbee.

To sign up for an intramural program, you have to register on fredoniabluedevils.com under the intramural sports section, then choose which one you want to register for, fill out the information forms and you're good to go.

As for signing up for clubs, these tend to vary. The easiest



Soccer intramurals. Photograph from @fredintramurals on Instagram.

way to do so is by going to Activities Night at the beginning of the semester and finding the club you want to join. The clubs will have an email list where you can sign up with your school email to be given the know-how of what's going on by the club president.

If you don't go to Activities Night, you'll have to go to fredonia.edu/student-life/clubs-organizations and do a scroll through of the active clubs on the list to find what you're looking for.

Getting out there and meeting people is what college is all about, so if you like a sport, try out the club or intramural of it.

What the Fall Semester brings for Fredonia sports teams

ANTHONY GETTINO

Sports Editor

This past year had many obstacles for sports teams to overcome.

There were limits on the number of athletes in the weight rooms, practice pods separating teams and mask requirements for players to follow at practices and games.

This upcoming semester will have noticeable changes for these athletes.

One of these changes is the mask rule. As of this writing, the rule for wearing masks is the "on campus verses in campus" rule. When you are in a building, a mask is required. When you are on the campus but outside, you will not be required to wear a mask.

This will allow teams that practice outside to not need to wear masks, which could make working on their cardio conditioning less of a worry.

Another change that happened towards the end of last semester were pod sizes. These pods started out in groups of 10, then were allowed to expand after multiple weeks.

With vaccinations being a requirement to attend classes in-person next semester, the need for having pods is no longer relevant.



Blue Devil Fitness Center. Fredonia Admissions virtual tour.

One thing that hasn't yet been fleshed out is the occupancy numbers in facilities like the basketball court, the indoor track or the weight rooms in Dods Hall.

Last year these facilities had very limited occupancy, but that may change with the vaccination requirement.

The Blue Devil Fitness Center, the weight room open to the public, will still be functioning with student-prioritized online sign ups and a scheduled time for people to be allowed to use the facility.

OPINION

Restaurant recommendations

We asked our Instagram followers (@leaderfredonia) what local restaurants they would recommend to incoming students. Here's what they had to say.



Photograph from Ellicott Brewing Company on Google photos.



Photograph from omnohm.com.



Photograph from arcticpoke.com.

Out of 26 participants and 35 restaurant recommendations:

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| Arctic Bites (5) | *64 on the Rocks (2) |
| EBC (Ellicott Brewing Company) (4) | Bella Maria's Pizzeria (1) |
| ^Domus Fare (3) | The Big Cheeseburger (1) |
| El Azteca (3) | Buddy Brewsters (1) |
| Fred's (2) | ^D.P. Dough (1) |
| *^Om Nohm Bakery and Cafe (2) | Lena's (1) |
| Taquo (2) | *^Mustard Seed (1) |
| ^Upper Crust (2) | Pizza Village (1) |
| Yokoso (2) | *Tuscany Deli (1) |

Key: () Number of votes, * Good gluten-free options, ^ Good vegan options

What I wish I would've known as a freshman

CARLY SUMMERSON

Special to The Leader

Transitioning from high school to college can be a scary thing. I would know; I came from a place where I knew almost everyone by name since I was a kid to a random town in Western New York where I knew no one.

It was definitely something I had to adjust to.

When I look back at my freshman self, she was a completely different person, and she had no idea what she would be experiencing in her future.

There are so many things I wish I could tell my past self, but I'm glad I learned it all on my own along the way.

I'd rather share my knowledge as a rising college junior to future and incoming students of SUNY Fredonia, so that they can make the most of their college experience.

Something I think that is essential during your first year is becoming involved.

Personally, I was never involved in anything in high school, therefore I didn't really put myself out there like I do now.

Getting out there can be as easy as joining a club.

At Fredonia, there are over 170 clubs and organizations to choose from. Most of the clubs showcase themselves at Activities Night, which happens at the beginning of every semester.

It's definitely a good idea to stop by, even if you're by yourself or with a couple of friends; you never know what you might come across and be interested in!

I joined Orchesis Dance Company my

first semester to be able to continue to do what I loved at my new school and I made really great friends because of it.

It's okay if the friends you make your first week of school aren't your

wasn't a freshman anymore.

Especially with COVID-19 happening, I wish I made use of everything Fredonia has to offer me from the library, to the dining halls to even what my own residence hall had.

This can even go for your courses, professors and advisors. They are there to help you and educate you.

Go to their office hours, ask questions in class and participate, become engaged and make a form of communication.

I definitely took it for granted, not knowing I would be sent home not even halfway through my spring semester.

Truly make the most of what you are here for.

College gives you the opportunity to create a fresh start for yourself, which could mean anything from changing your style to changing your views.

You are given the chance to truly be yourself and branch away from any old habits or lifestyles.

