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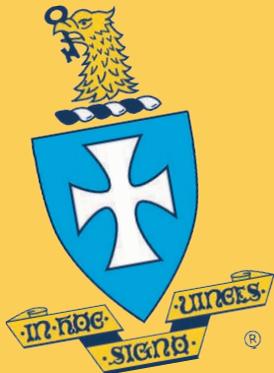
It is 2021.

This group of men are celebrating 166 years of Sigma Chi this year. They are part of a Murray State tradition that is 63 years old. They have been recognized among the **top five percent of Sigma Chi Chapters internationally.**

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From the president

Students:

Welcome to Murray State University!

I am pleased to officially welcome you to Murray State University for the start of the Fall 2021 Semester.

When I first came to Murray State as an undergraduate student, I immediately connected with the attractive campus and warm, friendly atmosphere of this great University. Much has changed at Murray State since I was a student, but the core values of our University have remained the same. Murray State continues to thrive on a beautiful, historic campus where students engage in a rich legacy of academic excellence provided by world-class faculty and staff in a caring, family-like atmosphere. As the 14th President of Murray State University and a proud alumnus, it is my sincere hope that every student will take the time to enjoy the multitude of opportunities our University has to offer.

Students, I hope you take full advantage of all the opportunities provided to you during your time at Murray State – from the Student Government Association and Residential College Association to Greek Life, to Racer Band, to athletics – or one of the other 180 campus organizations.

Murray State University is a special place and will provide you with many opportunities to learn and create a pathway in order to reach your goals. If you are a traditional first-time freshman, or transferring from a community college or another university or a non-traditional student, Murray State has developed programs and structures to meet your needs. We pride ourselves on focusing on our students to help ensure their success. Please be sure to take advantage of all these opportunities.

Let's make it a great semester!

GO RACERS!



Dr. Bob Jackson
President



Welcome to Murray State!



When I tell people I'm from a small town in Missouri, they usually respond with something like: "Oh yeah man, I graduated with only 120 kids, I know exactly what you mean." It's always worth a chuckle to tell people that I graduated high school in a class of 16. Not only did I know all of my classmates by their first names, I was on a first-name basis with everyone in the entire high school. That's how tiny the town I grew up in is.

When I came to Murray State in fall 2019, I couldn't believe how many people there were. Everywhere I looked: people. It seemed like every corner of the world converged on this one spot with every country, creed and people sending someone to represent their way of life at Murray State. The sheer number of people walking to class on that first morning blew me away. Each one of these people had their whole life ahead of them, and suddenly I realized what a new environment I was in.

And yet, as huge as the city seemed to Small Town Simon, Murray quickly took on that "second home" feel. For the first time in my life, I was within walking distance of a grocery store, a dozen restaurants and even my new job as a contributing writer at The Murray State News.

While touring colleges in my last year of high school, I didn't realize how important it was to find a place that would offer hands-on experience in my program. Up until I toured Murray State, every college newspaper had told me I could probably find a job contributing a couple times a week by my junior year. When I met with a representative of the journalism department at Murray State, she told me I could apply on my first day of classes and get started as early as that first week.

That was enough to win me over. While the feel of the campus and city seemed like things I could grow to appreciate—I turned out to be right—it was the opportunity to gain hands-on experience that made the decision to attend Murray State an easy one.

Here I am, two short years later, welcoming you incoming students to the friendliest small town in the United States. Congratulations on making this decision and taking the next step in advancing your career! If there is anything I can tell you about Murray State, it's that the entire community, from the citizens to the professors, wants to see you succeed. After a long year of uncertainty, I'm thrilled to be back in the fall to be a part of the great new things that are to come.

College life is no walk in the park, so don't let anyone tell you how easy it is. You're free to learn, grow, take on new challenges and go on new adventures, but you're also free to make mistakes that only you can take responsibility for. I encourage you to take every opportunity to challenge yourself and throw energy and enthusiasm into every step you take on this journey. I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that with diligence and determination you can become the person you want to be and be a part of the bright future you came here to make your reality.

Welcome to the Racer Nation! To learn more about Murray State during your first semester, you can find more online at racer.guide.

Best wishes,
Simon Elfrink
Editor-in-Chief
The Murray State News

Shoes up Racers!

Murray State traditions

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Traditions are a staple of all colleges and Murray State has its own that sets it apart from other schools, hosting some of the longest-running student-engaging college traditions in the region.

Racer One

Murray State is one of few schools to have a live mascot. Since 1976, a horse called Racer One has been the mascot at Murray State's home football games. Every time the Racers score a touchdown, Racer One takes a victory lap around the field.

Violet Cactus was the first horse to fill the role of Racer One until she passed in 1984, and since then several horses have played the role of Racer One. The current horse fulfilling the role is Vegas.

