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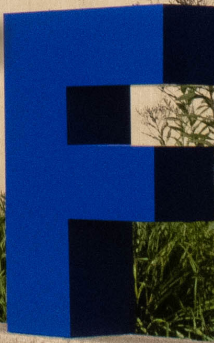


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Program cuts announced after finals

ALEX BUCKNAM

Editor-in-Chief

On Tuesday, May 19, SUNY Fredonia President Dr. Stephen Kolison announced the elimination of 10 undergraduate programs, four graduate programs and seven associated minors as part of the university's ongoing efforts to address a multi-million-dollar deficit.

Programs affected are the following:

Undergraduate

Communication - Audio/Radio
Cooperative Engineering
Economics
International Studies
Mathematics
Mathematics (Applied)
Mathematics - Physics
Physics
Physics: Adolescent Education
Political Science

Graduate

Biology
Mathematics 7-12
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Minors

Applied Mathematics
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Mathematics
Statistics
Physics
Economics
Political Science

Fredonia's website stated, "The undergraduate Mathematics Adolescence Education, grades 7-12, program will continue to enroll students. This program leads to initial certification as a math teacher."

The announcement came on schedule according to a timeline Kolison presented during the University Senate Council meeting on Monday, May 4: "May 19th-May 20th, chairs, departments and campus are notified of decisions."

Following the Senate meeting, it was unclear to senators and observers if students would be included in that May 19-May 20 timeline.

During that meeting, senators raised concerns about how the cuts would be communicated to students and faculty. Dr. Jeanette McVicker, now a former senator of interdisciplinary studies, warned against students learning about the changes through outside sources before hearing directly from the university.



President Dr. Stephen Kolison. **image via Fredonia Marketing and Communication**

"That's not an appropriate way for this type of news to reach the campus."

Kolison responded by saying he would take precautions to prevent that from happening, prompting further concern from attendees.

McVicker replied, "Let's not squash the First Amendment in a public meeting."

Kolison stated that the cuts are part of Fredonia's broader "Roadmap to Financial Sustainability," which he described as a multi-year effort focused on strengthening enrollment, improving efficiency, managing expenses, aligning academic offerings with student demand and investing in areas of growth.

According to the university's FAQ page regarding the cuts, approximately 111 students are expected to be enrolled in the affected majors during the Fall 2026 semester, while about 60 students are projected to be enrolled in associated minors.

Those students, combined, account for less than 5% of Fredonia's total student population.

The administration also pointed to low incoming enrollment in the affected programs.

According to the university, only 25 newly deposited students were planning to enter those majors and minors.

It's unclear what that would mean for those 25 students but following previous program cuts new students were still allowed into that program and get taught out, and no students once here can be accepted into that program.

"The changes are intended to better align Fredonia's curriculum with current and future student demand while allowing the university to focus resources on areas where enrollment and interest are growing," the FAQ page said.

This is the third round of program cuts. In the Fall of 2023, Fredonia pushed for the elimination of 13 majors; the full elimination, where the university stopped letting students into those programs, came the following semester. In the Spring of 2025, Fredonia pushed for the elimination of nine minors; some of these minors went alongside the majors that were previously eliminated.

Those initial cuts sparked protests and criticism from students who argued that the university was reducing academic opportunities while failing to communicate openly with the campus community.

Some students say similar concerns remained through the second round and are still present today, particularly because the latest announcement came on the Tuesday following finals week, after most students and faculty had already left campus.

Even in the senate meeting a few weeks prior the Kolison stood on the statement that there is no list, which grew concerns among staff and students that cuts would quickly be made within the weeks given the May deadline.

The timing has led some students to question the administration's transparency and whether the university intentionally waited until campus activity had slowed to announce the decision.

Another concern among students is the long-term impact on their education.

The university's administration claims that students currently enrolled in affected programs will still be able to complete their degrees through a "teach-out" process, though the university will stop accepting new students into those majors and minors.

However, some students impacted by the first round of cuts argue that teach-outs have not always worked as promised.

"I had to switch minors because classes were not offered," a student said on Yik Yak, an anonymous social media platform.

Questions also remain about whether additional cuts could follow in the future.

"It's another thing you won't get from me: a list of programs that are at risk, and there needs to be some intervention in order for them to be sustained," Kolison stated while discussing the timeline during the Senate meeting.

The cuts have especially upset students and alumni connected to the Communication-Audio/Radio Production program.

Dan Berggren, the creator of the program, made a post to the "Fredonia Audio & Radio" Facebook group, in which he said, "It's never easy dealing with the death of a loved one, and that's how it feels witnessing the end of the audio/radio program."

Some pointed to recent accomplishments within the department's associated clubs as evidence that the major remained successful despite low enrollment.

"The radio station won four awards; WDWL won best streaming station under 10,000 students," stated Megan Kidby, now former WDWL Program Director and a graduate of the Class of 2026. "But sure, let's just cut the major, and let's announce it after graduation so fewer people can protest."

The award Kidby referred to was won by Fredonia Radio Systems at the Intercollegiate Broadcasting Systems conference in February.

As of Aug. 17, the university has not publicly stated how much money it expects to save through the program eliminations.

Students also have not received access to financial sheets that were distributed to faculty during the Fall 2025 semester, leaving many without a clear understanding of how much these cuts will affect Fredonia's budget deficit.

The Fall 2023 cuts saved the university \$750,000, according to interim Provost Judith Horowitz.

This resulted in a few professors receiving retrenchment letters. It's unclear what exactly goes into that \$750,000 savings.

It's also unclear what these program cuts mean for faculty in affected programs.

"Personnel matters are handled separately through established university procedures, applicable collective bargaining agreements, and shared governance processes," states the Fredonia FAQ website.

Fredonia maintains that people outside of the affected programs will not be impacted, as courses within the affected programs will still be offered when needed to help complete their degree.

Questions regarding program deactivation can be found at fredonia.edu/about/offices/president/roadmap-financial-sustainability/FAQ.

CDO offers help to all students

JASPER BATEMAN
Special to The Leader

For many students, planning for the future can feel overwhelming. From finding internships and creating resumes to applying for jobs or graduate school, there are countless decisions and opportunities to consider. Fredonia's Career Development Office provides students with resources and guidance as they prepare for their careers.

Located on the second floor of Gregory Hall, the Career Development Office, or CDO, provides students with resources and support throughout their college careers and job searches. The CDO staff offers a welcoming environment where students can brainstorm ideas and gain insight into their futures.