What I want to emphasize the most is to really take in what you have and to go with the flow. Being open minded in this new stage of your life is the best thing that you can do.

Don't be afraid of wanting to change your major, step out of your comfort zone or do something you never thought you would see yourself doing.

Personally, my high school self could never have imagined the version of myself that I am now. Fredonia becomes almost like your second home, you want to feel that sense of comfort when you are here.

You never really know when you will meet your next best friend or receive the opportunity of a lifetime.



Illustration by Ash Maloney.

best friends. The people you talk to will change all the time.

You will meet new people in every class you take, club you join and place that you go.

Making use of what Fredonia has to offer is something that you won't regret.

As they all say, college goes by fast!

I didn't think it did until I realized I was going into my junior year and

Canadaway Rocks: Photographs by Jules Hoepfing





Abstract Fredonia: Photographs by Derek Raymond





THE SCALLION

Satire for Fredonia



AMID DIRECTOR'S CUT FAD, "SEINFELD" CUT RUMORS RAISE EYEBROWS

MATTHEW BAUM

Scallion Editor

Big news broke last week as Jerry Seinfeld threw his hat into the ring of speculative extended cuts of cultural milestones.

Seinfeld, best known for his role as Barry B. Benson in the hit 2007 film "Bee Movie," announced that he had access to a two-hour-long cut of the series finale of the '90s sitcom "Seinfeld," in which he played the titular role.

During a press briefing on Saturday, Seinfeld was asked how he felt about the popularity of Zack Snyder's "Justice League," and he was quick to respond.

"Ha! Ol' Zacky got really lucky with how this whole Snyder Snip thing played out. Like, can you imagine some director pulling something like this 15 years ago? There'd be riots! People would be up in arms! They'd be saying, 'Hey, Zacky, how come you didn't show us the real movie the first time!' I'm glad he was the first to do this sort of thing though, because I've actually been sitting on something along those lines for a while now."

This announcement sent the reporters into a frenzy, pulling attention away from the main point of the briefing:

Seinfeld's upcoming biopic about Orville Redenbacher.

After 45 minutes of questions revolving around the "Seinfeld" cut, it became clear that the series finale of the popular television series was originally going

into what would have expanded into the "Seinfeld"-Verse, a connected collection of series and films that focused on and fleshed out the backstories of various beloved "Seinfeld" characters.

Overnight, Twitter went abuzz

with this information, and a petition to "Restore the 'Seinfeld'-Verse" became a rallying cry for fans of observational comedy around the world.

The petition has over 75,000 signatures today, and the link to the Change.org site has been retweeted by the likes of Charlie Day, Paul Bettany and the official SlimJim account.

It's not yet clear if there is a "Seinfeld" revival in the works, but Jason Alexander, the actor known for his performance in "The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle," has changed his Facebook profile picture to George Constranza, the character he played in "Seinfeld."

The future's looking bright for fans of '90s situational comedy. Seinfeld has not since responded to any correspondences, but his housekeeper said that he

has been spending more time out of his garage full of highly-expensive cars, so it's looking very likely that "Seinfeld" is destined for a reboot.



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to be over two hours long, featuring a number of POC characters that were greatly diminished or cut from the final product altogether, and sneak peeks

HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH THE CORONAVIRUS, A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

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Over the winter break, I've had time to think about my friends — who is a real friend, who wants to be my friend and who needs a friend.

The more I think about it, the more I realize some people are very lonely and that hurts me deeply in the pits of my soul. I would hate to be lonely, especially now with only my roommate and my frog Beanie Baby to comfort me in times of need.

The only person to play Just Dance with me is my roommate, and they just watch me the whole time completely unamused.

I've had enough of it, so I'm going to make friends with someone who really needs it: the COVID-19 virus itself.

Now, I know what you're thinking: "Does the COVID-19 virus go by it/its/itself?" Well, in fact, it does. I asked it as soon as I started becoming friends with the COVID-19 virus, and that is one of the first steps to actually becoming its friend. Let's talk about it through an intensive step-by-step process that I have formulated over the course of this year.

1. Stop being scared

Alright, I understand this is the rhetoric COVID deniers use, but it's actually really useful for friendship reasons and people need to start doing it. Imagine if you said, "Wow you're really scary," to one of your friends right now (if you even have any). That would be really mean and your (hypothetical) friend would be very upset, and perhaps even yell at you. You would cry. Don't let yourself cry. Stop being scared!

2. Sweet-talk it

Yes, COVID may have the power to make you cough and stuff or whatever, but remember that it has a soul. Wouldn't you like to be sweet-talked? Because I understand many people may not actually know the ins and outs of

sweet-talking like I do, I've made a list of some cool lines to use.

"You've got some nice viral surface proteins, can I borrow some?"