All Campus Sing

Starting in 1958, All Campus Sing is a music and dance competition between student organizations. It is hosted by the sorority Sigma Alpha Iota. Traditionally, the competition is held on the steps of Lovett Auditorium, and crowds gather to watch in the Quad. The most recent competition on April 14 was held via livestream because of COVID-19.

The Shoe Tree

It's a romantic tradition where

those who have met their love at Murray State put a pair of shoes on the tree to represent their relationship. The tree is located on campus in the Quad across from Pogue Library.

Rumors still stir as to how the tradition started, but it has been an important aspect of the Murray State community since 1965.

Mr. MSU

The Mr. Murray State pageant is a 41-year standing tradition. The pageant is hosted by Alpha Omicron Pi, and it is their biggest philanthropy event.

Fraternities nominate their candidates for the pageant, and there is usually a theme for the contestants to follow. Most recently, the pageant was held virtually because of COVID-19.

Ms. Murray State

The Ms. Murray State Pageant is an annual competition that takes place in Lovett Auditorium, and the competition serves to celebrate more than pageantry.

The pageant serves to recognize students who are influential and have a positive impact on Murray State.

The winner of the pageant receives a scholarship and represents Murray State in the Kentucky Mountain Laurel Festival.

Campus Lights

Murray State's Campus Lights Show is the longest running student-produced mu-



File photos
Racer One, the Shoe Tree and Mr. MSU are three of the many campus traditions.

sical in the South.

The tradition started in 1938, and was led by the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia fraternity. Today it is led both by them and the Sigma Alpha Iota sorority.

Midnight Breakfast

Coinciding with finals, Midnight Breakfast is a tradition that offers students a meal as they stay up late studying for their finals.



Photo courtesy of Murray State University

For more information about programming and the Office of Multicultural Initiatives visit murraystate.edu.

Inclusivity and Diversity

An inside look at LGBTQ+ life on campus

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As a member of the LGBTQ+ community myself, one of the factors that I looked for when choosing a college was what initiatives different campuses had implemented in order to keep me and other students safe and included.

Murray State had everything that I wanted on a college campus. When I first came on campus in 2018 as a junior in high-school, the very first thing I noticed was the “Safe Zone” sticker outside of Winslow Dining Hall. After doing some re-

search and realizing the project was meant to reduce prejudice and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, I knew I had found my college campus. While diving deeper into what the campus had to offer, I learned of the vast amount organizations and programming Murray State had to offer.

With just one quick search on the University’s website, you can find information about programming, activities, resources and even alumni who identified on the LGBTQ+ spectrum. Now, as a student, I have been blessed with nothing but support from not only

students, but from faculty and staff as well. While it’s not perfect, it definitely exceeded my expectations and made me feel welcome and wanted.

On the topic of feeling welcome and wanted, Murray State also has the Office of Multicultural Initiatives, an advocate to encourage a campus environment that embraces diversity and allows students to grow personally and academically.

They strive to address the achievement gap between Black, Hispanic and White Non-Hispanic students. In this day and age where the safety of persons of color are compromised,

Murray State strives to make this campus as safe as it possibly can.

Much like the LGBTQ+ programming, one search on the University’s website will point you toward resources, clubs and activities, as well as scholarships!

While I myself am not a person of color, many of my friends say they feel safe on campus knowing that they are wanted and accepted.

In conclusion, Murray State University has offered nothing but support to me as an LGBTQ+ individual, as well as to the persons of color who have chosen to continue their education here.

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Wherever you are on the path, one of us is there too. If you have doubts or questions, you'll find a welcoming spirit among us to support you. If you have an insight that might help, we need your wisdom. If you want to help those in need, join us. You are not alone.

The road to peace and understanding is a long one, and it is comforting to travel with friends. If you'd like some company, we're right on the corner. Drop by and take a little stroll with us, or take a virtual look on Facebook or our website.

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How to use Canvas and MyGate