The CDO offers individual counseling, internship searches, resume and cover letter assistance, job searches, graduate school application assistance and interview preparation. Students who are unsure about their major or career path can also make an appointment to discuss their options with CDO staff.

For students looking for hands-on experience, the CDO assists with finding and applying for internship opportunities. Staff members can help students navigate learning contracts, funding and academic credit. They also guide students through the process of applying for scholarships, fellowships and grants.

One resource available to students is FREDNetwork, Fredonia's career management system through Handshake. Students and alumni can use the system to search for jobs, internships, student employment and summer positions. FREDNetwork can also be used to connect with employers and graduate schools.

The CDO also offers professional headshots that students can use with resumes, job applications and professional profiles.

If you or a friend are feeling unsure about your next step, consider stopping by the Career Development Office in Gregory Hall. Whether you need help polishing a resume, searching for an internship or job, preparing for an interview or figuring out what career path might be right for you, the CDO can help you take the next step toward your future.

The CDO can be reached at 716-773-3327 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during the academic year. Students can also email careers@fredonia.edu.



CDO staff. Left to Right: Jennifer Wilkins, Christopher LaGrow, Kathryn Scofield **Photo by SAM HEBERT** | Special to The Leader



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Fredonia's new provost enters amid university financial uncertainty

ALEX BUCKNAM

Editor-in-Chief

In March 2026, Fredonia announced its new provost and vice president for academic affairs, Dr. Julie Gorlewski. Gorlewski began her position on July 6.

Before joining Fredonia, Gorlewski served as the Klara and Larry Silverstein Dean of the School of Education at Hunter College.

Before Hunter College, she served as a professor and senior associate dean for teacher education and academic affairs in the Graduate School of Education at the State University of New York at Buffalo. She also served as chair of the Department of Teaching and Learning at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Gorlewski's background includes experience serving universities with enrollments far greater than Fredonia's current enrollment.

President Dr. Stephen H. Kolison Jr. has expressed confidence in Gorlewski's ability to lead Fredonia's academic affairs at a time when significant changes are expected.

"Her career has been defined by strengthening academic programs, supporting faculty excellence and preparing students to meet the challenges of a changing world. I am confident she will help lead Fredonia's academic enterprise with the vision, collaboration and integrity needed to advance our mission," Kolison stated.

Gorlewski enters her role at the university while it still is managing a massive deficit.

Following the conclusion of the spring 2026 semester, program cuts were announced to students and staff.

During this time, most students had already left campus, and outrage quickly appeared on social media. "They did this, so students couldn't protest," one YikYak post states. "All this time and they announced it now?" another one states.

When students return for the fall semester, it is anticipated they will express frustration with the timeline of the cuts.

Gorlewski's predecessor, Dr. Judith Horowitz, who served as interim provost and vice president for academic affairs, faced criticism from students over the administration's handling of transparency surrounding the program cuts.

Students are now likely to look to Gorlewski to see how she handles the university's multimillion-dollar deficit and its effect on Fredonia's academic programs.

Kolison stated at a May University Senate meeting that this round of program eliminations may not be the last.



Dr. Julie Gorlewski. **Photo via Marketing and Communications**

"It's another thing you won't get from me, a list of programs at risk," Kolison stated.

Gorlewski is the first person to serve in the role who was not an interim since March 2025, when former Provost Dr. David A. Starrett transitioned from the position and returned to the biology faculty.

The reasoning behind this transition was not publicly stated.

Starrett's departure from the provost position came roughly one year after he was tasked with finalizing and announcing the controversial discontinuation of 13 majors at the university because of fiscal challenges.

Following Starrett's departure, Horowitz was appointed by Kolison to serve as the interim. She previously was the vice provost.

Horowitz returned to her role as vice provost July 6

During this time, Horowitz also had to handle the most recent rounds of program cuts.

With both people who previously served in the role having to handle program cuts, and students continuing to express concerns about a lack of transparency from the administration during both periods, students are now looking to Gorlewski for a change.

Information and frequently asked questions regarding program cuts can be found on Fredonia's FAQ page.

Life & Arts

Sophomore ranks spots to visit

JAYCE BROWN

Special to The Leader

If you are an incoming freshman or just a returning student looking for more things to do off campus, there are many places to visit when you are bored or just need a break from studying. As a sophomore, here are some places that I have visited and recommend.

1. Point Gratiot Park

While on campus, sometimes we forget that there is a big, beautiful lake right down the road. Point Gratiot Park is the perfect place to relax and hang out with friends, especially while it's still warm in the fall semester.

It has a long beach where you can tan, collect rocks, have a picnic, take a walk or dip your feet in the water. The park is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., and is right near the Dunkirk City Pier.

2. Campi's Pizza

Speaking of the pier, a great place to eat while by the lake is Campi's Pizza. Campi's has amazing pizza that you can get huge slices for \$5 each. The best feature is that it is right on the pier, so you can take a slice and eat it by the water. The best advice I can give you is do NOT feed the seagulls... they will chase you.



Campi's Pizza, in August 2026. **Photo by SAM HEBERT** | Special to The Leader

3. The Depot Thrift Co.

If you love thrifting or are just in need of some new clothes on a budget, The Depot Thrift Co. is the best local place to visit.

Even though it is a small store, they have a lot of clothes (new and old). There are masculine and feminine options, including different styles. Shirts and pants are \$2-5 each, while shoes and jackets range from \$10-20.

They offer a large changing room for trying on clothes. The workers are always very nice, and it is always a calm vibe inside, even when it's a little busy.

4. The Next Chapter Bookstore

This bookstore at Barker Commons in downtown Fredonia is the perfect place to go when you need something new to read.

They have a huge selection of used books in very good condition. There are books from every genre, including history, horror, romance, memoirs, graphic novels, science etc. They also have puzzles, a few CDs and records and some other small things up front like stuffed animals and toys.

The first time that I went, they were giving 50% discounts to Fredonia students, but I'm not sure if they still are. Although, it would be easy to ask since the workers are very nice. The books also range from \$2-5, so it is very affordable either way.



Point Gratiot Park, in August 2026. **Photo by SAM HEBERT** | Special to The Leader

5. Dunkirk Movieplex

This local theater is convenient when you don't want to drive to the city to see the newest movie. It may not be the fanciest movie theater you'll ever go to, but they always have trending blockbusters and often show older movies too. There are only a handful of theaters with comfortable seats, this is one of them.

