

# Parent & Family NEWSLETTER



## **Housing Contract Renewal**

On-campus living contract renewal for the 2025-2026 academic year opens in the Housing and Dining Portal for current students on Tuesday, February 18, at 8:30 a.m. and closes on Friday, March 21, at 4:30 p.m. This applies to students required to live on campus. Students will receive an email with details about the process in early February.

Through the [Housing and Dining Portal](#), students can sign their housing contract, complete their personal profile, select their room, and make changes to their placement until March 21, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. However, to access more room options, students are encouraged to sign their housing contract and roommate match, if applicable, during the week of February 18. Students who do not renew their contract by March 21 at 4:30 p.m. will be billed a \$50 late application fee and assigned a space by University Housing Services in late July after new students are placed.

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## **Family Weekend 2025 Date Update**

Due to a change to the Redbird Football schedule, Family Weekend 2025 will now be held on September 19-21 instead of the originally planned dates of September 26-28. Additional information, including the schedule of events and links to purchase tickets, will be available at [FamilyWeekend.IllinoisState.edu](http://FamilyWeekend.IllinoisState.edu) in late spring.

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## **Spring Internship and Career Fairs**

Career Services has several great upcoming opportunities for students to connect with potential employers.

- [Spring Internship Fair](#): Tuesday, February 4, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Brown Ballroom, Bone Student Center
- [Spring Career Fair](#), Wednesday, February 19 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Brown Ballroom, Bone Student
- [Education Career Fair](#), Tuesday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Horton Fieldhouse

To help students prepare, Career Services is hosting [Navigating Career Fairs](#) on Thursday, February 13, from 5–7 p.m. in the Brown Ballroom, Bone Student Center. Employer representatives from various industries will be available to provide tips and guidance.

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### **Introducing TimelyCare: Virtual Health Support for Illinois State University Students**

Illinois State University is excited to offer [TimelyCare](#), a comprehensive virtual health platform offering mental health and well-being services 24/7/365. Students can access mental health professionals via phone or video for scheduled counseling, on-demand support, and health coaching.

Key features of TimelyCare include:

- **Scheduled Counseling:** Students can choose providers and book 45-minute sessions for confidential, culturally competent care, with options for multiple languages.
- **Health Coaching:** Guidance on improving sleep, nutrition, exercise, and stress management for overall well-being.
- **Digital Self-Care:** Resources for mental health and well-being, along with a peer-support community nationwide.
- **TalkNow:** Immediate support for non-crisis concerns like stress, anxiety, or academic challenges.

TimelyCare is integrated with campus resources so students can access care outside of Student Counseling Services business hours and on weekends, ensuring that professional support is always just a call or click away, anytime, anywhere.

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### **Download the New Illinois State University App**

Illinois State University is making campus life easier, faster, and more convenient with the launch of its official mobile app! Parents, encourage your students to download the app for streamlined access to their schedules, dining options, and campus resources. It's also a helpful tool for families and guests to stay connected to campus.

With the Illinois State app, users can access:

- Class schedules, grades, Canvas, and email

- Dining menus, dining center traffic cams, and washer/dryer availability in the residence halls
- Campus maps, bus schedules, and housing resources
- Redbird athletic events, student media feeds, and campus activities

The app also allows users to customize their home screen, stay informed with push notifications for important dates like registration, and keep up with organizations and events through Redbird Life. [Learn more](#) about the development of the app and its many features.

Get started today! Download the Illinois State app from your device's app store or visit [IllinoisState.edu/App](https://IllinoisState.edu/App).

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## Residence Hall Spring Break Information

Watterson Towers, Wright Hall, and Haynie Hall will close at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, and reopen at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 16. Wilkins Hall, Cardinal Court, Fell Avenue Apartments, School Street Apartments, and Hewett-Manchester halls remain open. For more information, visit [University Housing Services](#).

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## Summer Session Registration

Illinois State University's [Summer Session](#) provides a variety of course offerings for both undergraduate and graduate students. Summer registration dates are available to students as of February 1 in their [My.IllinoisState.edu](#) portal.

Students should consult the portal for their registration date and time and contact their advisor if they have questions regarding summer courses. For general questions regarding the Summer Session, please email [Registrar@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:Registrar@IllinoisState.edu) or call (309) 438-2188.

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## Secretary of State Mobile Office on Campus

The Secretary of State's Office offers several Mobile DMV dates throughout the semester at Illinois State University. Services will be available in the Spotlight Room of the Bone Student Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the following dates:

- Tuesday, February 25
- Tuesday, March 25
- Tuesday, April 29

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](http://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.

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## Graduation and Commencement

Students graduating in **spring or summer** can participate in Spring (May) commencement ceremonies. All students who have completed the [application for graduation](#) by the February 7 deadline will receive an email on February 12 with information about how to register to take part in their [commencement ceremony](#) and purchase a cap and gown. Participation in a commencement ceremony is optional.

Diplomas will be mailed to the address the student indicated on their application for graduation approximately 12 weeks following the conclusion of the semester in which they graduated.

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## Adding Emergency Contacts

It is important that every student has an emergency contact listed in their profile. Encourage your student to add emergency contacts by logging onto [My.IllinoisState.edu](http://My.IllinoisState.edu), going to the My Profile section, and scrolling down to the Emergency Contacts button under "Manage Your Profile Information." Multiple contacts can be listed, though only one can be selected as preferred.

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