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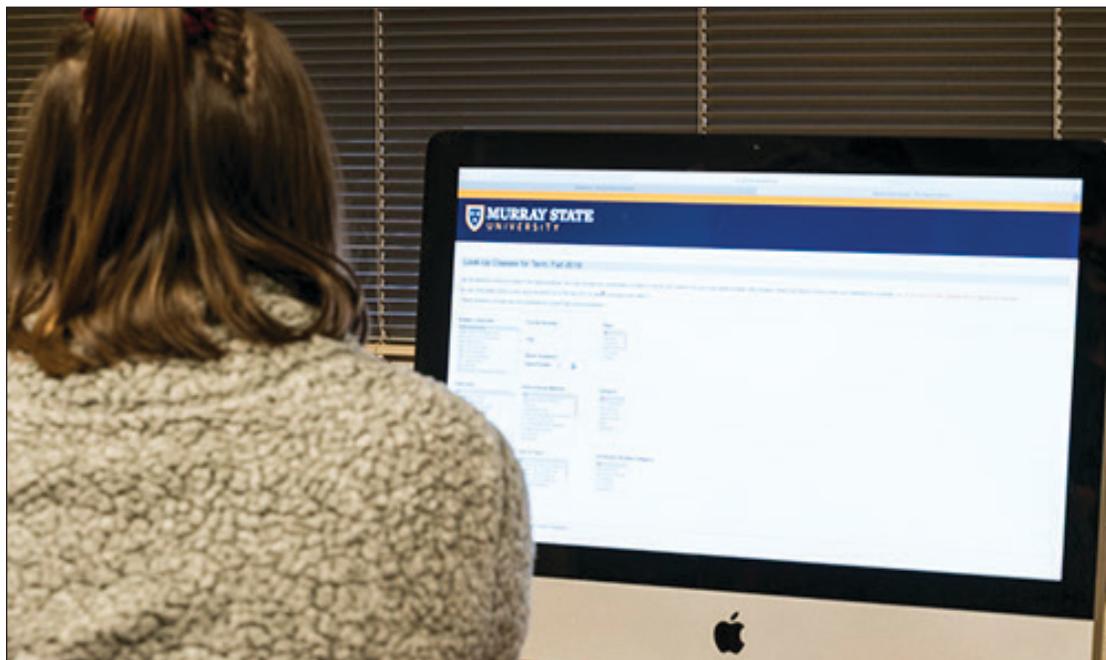
MyGate

MyGate accounts are essential during a student's duration at Murray State, since they contain everything needed to know about academics, financial aid, housing and much more.

On the left hand side of the platform, there is a panel with the options of Home, Employee, Admin Tools, Money, Financial Aid/Scholarship, Academics, Canvas Login and Service Catalog.

On the home page, students can find their M numbers and password information for Murray State accounts. Students can complete housing applications and sign up for emergency alerts from the University on the home page, and contact parking services and vehicle registration. Students can access their electronic W-2 forms on the home page if they are employees of the University.

Students can also access their electronic W-2 forms on the Employee page. Employees of Murray State will have access to this tab to fill out timesheets and access information and resources. Only administrators can access certain sections of the Admin Tools. On the money page, information about student



Megan Reynolds searches for classes on MyGate.

Daniella Tebib/*The News*

accounts and the Bursar's Office is provided. Students have links to their accounts and billing statements, and access to payment plans and history. The money tab is where students can choose and change meal plans. Information about student refund policies and tuition tax statements is available through this tab.

The financial aid and scholarship page is where students must complete applications for financial aid through the University. Links to accepting scholarships, viewing messages and lists of external scholarships are also found on this tab. FAFSA, which is required to receive scholarships from the University, is found on this page. The Bursar's Office and other financial aid resource contacts are listed.

On the academic tab, students can find their class schedules, textbook lists, RACR Audit and more. Students can view different academic profiles to find their academic information, transcript and academic holds. Under Registration Tools is a list of course schedules for each semester, how to register and how to add or drop classes. The Registrar's office and other academic resource contacts are listed.

Students can find academic announcements on this page, and Racer Nation Orientation information. Application deadline information for undergraduate and graduate students can be found on this tab.

Canvas

Canvas is the platform students at Murray State use to access their courses, assignments and grades. Instructors post their course to the Canvas Dashboard, and it is up to the professors to add assignments, resources and grades through the platform.

Students can also view announcements or inbox messages from instructors on Canvas. Along with features of personalizing profiles and course colors, Canvas offers multimedia tools. The Canvas Studio lets instructors and students share, create and edit audio and video files. Access the Studio on the left side panel, second to last icon.

Find Canvas through the MyGate Canvas Login at mygate.murraystate.edu. Canvas also offers an app for mobile devices.

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- Artisan Kitchen of Murray
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- Baldy's Grill
- Big Apple Grill and Bar
- Bug & Bees Sweets and Treats
- Burger King
- Burrito Shack
- Butts and Racks BBQ
- Captain D's
- Chick-fil-A
- Chi-Town Dawgs
- Cold Stone Creamery
- Cookout
- Cracker Barrel Old Country Store
- Culver's
- Dairy Queen Store
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The News

An inside look at who we are and what we do

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The Murray State News is a student publication located in Wilson Hall that covers news on and off campus. Students and faculty can find out what is happening on campus through *The News*' publication each Thursday, which can be found in residential colleges, academic buildings, Curris Center, Waterfield Library, Pogue Library, Winslow Dining Hall as well as several off campus locations. In addition, *The News* can be found at its official website, TheNews.org and on social media platforms.

What makes *The News* so special and unique are the people that make up the staff and the incredible opportunities provided for students.