For \$10 per ticket, it is a good place to go with friends at night, and you can grab some Domino's next door if you get hungry after.

6. Arctic Bites

Sick of dining hall food and fast food? Arctic Bites (specifically the Fredonia location) is a great local place to eat. Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day; they have a large menu with many options.

Their menu includes sushi rolls, Hibachi lunch, Japanese crepes, boba tea, poke, ramen and more. Their food is good quality, fairly priced and nice when you want something different.

7. Big Dipper Ice Cream Parlor

Although they are not open in the winter, it is the best local place to get ice cream at the beginning and end of the year.

It is only a mile down the road from campus, close enough to walk during nice weather. They have indoor and outdoor seating. Their menu includes homemade ice cream, sundaes, slushies, milkshakes, smoothies and specials.

Overall, it is a great place to hang out and cool off when it is still hot in September, or when the heat returns in April.



Arctic Bites, Fredonia New York, in August 2026. Photo **by SAM HEBERT**
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The Next Chapter Bookstore, in August 2026. **Photo by SAM HEBERT** |
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8. Lucky Lanes

Lucky Lanes is the local bowling alley, a fun activity for nights at Fredonia. With a 4.5/5-star rating, it is known for having a welcoming atmosphere for everyone, good food and fun arcade games.

Although they are often busy, they have 40 lanes and are open from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. during the week. So, there is plenty of room, and you have flexibility to return later if it is packed.

It is recommended to bring cash to pay, but don't worry because they are known for having low prices.

Although I hope you visit these places this year at Fred, don't be afraid to reach out to other students for their opinions and recommendations as well. Be sure to get out of your dorm room and try new things. College is a great place for fun and new experiences aside from classes and homework. Have a great year!

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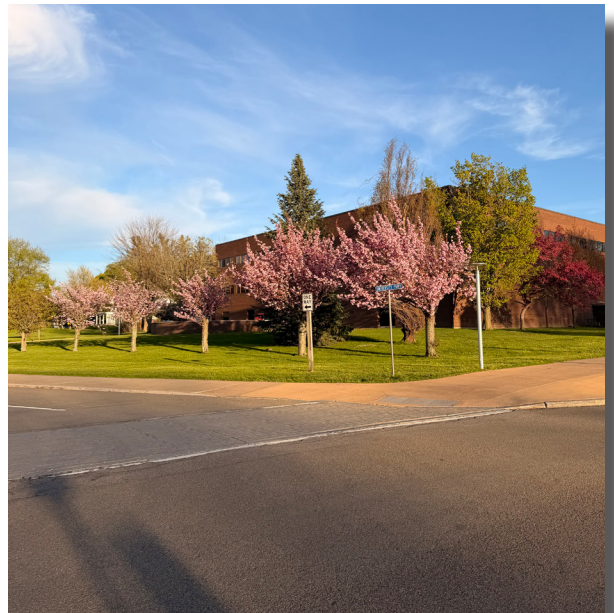
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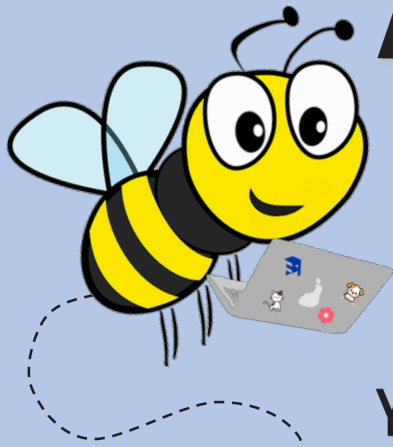


The beauty of the Fredonia campus

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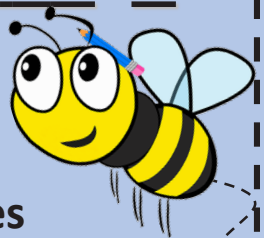
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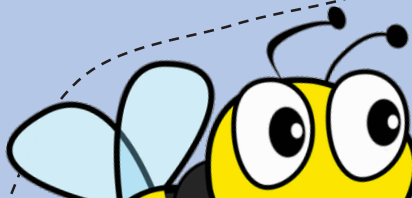
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WHY JOIN THE LEADER

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Editor-in-Chief

The Leader is a place of creative freedom. It's a place where you can spot something on campus and go, "Hey, that's not right. Why isn't anyone talking about this?" It's a place where you can share a funny fake news story with everyone, rant about the Bills and how this is their year or write about something you're passionate about.

College is one of the few times in life where you can try something new without needing years of experience first.

The Leader gives students the opportunity to gain real journalistic experience while making lifelong friends.

Whether you've always loved writing or have never written for a newspaper before, this is a place to try it out.

We are an award-winning publication where students in any major have a space to make their voices heard.

While we strive for perfection, this is still a college publication, and I hope that the award-winning doesn't intimidate you.

So, what can you write about?

We have five sections, but almost any idea can find a home in one of them.

First, we have News. This is where you can write about what's happening on campus, cover important events or investigate campus and community issues that deserve attention. Sometimes a story turns into a major piece, or sometimes you find out there isn't much of a story after all and other times it's just a continuation of a story like the boil water issues and program cuts.

Next comes Life & Arts, a place where music and theater thrive. But it's not only about the arts. In the past, we've published articles about sex education, general life advice and opinion pieces about everyday experiences. This orientation issue unfortunately does not contain an article about the theater or music department, but it shows the possibilities of ideas.

The Sports section is up next. The articles included are quite self-explanatory. Do you have an opinion on a sports team? Did a Fredonia team do something cool? You can write about it and have it published right here.

Opinion is one of my favorite sections. It allows writers to express frustration, respond to national headlines or raise awareness of campus happenings. Some opinion pieces have a specific call to action, while others are just meant to start conversations. Or they can be much lighter. After all, does pineapple really belong on pizza?

Last but certainly not least is the Scallion, Fredonia's version of The Onion. It can contain ridiculous headlines like "Who is the Fredonia Pisser?" This section gives writers some of the most creative freedom you'll find anywhere in the paper.

It's even home to the Horoscopes, which can be serious, or something that's silly.

Writing isn't the only way to be involved.

Art and photography are just as important as the articles. If you like drawing, we'd love your help. While many illustrations are created to accompany stories, we've also published comic strips and original artwork. Sometimes an illustration can make a point better than words ever could.

The same goes for photography. While photographers often cover events and take photos for articles, we also publish photo galleries showcasing campus life, or even galleries showcasing emotions to national headlines. If you've got a camera and enjoy telling stories through photos, we'd love to see what you can do. (You could use your phone or one of our cameras too!)