"You must have some real good cute RNA!" Note: Use the word "cute" if you're feelin' it, and ONLY if you're feelin' it.

"Infectious? More like cardiac plexus" (??? I don't know what that means but it worked I think)???

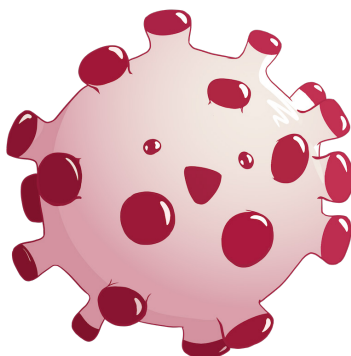


Illustration by Malana Chen.

3. Ask for its pronouns

I've already told you its pronouns through this article, but it can never hurt to ask. You should just be doing this with everyone anyway for common courtesy's sake, and it shouldn't take a Scallion article to tell you to do so, but I'm here to give you some good advice so here it is.

4. TELL IT THAT YOU HAVE ASTHMA

I do not have asthma. However, this is absolutely crucial. It does not want to be your friend if you do not have asthma. I think it will also like you if you have anything wrong with your lungs, so if you smoke/vape/whatever you wanna do, you may be off the hook. Asthma, though, is just the perfect lie if you don't do those things on the reg. P.S. If you don't have asthma and you don't want to lie it will still tolerate you, but it won't be friends with you like you'd want it to be.

5. Don't let your friends know that you have befriended it

Last time I told one of my friends that I became friends with COVID-19, they got really upset at me and I couldn't figure out why. Yes, COVID and I had been hanging out a lot, but we are buds, so that's what buds do. I think that they were just jealous, so don't let your friends know if you don't want them to get jealous. COVID right now is really popular, so it definitely takes a toll on you to have to be friends with someone so cool and famous. I think that's the main reason why they were so jealous!

Okay, so I just gave you five easy steps to befriend the coronavirus.

This works very well, as I have tried it myself and me and COVID are now besties. I must warn you of the downsides, though.

My roommate won't go near me for some reason. Also, my friends will only text me and when I ask to hang out they say no. It gets lonely being the cool kid.

I hope this list helps you. Please get back to me when you've befriended the coronavirus so we can all hang out together.

EDIT: So it turns out that I actually have CAUGHT the coronavirus and I am now sick. I literally am hacking up a lung. This is no longer fun. Too bad I already wrote this article and now I need to post it. DON'T DO THESE THINGS IT TURNS ON YOU!!!! I am in PAIN!!!!!!!!!!!! Was it worth it? NO please do NOT befriend the coronavirus, it backstabs you and THAT IS WHY IT HAS NO FRIENDS. (Do NOT BACKSTAB your FRIENDS). The coronavirus is basically that girl in high school who became a nursing major and said "I hope you trip on a rock" while playing soccer in second grade (and then you do and you cry because no one is your friend).

Don't let this be you!!!! LEARN FROM MY MISTAKES!

THE TICKLER

FREDONIA'S NEWEST SKETCHY GUY



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Staff Scallywag

Recent reports around the campus have students worried. Sightings of a “demon-esque” figure crawling around on all fours on campus. Some say if you let it get too close, he’ll tickle you. Thus he has been dubbed “The Tickler.” I interviewed students who have claimed sightings of the foul beast, and this is what they had to say.

Wednesday, March 10, 10 p.m.

“I was walking back to my dorm after drinking some age-appropriate drinks when I saw this thing crawling around. I thought it was my friend Dave joking around, so I got closer to say, “Hey Dave!” I was too close when I realized I was too late! He pounced on me, screaming, “HAHAHA, I’M THE TICKLER! TICKLE ME THIS, BABY!” while he tickled me. He had 4-foot-long fingers, a massive smile and was wearing a pair of Nike Air Zoom SuperRep 2. I don’t leave my dorm past four in the afternoon anymore.” – Emily Moore, freshman

This was the first recorded sighting of The Tickler. Emily has since dropped out of Fredonia, fearing The Tickler may never be stopped. News around the campus started to travel, and some students decided to hunt for the creature to see if he was real.

Thursday, March 11, 12 a.m.

“At first, I thought maybe this was a guerilla marketing scheme because the first thing I noticed was his sick Nike Air Zoom SuperRep 2s. I thought to myself, “Maybe I cop some for myself.” But I was lost in the thought about the comfortable Zoom Air cushioning that will protect my feet as I lunge, jump and push my way through every rep; the Tickler had snuck up behind me and used his long fingers to force me into a chuckle. He tickled me for hours uninterrupted. I screamed for help, but no one came. By some grace, he left. I had no energy left, so I laid there for another five hours until someone called an ambulance for me.” – Jonathan Roth, junior

We talked to Jonathan in the hospital after his incident. He was very shaken up and did not know now whether or not he wanted to purchase a pair of the

highly-rated Nike Air Zoom SuperRep 2. We will follow up when he makes his decision. For now, he is under intensive care until his condition stabilizes.