The News provides on-campus jobs for students while also giving them real world journalism experience.

However, *The News* is not limited to writers, editors or even journalism majors. Those interested in public relations, photography, videography, advertising, graphic design or any major can also apply to work for *The News* and gain real ex-

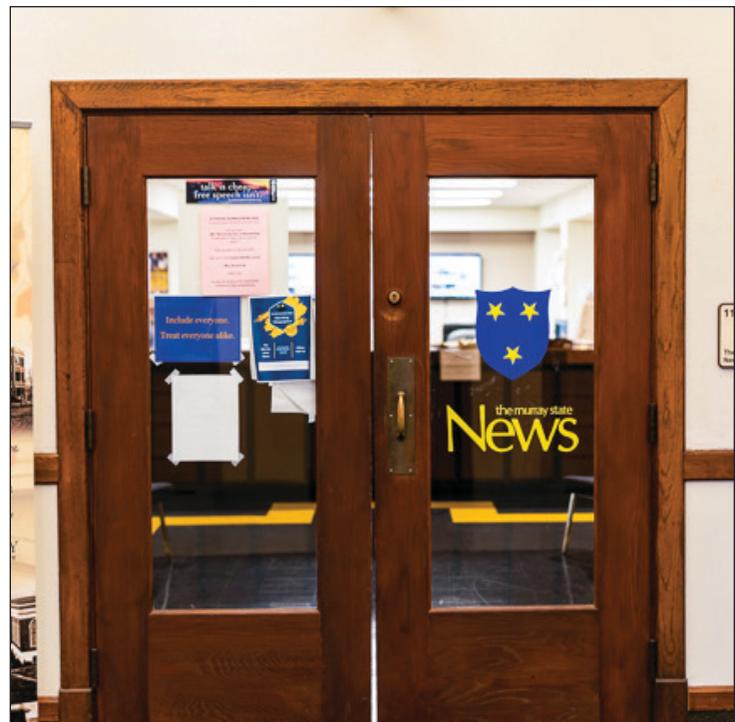
perience for a future career.

Stephanie Anderson, assistant professor of journalism and mass communications and publications adviser works closely with the students.

"I think [joining *The News*] is excellent experience for anyone with an interest in journalism, whether that be print, photography, graphic design, advertising, sales, ad creation or videography," Anderson said. "There's a number of positions that students can join on our staff and gain real world experience that really give them a leg up when they are ready to graduate. We welcome students as freshmen to join the staff"

This was the case for senior journalism major and sports communications minor Gage Johnson. He came into *The News* with very little journalism experience, but was able to get on staff as a sports writer. He worked his way up to sports editor and ultimately editor-in-chief, where he has been for the last two years.

"Working with *The News* has set me up with a lot of great connections, friends and memories and has really set me on a good path for my career," Johnson said. "You can take all the classes



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in the world that you want when it comes to journalism but at the end of the day, that real world experience is the best thing you can get and doing it with [*The News*] and with other students who you can collaborate with, grow with and bounce ideas off of is the best way to do it."

One fellow student and co-worker that Johnson has gotten to collaborate with is sophomore journalism major Simon Elfrink. Elfrink joined *The News* his freshman year as a sportswriter with Johnson as his sports editor.

Elfrink took over Johnson's sports editor position the second semester of his sophomore year and will again take over for Johnson as editor-in-chief as a junior in the fall 2021 semester. "I can speak from personal experience, there is no other place as a journalist to

get great hands-on experience that will simulate what you'll find," Elfrink said.

Elfrink said *The News* is a balance of guidance, communication and peer-reviews as well as some self-expectations and dependence on what each person needs to accomplish.

"If you're looking for an opportunity to test your own abilities in a controlled environment that at the same time simulates what the professional waters are going to look like, I personally don't think there is a better opportunity outside of an internship than what we offer here at *The Murray State News*," Elfrink said.

If you are interested in learning more about the opportunities available at *The News* stop by 111 Wilson Hall and fill out an application or email Elfrink at selfrink@murraystate.edu.