And it doesn't stop there. We also have behind-the-scenes positions that help The Leader succeed, including copy editing, community relations, social media, business, diversity, equity, and inclusion and so much more. Every publication needs people behind the scenes to make sure it's running successfully, and we always love the extra help.

So, how do you join?

There are no technical requirements to start writing for The Leader. You can send us an email, stop by our office in the Williams Center or come visit us during Activities Night.



The Leader logo

If you're not sure what you want to write, our section editors put together story ideas and send out a content doc every other week.

You're never limited to those ideas, though. If you have your own story you'd like to write, email one of us to get final approval; most of the time we say yes!

"But I don't know journalism style."

That's okay. You don't need to be a journalism major to join at all.

If you like to write non-fiction, we are a place for you. If you feel intimidated by journalism style, just give it a shot. Don't let edits discourage you. Most of the edits are going to be separating long paragraphs into much smaller ones and adding/changing little things to fit AP style.

AP style is tedious, and every single article that comes in needs at least a few changes to fit AP style.

(Yes, we even remove Oxford commas. I'm still a little sad about that, too.)

"What if I'm nervous about people reading my work?"

Honestly, I'm still figuring that one out myself. Sometimes I forget we print hundreds of copies and distribute them across campus for strangers to read.

But trust me — it's okay. Professors love seeing their students' names in the paper, friends get excited when they find your article, and there's nothing quite like picking up an issue and seeing your work in print for the first time.

It's also a great way to build a portfolio and show future employers what you've accomplished during college.

And no, I have never had a person come up to me and say, "Wow, that article really sucked, Alex."

"Isn't writing just another school assignment?"

This is something The Leader sometimes struggles to overcome. But if you're writing about something you genuinely care about, it becomes much more rewarding than another assignment.

I also recommend writing with a friend or stopping by our office during open office hours and writing with others. This way you can build friendships and not make writing feel like another assignment.

Why did I join The Leader?

I first joined The Leader because it seemed interesting; my teacher's assistant was the Assistant news editor at the time and I found it cool that this big club existed with so many



Left to right: Alex Bucknam, Megan Kidby, Matt Volz. Fall 2025 ACP conference. **Photo by ELMER PLOETZ** | Leader Adviser

different opportunities.

I look back and realize that the vibe The Leader was giving could deter people from joining. Which is something I don't want new students to feel, so if you want to write or find this place cool but are nervous, please reach out and let's find a way to help you!

If you're interested in taking on a leadership role someday, that's great, too. You can always email The Leader or talk to one of our current e-board members

Fun fact about The Leader

We are the oldest currently existing club on campus, we started in 1892. Fredonia became a college in 1826, and join the SUNY system in 1948.

SPORTS

Fredonia makes changes to better support athletes

TRAVIS BERNHARD

Sports Photographer

SUNY Fredonia announced in June 2026 a series of updates aimed at enhancing the student-athlete experience and boosting the university's athletic competitiveness this season.

The university formally appointed Patrick Gondek (PJ) as director of athletics and recreation and promoted Dr. Angela Pucciarelli Rice to associate director of athletics and recreation and senior woman administrator.

Both appointments went into effect immediately.

This new leadership structure aims to support student-athletes, strengthen departmental operations and advance the 2024-28 Fredonia Athletics Strategic Plan.

Both Gondek and Pucciarelli Rice have held many roles at Fredonia over the years, with the most notable being when Gondek served as interim co-director of athletics and recreation from June 2024 until June 2026.

He will continue as the men's soccer head coach for the Fredonia Blue Devils.

As director of athletics and recreation, Gondek will direct and oversee the department, athlete success, competitive performance, fiscal stewardship and community engagement.

Pucciarelli Rice will also serve as a senior operational leader responsible for compliance, internal operations, student-athlete development and coordination across department functions.

Gondek has openly thanked President Dr. Stephen Kolison for his new position.

"I want to thank Vice President [Dr. Tracy] Stenger and President Kolison for this exciting and important opportunity," Gondek said. "Angela and I look forward to working collaboratively with our coaches, staff and campus partners to elevate the student-athlete experience and strengthen our culture of excellence in academics and athletics. Our goal is to support our student-athletes in reaching their highest potential academically, athletically and personally."

Fredonia Blue Devils has also reached a massive achievement within athletics of competitions, facilities and community engagement. Multiple teams have earned the SUNYAC postseason over the past few years. Student-athletes outside athletics continue to excel academically while the department celebrates achievements. These leadership changes aim to strengthen this commitment.

Outside the competition and athletics, student-athletes have proved a commitment to leadership and service through community volunteering. The department is expanding its impact through regional events and partnerships.

"Their combined experience, institutional knowledge and commitment to student-athletes will help Athletics and Recreation continue to build a strong foundation for the future," said Stenger.

Gondek and Pucciarelli Rice will continue work to tie the athletic department's strategic plan. This will focus on the wellness, academic aspect, athletic excellence, tradition and financial stewardship of the department. These priorities help to enhance the student-athlete experience, support staff development, strengthen community connections and allow Fredonia Athletics to strive for continued success.



Outside Dods Hall. **Photo by TRAVIS BERNHARD** | Sports Photographer

Get to know the athletics facilities around campus

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Fredonia welcomes new volleyball, swimming coach

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Sports Photographer

The athletic department is excited to announce the appointment of new leadership for the women's volleyball and swimming and diving programs, beginning with Calvin Crosby, who has been named the new head coach for the women's volleyball program for the upcoming fall 2026 season. In addition to Crosby's appointment, Ryan Kreuser has also been welcomed as the new head coach of both the men's and women's swimming and diving programs, with his position effective immediately.

According to the Fredonia Blue Devils website, Crosby brings a "record of program-building success, recruiting excellence, and student-athlete development" following a highly impactful tenure at nearby Hilbert College, where he has served as head coach of both the men's and women's volleyball programs since 2020.

PJ Gondek has said that "Fredonia State volleyball has a rich tradition of success in the SUNYAC." He also mentioned that Crosby "has the experience and the proven record of accomplishments to lead our program going forward and continue to provide the type of student-athlete experience that we strive for both academically and athletically."

"Fredonia State volleyball," Crosby said, "has been a staple of the Western New York volleyball community with a strong history under Coach Geoff Braun." Crosby's long-term goal is to continue the strong culture and success and to further build on the current team.