Some theorize that The Tickler isn’t a malicious creature, that it’s just a regular guy who needs some friends and hasn’t found the right way to express himself.

Friday, March 12, 7 p.m.

“I had heard the stories, but didn’t think they were true. But I couldn’t help but notice the iconic design, both fashionable and comfortable on the field. It was a pair of Nike Air Zoom SuperRep 2s on the body of a man crawling on the floor. So I shouted to him, “Hey Man! Nice shoes!” The creature seemed to be startled by me. He walked up to me, so I stuck out my hand for a low five. He slapped my skin and scurried into the forest. I haven’t seen him since.” – Devin Dorsey, senior

Sightings happen less frequently, but some still swear by his existence. Is The Fredonia Tickler a malicious Antichrist sent to destroy the world or a misunderstood man with some fabulous shoes? I’ll let you decide.

FREDONIA STUDENT STARTING SQUIRREL CLUB

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Jodee Doe was sipping on coffee on the Starbucks patio when she beheld a sight that inspired her: a squirrel perched on a bicycle while consuming bread.

The squirrel's fascinating behavior reminded Doe of her friend, John Smith, who chose to attend Cornell University over SUNY Fredonia because Cornell had a Squirrel Watching Club. It was something Cornell was proud of; the campus tour guides made sure to mention the club because it highlighted the diversity of student interests.

As Doe watched the squirrel turn the bread around in its tiny hands, she thought about starting a squirrel watching club on Fredonia's campus. There were plenty of resident friendly squirrels and they were a diverse bunch: grey squirrels, black squirrels, fat tailed squirrels, stubby tailed squirrels. A club promoting more diversity wouldn't hurt.

She also thought about how the pandemic had put a damper on campus life. Clubs could not host most indoor in-person events. But watching squirrels — no, admiring squirrels; watching is too subjective — admiring squirrels could take place outside. It could be a way for students to socialize on campus in a safe way.

Doe began to jitter with excitement. She stood up and walked over to the squirrel nibbling on bread and asked the squirrel what it thought. The squirrel let her get pretty close to its body, then gave her a cautious glance and scurried up a tree.

"I wonder how much humans would have accomplished by now if we moved as fast as squirrels," Doe thought to herself.

Since the squirrel provided no input on forming a club to admire — no, that wasn't right either — to worship the squirrels, Doe decided to ask members of the campus what they thought about squirrels. To her surprise, the campus was divided.

Several students deemed the campus squirrels "adorable" and "cute." Others reduced them to "rodents with bushy tails." One student named Olivia Rokosz even told a tale about accidentally kicking a squirrel without feeling much guilt afterwards.



Friendly campus squirrel. Photograph by Jules Hoepting.

To quote Rokosz, "I felt its body beneath my boot." Luckily, the kicked squirrel left the scene unscathed.

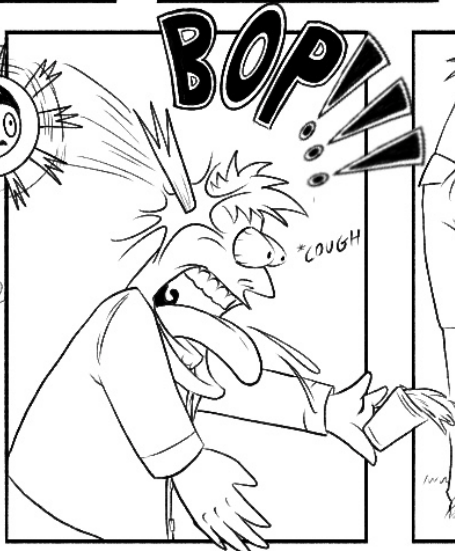
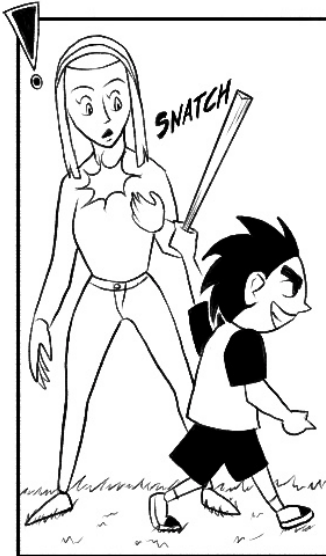
Doe sensed her brilliant idea would come across as nutty as squirrels' favorite snack to many people. She sighed loudly for dramatic effect as she sat down on the Rockefeller patio. A black squirrel and grey squirrel chased each other up a tree, then stopped out of confusion when they momentarily couldn't see each other. Doe smiled and snapped a photo to preserve the moment forever. And to post it on the squirrel nook of the cat-crazed internet.



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