2021 BEST OF MURRAY WINNERS:

Best coffee Future Grounds	Best place to bank CFSB	Best sporting event at Murray Basketball
Best nonprofit Murray Calloway County Humane Society	Best ice cream Dairy Queen	Best hotel for visitors to stay at Springhill Suites
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Best place to cure a hangover Cookout	Best place to get your car fixed Harlan Automotive	Best place to go for entertainment Corvette Lanes
Best Asian food Jasmine	Best book store Murray State University Book Store	Best gift shop Plantation Gifts
Best bar Tap 216	Best food delivery Murray Eats	Best florist Flowers By Whitney
Best liquor store Global Wine and Spirits	Best pizza place Matt B's	Best bakery in Murray Dumplin's
Best place to get breakfast Martha's	Best boutique Ribbon Chix	Best burger Off the Hoof
Best clothing store Ribbon Chix	Best place to live off-campus Campus Evolution Villages	Best on-campus dining Chick Fil-A
Best consignment shop Goodwill	Best get-away spot Land Between the Lakes	Best steak The Alley Steakhouse
Best fraternity Sigma Phi Epsilon	Best place to study Waterfield Library	Best BBQ The Keg
Best sorority Alpha Gamma Delta	Best beer on tap Tap 216	Best place to get a hot dog Chi-Town Dogs
Best place to get a donut Murray Donuts	Best campus napping spot Hammocks in the quad	Best on-campus event All-Campus Sing
Best fast food in Murray Cookout	Best beer on tap TAP 216	Best place to live on campus Franklin
Best grocery store Kroger's	Best golf course Murray Country Club	Best place to workout Susan E. Bauernfiend Wellness Center
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Best place to get a home-cooked meal Dumplin's	Best taxi service Mama Nancy's	Best staff member Shawn Smee
Best tanning salon Campus Tan	Best place to take a date Jamine	Best student organization Alpha Gamma Delta
Best place to worship St. Leo's Catholic Church	Best place to get a late night snack Cookout	Best current Murray State athlete Malik Honeycutt

Campus resources for mental health

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It is no secret that college can be mentally taxing on students. Finding time to take care of your mental health while balancing your education can feel overwhelming, but Murray State offers free and flexible resources to help.

Among these free resources are the Counseling Center and the Psychological Center, which offer counseling services to clients both virtually and in-person. The Counseling Center is located in suite 104 in the Oakley Applied Science Building and is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

According to the Murray State website, the mission of the Counseling Center is, “for trained professionals in the Counseling Center and in

the Testing Center to provide services that enhance the well-being, growth and development of Murray State students.”

The Counseling Center provides individual therapy, couples therapy and family therapy from licensed professionals at no cost.

Students may also visit the Psychological Center located in room 401 in Wells Hall, which offers both in-person and telehealth sessions with graduate students in clinical psychology at Murray State, supervised by licensed clinical psychologists.

The Psychological Center offers free therapy to faculty, students and staff and also provides evaluations for learning disabilities and ADHD.

Another great resource to students is the Women’s Center. The Women’s Center, located in suite C102 in the Oakley Applied Science Building, offers free services for anyone in need at the University.

The Women’s Center’s services include free period products, The Bra Closet and a family room for students with lactation needs. Beginning in



TOP 5 MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES FACING COLLEGE STUDENTS

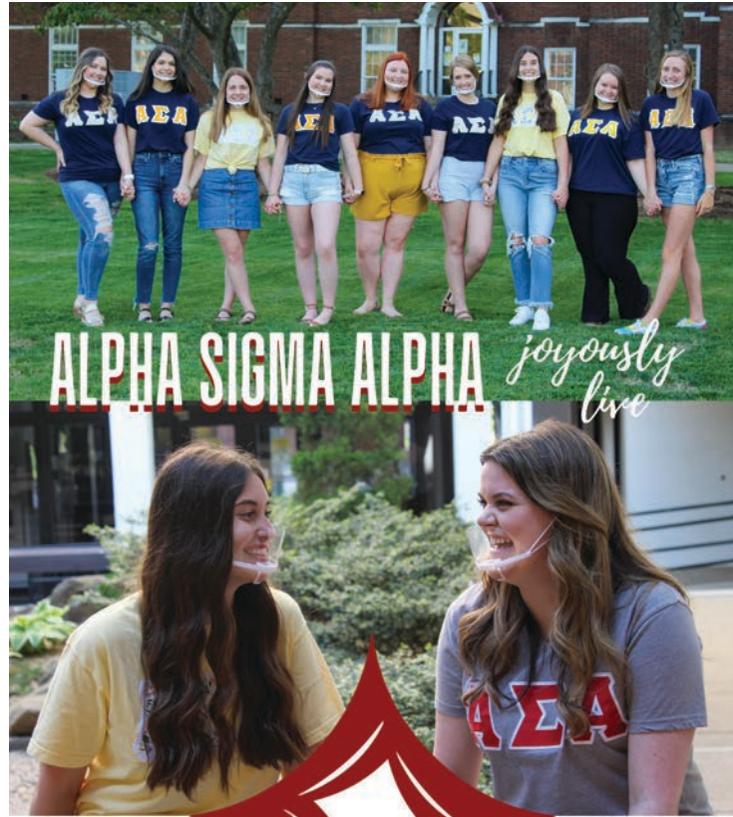
Depression
Anxiety
Suicide
Eating Disorders
Addiction

fall 2021, the Women’s Center will be offering listening sessions on the first Wednesday of every month to discuss safety concerns with Murray Stateofficials.