You can read more about Crosby's journey and his role as the new head coach for the Blue Devils from Fredonia State Athletics.

While not only welcoming Crosby as the new women's volleyball head coach, the athletic department also welcomed Ryan Kreuser as the new head coach of the men's and women's swimming and diving program. His position started immediately.

Kreuser has a strong background in both coaching and competitive swimming, while also having a proven commitment to student-athlete development, safety and performance. At SUNY Oswego, Kreuser recently served as the assistant swimming coach for the Lakers, where he helped with their training plans, developed athletes across all skill levels and supported meet-day operations.

In addition to the collegiate coaching experience, he has held many other positions. At SUNY Oswego, Kreuser was a former collegiate swimmer and team captain.

Fredonia has a strong history within the SUNYAC with a lot of potential for this current program. I look forward to guiding the student-athletes toward a successful career."

Kreuser stated, "I am extremely excited for the opportunity to take on the role of head swimming and diving coach at SUNY Fredonia," and "I would like to thank the Athletic Director PJ. Gondek, Associate Director of Athletics Angela Pucciarelli Rice, and the rest of the search committee for putting their trust in me to take over this program and help move it forward. SUNY Fredonia has a strong history within the SUNYAC with a lot of potential for this current program. I look forward to guiding the student-athletes toward a successful career."

Director of Athletics PJ. Gondek stated, "Having been a student-athlete and coach in the SUNYAC, Ryan understands the task at hand in leading our swimming and diving program. Fredonia is the perfect place for Ryan to get his start as a head coach and continue the process of bolstering our roster and fostering a student-athlete experience that focuses on wellness and academic and athletic excellence."

Kreuser hopes "to grow the team's culture and continue to develop a fun and enriching environment for anyone who hopes to be a part of this program."

To read more about Kreuser's journey with collegiate swimming and diving, you can read more from Fredonia State Athletics.

What you truly need and don't need for college

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Special to The Leader

Moving into college can be an incredibly stressful time for many students. It is hard to know what to bring with you because you will never truly know how much room you have until you move in, not to mention what you will actually use and what will just take up space.

What not to bring:

Your whole room

My biggest mistake when moving into a dorm room was overpacking. I brought multiple knickknacks, books, stuffed animals and clothes. I overcrowded my room with things I like, especially my desk.

Your entire closet

Clothing is a big thing for multiple reasons; winter items are bulky, and you don't wear summer items during colder months.

When you're working, you barely notice the seasons change. If you have the option, bringing back seasonal items like winter coats or summer shorts during breaks can help you keep your closet at a comfortable size.

If you don't have the option, like many of my peers who live far away, vacuum storage or compact storage options and organizers are a great idea. It's easy to pack your seasonal items safely under your bed until you need them again.

Strongly scented items

During my freshman year, I had a roommate with a strongly scented strawberry air freshener. At first, I didn't mind because it was on their side of the room. As the first few days went by, I noticed I could smell it everywhere I went in my hall.

There was one in the common room, the bathroom and our room. I don't know about anyone else, but strong scents make me nauseous and give me a headache, especially sweet smells like artificial strawberries.

My entire hall was irritated, and this resulted in everyone ignoring one another. Do not be this person!

It's OK to bring mild cologne, body spray and scented lotion for personal use, but make sure the people who live with you or near you are OK with it!

Some people are allergic to common scents like lavender or sandalwood, so make sure before you use anything in common spaces! Also, having plug-in air fresheners is



Freshmen me cooking mac & cheese

not allowed in the dorms and is considered a fire hazard. Don't bring them! A communal bathroom air freshener like Febreze that everyone agrees on is something that would benefit everyone, trust me.

What to bring:

Blankets

Depending on what dorm you are in, it gets cold in the fall and winter.

Even with my bedding, I still found myself shivering while doing homework and needed an extra blanket.

Another issue with temperature regulation in the dorms is that it gets extremely hot when they turn off the air conditioning in mid-fall. Getting a cooling blanket will help beat the heat and be a lifesaver if you need it to be cold to sleep. This was one item I look back on as a college student and wish I had freshman year. They're also on sale at this time of year!

A simple cookbook

After a while, you will get tired of campus dining halls and want to cook in the dorm kitchen. It is destined to happen. Many incoming students do not have prior experience cooking; I did not! I resorted to Kraft Mac and Cheese and microwavable TV dinners.

I wish I had invested in a simple cookbook for budget-friendly meal ideas.

Since then I have acquired one, I have felt more creative and caring about the food I make, as well as healthier.

One may argue, “I can just look up recipes,” but I argue that you cannot Google what you do not know you want for dinner. You can also take it a step further and get a themed cookbook for fun, like Minecraft or maybe Stardew Valley-inspired dishes.

Posters

When I first moved in, my walls were bare. Posters are a great way to express yourself and make your room feel like home. Five Below has reasonably priced posters ranging from anime and Minecraft to Linkin Park, etc. Just make sure you follow the rules about not overcrowding your wall or placing them over the fire line in your room.

Medicine

There is an on-campus store where students can purchase medications, but it’s very overpriced due to its convenience. Your best bet is stopping at your local pharmacy and grabbing

basic things so you don’t have to go hunt some down for an extra \$5 plus tax.

Also, make sure to bring cold and flu medication! You will not want to go out when you feel awful, so stock up — or whatever is appropriate for you to use.

Snacks

Sometimes when it’s late at night and you’re five sentences into a seven-page paper, you need some brain food. Keeping something salty really helps you focus, and having a sweet treat afterward helps motivate you.

Unless you want to have something sweet and salty together.

College can get busy in your first year, and I know I forgot to eat because of how overwhelmed I was.

Having a snack in the comfort of your room can change your experience and be a lifesaver.

Whether these tips helped you or you thought they were dumb, I hope you have a good time here! These were just things I wished I had looking back on my first year here.

Your experience will, without a doubt, differ from everyone else’s, so it’s important to find out what works for you. Nevertheless, good luck, new students, and welcome to Fredonia!



A simple dorm design. **Photo by ALEX BUCKNAM** | Editor-in-Chief

Competing with Convenience

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In a town of fast-food restaurants, Starbucks runs and energy drinks, SUNY Fredonia has the potential to leave the trends behind and begin to make the community healthier.

Sustainable food is the key to happier campus members, and eating locally and seasonally is the best way to support our farmers, our nutritional health and, in the long run, our wallets. According to an article published in July 2024 by the American Heart Association, “Having to pay for those transport fees, the refrigeration fees, all of those things... really add up and can make the out-of-season foods more expensive.”

