

Parent & Family Newsletter



97th Annual Gamma Phi Circus

Illinois State's Gamma Phi Circus, the oldest collegiate circus in the nation, will take place on Friday, April 17, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 18, at 1 and 7 p.m. in CEFCU Arena. It is the perfect time to celebrate with lights, sparkles, and circus magic as Gamma Phi Circus presents "Carnival of Dreams." Tickets can be purchased through the Redbird Athletics Ticket Office, [online](#), or at the door during the show weekend.

The Student Alumni Council will sponsor its 12th annual pre-show carnival on the CEFCU Arena concourse, beginning at noon prior to the 1 p.m. Saturday matinee show on April 18. This popular event is kid-approved and open to everyone with a youth ticket to the matinee show.

A Special Photo Opportunity for Your Graduating Redbird

Graduation is just around the corner, and the ISU Alumni Association is hosting Becoming Birds of the Last Decade: Capture Your Moment, a special photo opportunity for graduating Redbirds. A professional photographer will be on site to capture graduation photos in front of the iconic Illinois State emblem. Props, confetti, and a touch-up station will be available, and caps and gowns will be provided for photo use (students are also welcome to bring their own).

While waiting for their photo, students can decorate their graduation cap, play games, and enter giveaways including a raffle for an alumni starter pack. Best of all, the event is free. Students can register through [Redbird Life](#).

When: Friday, April 24 from 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Where: Bone Student Center Plaza

Legacy Stoles Available for Graduating Redbirds

Does your student come from a proud line of Redbirds? If a parent, grandparent, guardian, or sibling graduated from Illinois State University, your student is invited to pick up their legacy stole at the Registrar Service Center in **Moulton Hall, Room 107 beginning Monday, April 13 (M–F, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.) through May 8**. These complimentary legacy stoles are a meaningful way for your graduate to visibly honor their Redbird roots as they walk across the stage and celebrate their achievement.

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](#), [Timely Care](#), [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 28. 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 9, at 2 p.m. For additional move-out information, visit [University Housing Services](#).

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