

Parent & Family Newsletter



96th Annual Gamma Phi Circus

Illinois State's Gamma Phi Circus, the oldest collegiate circus in the nation, will take place on Friday, April 11, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 12, at 1 and 7 p.m. in CEFCU Arena. Be immersed in the world of art as the Gamma Phi Circus cast guides you through a variety of art exhibits with a circus twist in *A Journey Through the Fine Arts*. Tickets can be purchased through the Redbird Athletics Ticket Office, [online](#), or at the door during the show weekend.

On Saturday, the Student Alumni Council invites students and siblings to attend the 11th annual pre-show Carnival on the CEFCU Arena concourse, beginning at noon prior to the 1 p.m. show. This popular event is kid-approved and open to everyone with a youth ticket to the matinee show.

Illinois State University Police Department Welcomes New Therapy Dog, Pawfficer Korg

The Illinois State University Police Department (ISUPD) [welcomes Pawfficer Korg](#), a trained therapy dog, to its Community Engagement Unit. Korg, a black lab, was trained by SIT Service Dogs and will provide comfort and support to students, faculty, and staff. He follows in the footsteps of Pawfficer Sage, who served as ISUPD's first therapy dog from 2019 to 2024. Unlike traditional police K9s, Korg's role focuses on well-being and fostering connections within the campus community.

To celebrate his arrival, ISUPD will host a welcome event on April 11 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the

Spotlight Room of the Bone Student Center. The event is open to the public and will provide an opportunity to meet Korg, learn more about his role, and enjoy a moment of positivity. For updates on Korg and ISUPD's community efforts, follow ISUPolice on Instagram and TikTok or [Police.IllinoisState.edu](https://www.police.illinoisstate.edu).

Hitting the Home Stretch with Academics

As the end of the semester approaches, students may find themselves in need of additional academic assistance. Encourage your student to visit [University College](#) to sign up for tutoring, workshops, and academic coaching. Many free academic services are available.

Helping Students with Stress

April and May can be demanding and stressful for students as projects and papers that seem far off at the start of the semester now become looming deadlines.

Here are some tips to help your student during this stressful time:

- Encourage healthy eating and sleeping habits
 - Remind them to stay physically active
 - Reassure them that a bit of time to relax is beneficial
 - Address signs of stress early, such as forgetfulness, moodiness, and fatigue
 - Express confidence in their abilities
 - Remind them of a time they managed a stressful situation and had a good outcome
 - Encourage them to utilize available campus resources, including the [Julia N. Visor Academic Center](#), [Student Counseling Services](#), [TimelyCare](#), [Dean of Students Office](#), [Career Services](#), and [Health Promotion and Wellness](#).
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Secretary of State Mobile Office on Campus

The Secretary of State's Office will host its final Mobile DMV date for the semester at Illinois State University on Tuesday, April 29. Services will be available in the Spotlight Room of the Bone Student Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Services include:

- Driver's license including REAL ID (renewal, replacement, corrections)
- State ID card (renewal, replacement, corrections)
- Vehicle sticker sales
- Passenger, B-Truck, and motorcycle license plates
- ISU collegiate license plates
- Organ/tissue donor registration
- Vehicle title and registration
- Parking placard for persons with disabilities

Motorists may renew their driver's license one year in advance of their license's expiration date. A complete list of acceptable forms of identification is available at ilsos.gov.

Acceptable forms of payment include personal checks and Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover credit and debit cards. Cash will not be accepted.

April: A Month Full of Opportunities for Students

April is a fantastic time for students to participate in campus events and activities. These events provide a well-deserved break from academic stress, opportunities to connect with peers, and ways to explore involvement for the next academic year.

Through [Redbird Life](#), students can discover a variety of events hosted by student organizations and campus departments. As parents and family members, you can browse the event listings—even without campus login credentials—to stay informed about what's happening on campus.

Encourage your student to take advantage of these opportunities and make the most of their college experience this spring.

Residence Halls Closing Date

All residence halls will close for the summer on Saturday, May 10, at 2 p.m. For additional move-out information, visit [University Housing Services](#).

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