Fredonia is located within a 50-mile radius of some of the most farm-heavy counties on this side of the state, yet places such as Sonic and McDonald’s have lines often overflowing onto the main road. How can the campus compete with the ease and prices of off-campus options?

Locally grown and seasonally harvested produce impacts the community in several ways. First and foremost, when produce is distributed within the community, it is typically harvested at peak freshness and eaten within a few hours or within a day or two afterward. This is a stark contrast to produce that is harvested underripe, shipped hundreds or thousands of miles and ripened in transit.

Additionally, produce decreases in nutrient density post-harvest, which means that when this so-called “fresh produce” is shipped for weeks before reaching the consumer, it is almost void of nutrients in comparison to when it was initially harvested.

Another factor of local produce is that it is dependent on our local climate, which is important because our bodies need certain nutrients based on the different times of the year. For instance, one of the only crops that grows well in our cold Western New York winters is spinach, which is rich in vitamin C and iron, perfect for the season when our bodies need them most.

From a campus and community perspective, competing with convenience is the biggest drawback of the drive for more locally grown produce. College students are the up-and-coming generation of adults in any community; they are going to hold the power of their wallets or the consumer purchasing power.

They have the influence to prop up local businesses and farms in their area and the capacity to make a stand against corporations that take the value out of their towns and cities.

How the younger generation decides to spend their money has a ripple effect that can be both positive and negative for our local communities and local economies.

Wendell Maggitti, owner of Maggitti Farms in Fredonia, shared his perspective on the complexities of this “community versus corporation” dynamic in an April 2026 interview. “Wealth extraction by corporations is a big reason why small towns and small businesses are going bankrupt all over America.”

“The industrial food industry is just one of the ways corporations are extracting this wealth from our local farmers and communities,” said Maggitti.

Last year, Jordan Stephens — now the Student Association (SGA) president and then president of the club FredGrows — met with members of the Faculty Student Association (FSA) to discuss bringing more local foods to campus.

Attempting to hit the ground running, he worked with Dean Messina, the director of dining services through FSA, to start the food sustainability initiative listed in the 2025 SUNY Climate and Sustainability Action Plan. Cerative/organl the campus dining facilities from local partners.”

The action plan asks all 64 SUNY campuses to aim for “30 percent of food purchased [and] produced in New York State.”



University Commons. **Photo by SAM HEBERT** | Special to The Leader

Covering the conversation in a May 2025 *Leader* article, Stephens concluded that, “Students at Cranston Marché will be able to enjoy farm-fresh produce grown using regenerative/organic practices, with a long-term goal of sourcing 30% of all food served across all the campus dining facilities from local partners.”

After a brief interview in April 2026, Stephens would like to clarify the article should have been reworded to state that individual facilities could switch to locally sourced produce throughout the year, but not all of the dining facilities at once. Furthermore, after another April 2026 interview with Messina, he was able to shed some more light on the plans that were discussed in May 2025.

He stated that all of FSA’s ingredients are sourced from Maplevale Farms Inc., and 4% is purchased during the warmer months from Brigiotta’s Farmland Produce located out of Jamestown, NY. Purchasing from a local business is a sustainable practice, but according to Brigiotta’s wholesale website, “the seasonality in our region requires us to purchase from farms across North America, [but] we have [a] strong commitment to purchasing locally,” a statement that doesn’t align with the action plan.

The window for more locally sourced produce is very short, as the demand for out-of-season ingredients is unattainable in the non-summer months.

This very reason is why, as Messina puts it, our campus hasn’t been able to make the changes that the action plan urges to be implemented by 2027. He additionally attributes the overall hesitance to change being more student-driven than facility-driven. In the past, seasonal options were integrated into the menu but were taken off after a display of low interest. Furthermore, options at cafes and Willy C’s are meant to be stationary to encourage the default use of Cranston Marché.

Beyond sustainable food, the topic of quality was brought up often in the conversation, as many students are unsatisfied with the food options, enough so to submit formal complaints to FSA every semester.

Messina said he believes, “it is more of a consistency problem than a quality problem.” He said that with the majority of FSA workers being students, it can be difficult to have the same level of preparation quality across the board, and he admits that FSA needs to be better at training its student employees.

Furthermore, the management at Willy C’s, for example, has recently turned over, and he hopes that improvements will follow. When asked why catered meals seem to be of better quality, such as dinners hosted in the Horizon Room of the Williams Center, he assured again that it is a consistency issue. Certain people, he said, such as Jeffrey Walter, FSA’s Catering Manager, go above and beyond to provide a dining experience, which is why the feel of the meals may seem different,

but the ingredients are truly the same.

The interview with Messina ended on one positive note that students, faculty and staff alike can look forward to in the upcoming semesters. With hopes of expanding the student body’s palate, Messina agreed to work alongside SGA to bring monthly “special dinner” nights to campus, and he expressed interest in restarting the pop-up cooking classes that he used to run. As student opinion and demand are what he believes will help shape the future of Fredonia’s food options, he also agreed to have SGA monitor the interest levels to gauge how willing students are to eat more diverse dishes.

Though a compelling argument, is it really the fault of the students’ palates that are holding FSA back from making sustainable changes? Maybe, but it is also no secret that Fredonia’s deficit affects the budget of every department on campus; a barrier that FSA is not immune to either, despite being a non-profit separate from the university. Low enrollment harms meal plan purchases, the very thing that keeps FSA running, and more desirable off-campus options add to that harm.

The closing of Erie Hall in 2013 was just the start of the necessity to a reduced approach to dining services, and yet again, as stated by FSA Executive Director Darin Schulz, “[it] was strictly an economic decision.” During the Fall 2022 semester, the campus would lose Tim Hortons, the Blue Devil Grill and FREDExpress.

The *Leader* documented these closures and the declining dining options for students, especially post-pandemic, in a series of stories from 2013 to 2022. One article stated, “The reasoning behind these closures is quite simple: FSA was created to serve Fredonia students, and the fewer students there are — due to low enrollment — the less money there is to fund FSA.”

With these “economic decisions” bleeding into the hesitance of local produce purchases, Maggitti says, “The argument of ‘local food being too expensive’ from the higher-ups on campus is only seeing the very immediate bottom lines and is neglecting to have foresight into the impact that promoting local food in their dining halls could have for growth within the student population.”

The competition that the university faces with off-campus dining options can lead back to convenience, but also FSA’s unwillingness to enact change. Even if in some cases off-campus fast food is of worse quality, it is cheaper and often significantly faster than the on-campus offerings.