Students who have experienced sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking can seek guidance from the Title IX office. The Title IX office is located in room 103 in Wells Hall and allows students to report sexual misconduct and advice on what steps to take next.

In the event of a mental health emergency, the Counseling Center has a counselor on call 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday during the academic year to help with crisis situations. If an emergency happens after hours, on a weekend or during a break, the University urges students to contact the Murray State Police immediately.

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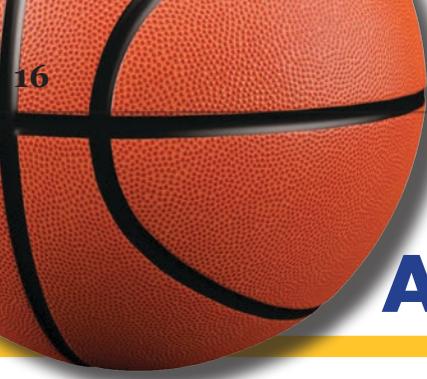
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Fall 2021

Aug. 17- Classes Begin
Sept. 6- Holiday
Oct. 7-8 - Fall Break
Oct. 6- 1st Half Ends
Oct. 11- 2nd Half Begins
Nov. 24-26- Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 3- Classes End
Dec. 4-10 Finals
Dec. 11- Commencement

Jan. 18- Classes Begin
Jan. 17- Holiday
March 9- 1st Half Ends
March 10- 2nd Half Begins
March 21-25- Spring Break
May 6- Classes End
May 7-13- Finals
May 14- Commencement

Spring 2022



Racer Athletics

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Basketball

After serving as a brief stopping place for dominant professional basketball players like Shaq Buchannon, Cameron Payne, Isaiah Canaan and Ja Morant, basketball has become a staple for Murray State in recent years. The Racers' 13-13 record

in the 2020-21 season was a far cry from where the Racers wanted to be, but under Head Coach Matt McMahon, the basketball team has the tools to put a winning team back together. While attendance in the CFSB Center was limited this past season because of COVID-19, students look forward to packing The Bank once again.



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Ja Morant #12 and Brion Sanchious #4 inbound the ball in February 2019.



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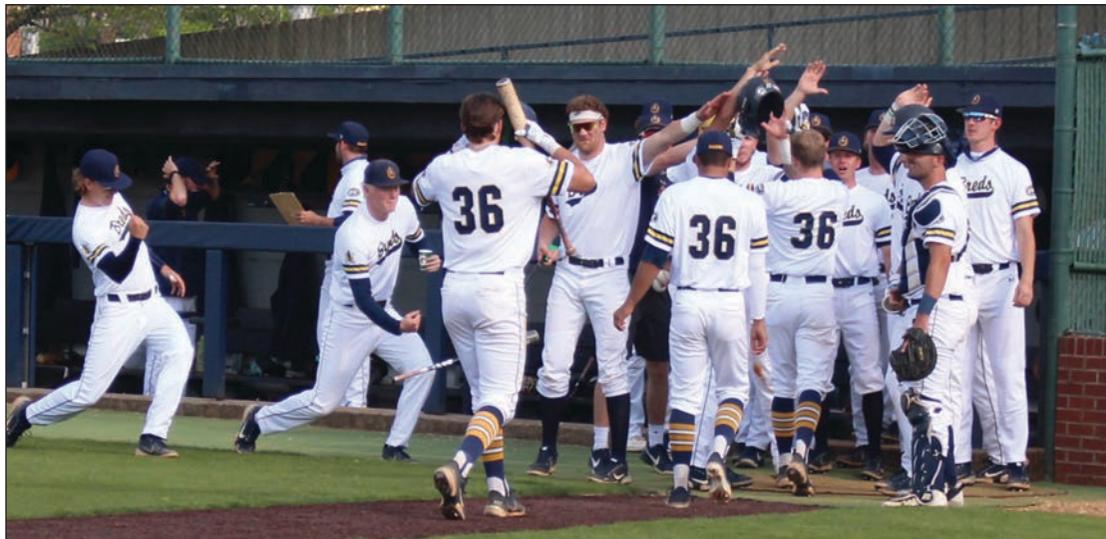
Thanks to an additional season of eligibility, the Racers returned several of their most notable players and have been hovering near the top of the conference since OVC play began in mid-March. The Racers are currently 21-17 overall and are intent on making a run for a championship this spring. Under the leadership of Head Coach Dan Skirka, the Racers have the potential to make something special happen in May.

Cross Country

Head Coach Adam Kiesler and Assistant Coach Jordan Wallace led their runners through four meets in 2021. The women's cross country team placed fifth in the OVC Championship meet, their best outcome since 2015, while the men's team placed ninth.

