

# Parent & Family Newsletter



## Housing Contract Renewal

On-campus living contract renewal for the 2026-27 academic year opens in the Housing and Dining Portal for current students on Tuesday, February 17, at 8:30 a.m. and closes on Friday, March 20, 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](#), continuing students can sign their housing contract, complete their personal profile, select their room, and make changes to their placement until March 20, 2026, 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 17. Students who do not renew their contract by March 20 at 4:30 p.m. will be billed a \$50 late application fee and assigned a space by University Housing Services in mid-July after new students are placed.

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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 and Career Fair](#): Thursday, February 5, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Bone Student Center
- [Education Career Fair](#), Thursday, February 19, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Horton Field House

To help students prepare, Career Services is hosting [Navigating Career Fairs](#) on Tuesday, February 3, from 5–7 p.m. in the Bone Student Center. Employer representatives from various industries will be available to provide tips and guidance.

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

All Illinois State University students have access to [TimelyCare](#), a 24/7/365 virtual health platform that supports mental health and overall well-being. 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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## **Residence Hall Spring Break Information**

Watterson Towers, Wright Hall, and Haynie Hall will close at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, and reopen at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 15. 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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## **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 24
- Tuesday, March 24
- Tuesday, April 28

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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### **Spring Commencement Information**

Students graduating in **spring or summer** can participate in Spring (May) commencement ceremonies. All students who have completed the [application for graduation](#) by the published [deadlines](#) will receive an email on February 11 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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