On the flip side, students often frequent places like Upper Crust or other higher-cost businesses because they’d rather spend their money on better-tasting food rather than purchasing a meal plan with infrequent menu updates. Nonetheless, it begs the question, is it FSA’s job to take responsibility, or the students’ taste buds to reject soggy french fries and protest louder?

Is your job at risk: AI and its effect

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Special to the Leader

Are you in customer service, office support or content creation? Congratulations, your job has been taken over by Artificial Intelligence (AI). If you're not in those fields, don't worry; yours may be taken over too; it's only a matter of time.

No. We should not have to worry whether or not our jobs will be taken from us, from AI of all things. The thought of losing our jobs to AI is terrifying. Jobs all over the world are being taken over by emerging technology, more so every day. Some of which you would not expect at all.

There are many safe jobs, though, at least for the moment. In Feb. 2023, the U.S. Career Institute came up with a list of 65 jobs that are least likely to be taken over. The least likely are nurse practitioners, in the middle are paramedics, and the most likely to be taken over are manufactured building and home installers.

It is obvious as to why nurse practitioners and paramedics are high on the list. They are hands-on, not online or machine-based. On the other hand, manufactured building and home installers are so low because they use mechanical equipment.

Predictions made of which jobs would most likely be safe as well as which ones that are at risk. According to Mars Girolimon at Southern New Hampshire University (2/13/26), by 2034, the top five jobs that will be "declined" are administrative support workers, cashiers, customer service representatives, data entry keyers and office clerks. One thing we see in our everyday lives that we don't often think of is cashiers.

In stores, most have self-checkouts. Those self-checkout machines have gotten much more popular over the years, especially since they are faster than regular cashiers. Although who's to say it's better in the long run for people looking for jobs? According to Jamie Birt's article *25 Most Common Jobs in America in Indeed* (12/15/25), the most common and popular job, 3.1 to 3.3 million (from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics) in America alone is a cashier. It won't be common in the future; heck, it won't even be an option for the future.

But why should we care?

High inflation isn't going away anytime soon. Students can barely pay for an apartment with a singular bedroom after college. As Mike Winters wrote for CNBC *"Make It"* in Dec. 2025, inflation has increased by 25.1% since Jan. 2020. It has raised that much in just five years.

How are we supposed to get enough gas to last us a few days? Pay rent? Take care of our families? If we lose our jobs because of some sort of robot, we simply won't. That trend is impacting young people especially, according to Tess Gola, writing in the *Michigan Journal of Economics*.

Her Jan. 11, 2026, essay, "Inflation, Housing Affordability, and the Reshaping of Young Adult Independence," states, "Roughly eight million adults ages 25 to 34 now live in shared households, while Apartment List reports a steep rise in "doubled-up" living arrangements among 18- to 34-year-olds."

We should be able to live our own lives, in our own homes, without having to worry about that.

Although I must admit, there are some pluses to AI concerning its relation to jobs. In fact, they have created jobs. According to Laura Hilger's article, "10 New Jobs Created by AI: Is One Right For You," some of those jobs include role augmentation and redesign lead, AI conversation designer and AI orchestrator. Those jobs are helping some people gain jobs in the long run, but how many jobs can you possibly have regarding AI?

But jobs being created should not pull away from the concern that people want to take AI as far as humanly possible, even if it will cause inflation to go up.

"Firms need to make substantial investments to take full advantage of AI. This, alongside higher average incomes, will add to demand and raise inflation," states research published by the Bank for International Settlements.

AI is a very popular subject, especially among colleges and universities. As students and future employers, how are we supposed to go into the fields we have worked so hard for when AI is just going to take it?

According to Ronnie Chatterji, the chief economist of OpenAI, "The research shows if you graduate in a time of economic recession or great technology disruption, the legacy of that will affect your job 15 years from now—your wages, how much you earn over a lifetime and your career trajectory."

With inflation rising, not being able to afford the bare necessities, and the fear of not being able to keep jobs because of AI disruption, we won't be able to have secure lives.

We can barely buy enough groceries, and we're also paying for other essentials. And they want to take away our jobs in a time of need. But why should we allow that? We shouldn't. We need to take back what's ours. We shouldn't allow AI to take over our jobs, not now.

Our future is at risk; that is no secret. So many jobs, online, over the phone, mechanical—they all are being replaced by AI. Some hands-on jobs are being replaced by AI; they have been for years. Within the next 50 years, it's no doubt that AI will have taken over almost completely with how fast it's growing. We can't just stand back and let this happen; we need to figure out a way now to save our future.



If you can't make it, and wish to be added on the email list, or have any questions email us at leader@fredonia.edu

Find The Leader and other clubs at the Student Association Activities night Sept. 9

- Meet the e-board
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- Inquire about how to get involved

Location: Dods Grove

Rain location: Steel Hall

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Love Island: Fredonia



AVA-CLAIRE BORING

Villa Anthropologist

Welcome to the villa, you beautiful bombshell! Unfortunately, said villa is not on the beautiful, tropical, warm island of Fiji, but Dunkirk, New York — where the sand isn't white, but the snow is! We hope you enjoyed your hot-girl-single summer because it was your last! There are so many islanders waiting and wanting to meet you.

As you make your way to the villa, you can't help but be smothered by a cloud of dog food-scented air, which somehow eases your anxiety.

The first person who catches your eye when entering the villa, a.k.a. the Williams Center, is a charming-looking fellow. He introduces himself to you as a music education major and offers to take you on a tour of his favorite building on the island — none other than Mason Hall.

As you endure a four-and-a-half-hour-long tour of (new AND old) Mason Hall, he finally begins to wrap up his excruciatingly long and boring lore dump of every piece of brick used to make the beautiful building, along with every person to ever set foot in it.

You're bored but also impressed. Turns out he's not just a looker, and you actually have a thing for smart guys! At the end of the tour, he treats you to a delicious yogurt parfait in the Mason Cafe and says your eyes remind him of the song "Emerald Eyes" by Fleetwood Mac. CUTE!! These other hotties will have some competition.

When you return to the villa, another person catches your eye. A kind-looking business major waves you down. He says he couldn't help but notice how "hot" you look in your outfit. Interesting verbiage. He asks you to follow him, insisting he "knows a place," so you decide to give him a chance. The next thing you know, you're standing in the middle of a frat house, surrounded by crappy music and the scent of urine and beer assaulting your nostrils.