Football

The Murray State football team bounced back to play seven games in spring 2021. While football usually takes place in the fall months, the Racers still had the opportunity to compete in seven OVC games. While the abundance of uncertainties made Racers' fans nervous at first, football's new Head Coach, Dean Hood, led the Racers to five straight wins to start the unorthodox season. The Racers even managed to earn a No. 19 ranking in the FCS by the end of the season with a 5-2 record.



The baseball team celebrates after a win at home.

Simon Elfrink/TheNews

Golf

The men's golf team found some success on the course this season, winning their first tournament of the season. Seniors Avery Edwards and Austin Knight have made the most out of their additional year of eligibility, with Knight taking first place at the TSU Big Blue Intercollegiate. Head Coach Eddie Hunt announced his retirement after 20 seasons with the Racers. Meanwhile, the women's golf team had a slower start before coming all the way back to win the last regular season tournament of the season, which the Racers hosted. Murray State finished fourth in the OVC Tournament to end the season. Head Coach Velvet Milkman looks to help prepare her team for another run at the conference title for her 29th year at the helm.

Rifle

Head Coach Alan Lollar led the Racers to their 15th OVC Championship. With

shooters like sophomore Matias Kiuru, the future is bright for Murray State rifle.

Soccer

After going 9-2 overall, the Racers were the champions in the OVC regular season. However, the Racers were shockingly upset for the second season in a row in the OVC Tournament.

Despite not getting it done in the tournament, soccer represented Murray State well in the postseason awards. Head Coach Matt Lodge was named OVC Coach of the Year while senior midfielder Izzy Heckman won Defender of the Year.

Softball

While hot and cold this season, Murray State softball is led by Head Coach Kara Amundson, the winningest coach in Murray State softball history. Next season will mark her tenth as head coach. Like baseball, softball will go into the postseason days after

the spring semester ends.

Tennis

Head Coach Jorge Caetano and Racers' tennis recently fell to Austin Peay in the OVC Tournament, ending the 2021 season. The Racers managed to overcome a cold start and salvage their season record to come within just two games of .500 at 8-10.

Track and Field

The 4x100-meter relay team has broken the Murray State record twice this year, and sophomore Meghan Fletcher has gone gold in the high jump several times.

Volleyball

The Racer Arena is home to Murray State volleyball. The glory days of players like Scottie Ingram and Rachel Giustino seem far behind after this year's lackluster season, but Head Coach David Schwepker and his team are ready to turn around and give volleyball fans a winning season once again.

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A guide to staying safe on campus

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To ensure the safety of students, Murray State has implemented several safety measures on campus.

The Murray State Police Department is always available for students in trouble. They are staffed 24/7 with 16 sworn officers and 24 support staff. MSU PD can be reached by calling (270) 809-2222.

“Our agency is an accredited police department committed to providing the highest level

of quality police services and promoting a safe and secure campus for students, faculty, staff and guests,” Police Chief Jeff Gentry said in a letter on the MSU PD website.

If students find themselves in an emergency on campus, they can reach the police department by activating a nearby call box.

On campus, there are a total of 40 emergency call boxes of two different types: yellow call boxes and blue light call boxes. Both types are directly linked to the Murray State police dispatch.



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The Murray State Police Department is located at the corner of Chesnut & 16th.

The blue light emergency panels and a blue light on call boxes found on campus top. The word “emergency” is written on the post.

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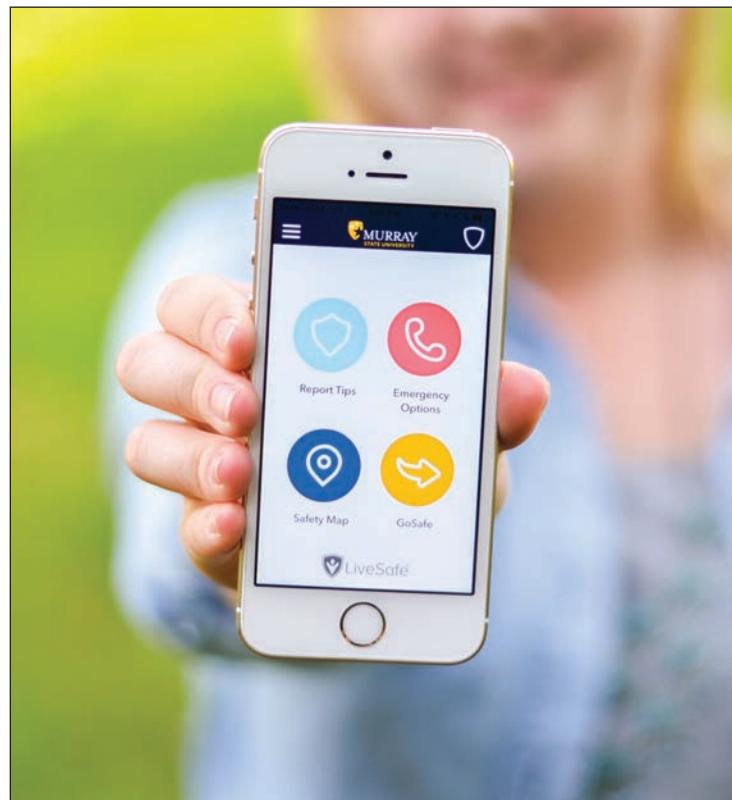
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Should an emergency occur, students can activate the call box by pressing the emergency button on the box. Once activated, the blue light on top of the post will start flashing. An officer will then be dispatched and receive the location of the call box immediately. The yellow call boxes also offer a direct line of communication with the Murray State Police Department. However, they do not flash a light when activated. They can be found on the sides of buildings and poles on campus, such as the residential colleges. The app offers several features to ensure the safety of students,