You lose your business major frat brother in the crowd of men in backwards hats and bleach-and-toned freshmen. Once you finally track him down, he says he's been looking everywhere for you ... Yeah, right.

He takes you to the secluded area in the backyard, if secluded is even the right word. Someone less than 10 feet away from you is throwing up everything they've ever eaten. After chatting for a while, you notice he is not nearly as dumb as his taste in date locations. He mentions his goals and future plans ... we love a man who knows what he wants! He says he plans on settling down and starting a family of his own one day, and says you fit his white picket fence dreams perfectly.

After a long night of partying to a mixture of 2000s club music and some random rap songs you've never heard, the business major walks you back to your dorm. Turns out chivalry is not dead, just hidden deep within a frat brother.

You've got a lot of thinking to do! Will you decide to couple up with the smart but snooze-fest music education major, the party animal but goal-oriented business major or a secret third major? Whoever it is, you've got to decide fast ...



Professors releases tell all dictionary

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Editor-in-Chief

Professors across Fredonia have recently banded together to create a 45-page book explaining the true meanings behind what they say.

Professors report often feeling bored and missing the classroom and students. The boredom has gotten to the point that they are willing to spill the beans.

Students report not truly caring about these sayings because they never fully came to terms with their assumed meanings. Just in case that one professor who swears they are strict on participation won't accept a quick nod or a student saying, "I agree."

So, the student tries anyway, and somehow the person who you never knew was in your class until Week 12 gets the same participation grade as you, who raised their hand every single time.

The 45-page dictionary spans multiple topics. Below is a short summary.

The Syllabus and Deadlines

"It's due at 11:59 p.m."

Please get it to me beforehand. I do not want to be woken up to email notifications that 10 students just submitted a paper they had weeks to complete. Besides, I know you wrote this quickly because you forgot you had an assignment.

"It's in the syllabus."

I honestly forgot what time that exam was. It was pre-made. I did it over the summer because I was bored. It's definitely not in the syllabus; besides, you probably can't find it with all the modules piling up.

"The textbook is required for this course."

We are legally bound to have a textbook for this course. I do not want another email from academic affairs and the provost questioning what exact content I am basing my class on.

"Just get it to me whenever."

I have a pre-made deadline in my head. I just want you to please try your best and give yourself adequate time to complete this. But I will be upset if you hand this in the night before break. If you do, I will then have to grade it during break and not get to enjoy my mini vacation.

Classroom Dynamic

"Icebreaker."

I really miss summer vacation; please spend the next 20 minutes in dead silence, panicking if you have ever once done an interesting thing.

"This is a project workday in the library."

I need a break from teaching. Please hide in one of those study rooms with your friends and act like you are doing some type of work. We all know that you are doing some other thing because you turn in every assignment 10 minutes before the deadline.

"A response to the post is required."

I need to know you are alive; please just post, "Wow, great post, I totally agree."

"My office hours are posted in the syllabus."

I know you are not going to these. Students stopped dropping by once they learned they could email; it has only gotten worse. If you stop by, I may not be there.



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Or, if I'm there, I'm probably going to be questioning if I misspelled something on the whiteboard. If you have a question or need help with an assignment, email me like everyone else does.

"Let's circle back to that."

This topic could be talked about for at least 10 more minutes; please, someone different speak. I need to know that you did the reading and my teaching is actually getting through to you.

The Reality of Grading

"Remember, participation is worth 10% of your grade."

Someone, please bring anything up from the reading you were supposed to do. I'm tired of trying to find different points. I also see you all skimming the paper like you haven't read it yet.

"I'm giving you an extension because a lot of you didn't do the assignment."

I even forgot that the assignment was a thing. I'm so busy because they took away course substitutions and did not contract back adjuncts, so I have five classes to juggle. So, I'm just going to pretend like I didn't forget to remind you.

"I'm still finishing up grading your midterms; I want to make sure I give thorough feedback."

I forgot these were in my bag until last night. I am currently drinking my fourth espresso, skimming your 10-page essays in 45 seconds each and drawing a random letter in the top margin based on how much I like your font choice.

"This isn't in the textbook, but it's interesting content."

Please listen to my rant about a research paper I did in grad school. I need to feel important today.

Professors claim you can find this 45-page dictionary on FredLearn. Just like that important Word document with all the exam dates that everyone else is already looking at, well you are still trying to figure out if it's in the "Get to Know the Course" or "Week One" module.



HOROS

ALEX BUCKNAM

The Overthinker

Hi everyone, welcome to Fredonia! I hope you are having a great time moving in and preparing for classes. The horoscopes is a feature in every issue, where someone tells you your horoscope. This time I'm assigning you to the type of new student you are. I hope you enjoy.

Did you like what you read? Do you know the signs better than me? Would you like to write the horoscopes? Reach out to leader@fredonia.edu with ideas of what the next horoscope should be about or if you want to write!



Aries

The bold student

New areas don't scare you; you are ready to dive headfirst into the college experience.



Taurus

The stubborn student

When you set your mind to something, you see it through, which can make you not want to go through change.



Gemini

The curious student

You want to explore the campus, getting to know all the things and make new friends.



Cancer

The homesick person

You care for your friends, family and loved ones at home. You are definitely missing them. Don't worry; you will make a home here.



Leo

The generous student

You are giving away little things that you packed extra because someone forgot to pack their charger. Be on the lookout, and don't be overly generous.



Virgo

The overthinker

You are particular and want to make sure you are doing well. You are overthinking what college classes are going to be like. It's OK; I was like that, too.

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Libra

The indecisive student

You are probably standing in the middle of campus, panicking over which dining hall you should try first. Just go to Willy C; there are fewer options, so you don't have to spend forever thinking about what to eat.



Scorpio

The mysterious student

You are probably not standing out, but people are noticing you and can't pin down your vibe. Look at you go; be mysterious. You seem cooler that way.



Sagittarius

The optimistic student

You are the opposite of Virgo. You think of things as a whole picture, and you are ready to go explore. Everything will work out for you.



Capricorn

The ambitious student

You are ready to tackle college, and you have a good work ethic that is needed to succeed. You'll probably be at the top of your class by graduation. Good luck!



Aquarius

The overanalyzer

You are in college and analyzing everything that feels different, trying to piece everything together. It's OK; the bed is good where it is. You don't have to move it. Moving it won't make your studying any different.



Pisces

The parent

You are really empathetic. You are most likely confronting new students who are having a hard time being away from home.