faculty and staff while walking around on campus. The SafeWalk feature allows students to let their friends make sure they safely arrive at their destination as well as contact the police department in the case of an emergency. The GoSafe feature allows students to contact Racer Patrol for an on-campus escort. In addition to LiveSafe, students should ensure they keep their cell phone information updated on myGate to receive Racer Alert notifications. MSU PD uses Racer Alert to notify the community of emergencies, like tornadoes, via text, email, social media and sirens. For more information, visit murraystate.edu/police.



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Students are encouraged to download the LiveSafe app on their phones.

Important Phone Numbers

- Murray State Police
(270) 809-2222
- Counseling Center
(270) 809-3822
- Career Services
(270) 809-3735
- Financial Aid
(270) 809-2546
- Health Services
(270) 809-3809



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Parking on campus

What you need to know

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Anyone parking on Murray State's campus will need to register their vehicle with a virtual permit from Murray State Parking Services.

The V-permit is registered to the license plate of the vehicle one parks on campus. Each registration is valid through a full fall, spring and summer semester. This process can be completed at murraystate.nupark.com/portal/Account/Login with the following information: your name, Murray State ID or driver's license, local address, vehicle year, make, model and color, license plate number and the state and county the vehicle is registered in.

Parking areas at Murray State are color-coded. The permit for a

red zone is \$200 and is available for commuter students and students who are residents of White and Regents colleges. The permit for a yellow zone is also \$200 and is available for students who are residents of Elizabeth, HC Franklin, Springer, Clark, Richmond, Hart and Hester colleges. The permit for a purple zone is \$100 and is available to all students as well as faculty and staff. The permit for a blue zone is \$200 and is only available to faculty and staff.

Parking citations range from \$15 to \$250. Violations that result in a \$15 fine include parking in the wrong zone, parking beyond a space's time limit and improper parking, such as backing in or pulling through a space. A license plate error in your registration will result in a \$50 citation. Parking a vehicle in a way

that obstructs traffic or parking in places other than designated parking spaces, such as sidewalks, crosswalks and loading zones, are \$80 citations.

A non-visitor parking in a visitor zone will result in a \$90 citation. Non-registration or false registration of a vehicle, parking in reserved or restricted spaces and parking in a fire lane are \$100 citations. Parking in a disability space without permission will result in a \$250 citation.

Many of these violations are eligible for the Pay It Forward program. Rather than paying the fine, one can donate food or hygiene products to the Racers Helping Racers food pantry within 30 days of the citation. To see which violations qualify for the program and the list of accepted items, visit www.murraystate.edu/headermenu/Offices/police/ParkingServices/citations.aspx.



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- Alpha Mu Gamma
- Alpha Omicron Pi
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- Alpha Sigma Alpha
- Alpha Sigma Phi
- Alpha Tau Omega
- Alphi Zeti Honors
- Alpha Upsilon Alpha Literacy Honor Society
- American Medical Women's Association
- American Industrial Hygiene Association
- American Institute of Professional Geologists
- American Society of Safety Professionals
- Amnesty International USA
- Archery Team
- Association for Cybersecurity & Network Management
- Associated General Contractors of America
- Association of Information Technology Professionals
- Association for Women in Mathematics

B-

- Backcountry Hunters and Anglers
- Baptist Campus Ministry
- Bass Angler
- Best Buddies
- Beta Alpha Psi
- Beta Beta Beta
- Black Student Council
- Block and Bridle

C-

- Campus Activities Board
- Campus Lights
- Christian Veterinary Fellowship
- Clark Residential College Council
- College Democrats
- College Republicans
- College of Education and Human Services Student Ambassadors
- Collegiate FFA
- Collegiate 4H
- Collegiate Farm Bureau

D-

- Dance Company
- Delight Ministries
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
- Delta Zeta
- Dressage Club
- Ducks Unlimited

E-

- Earth and Environmental Sciences Club
- Educators Rising Collegiate
- Elizabeth College Honor Society
- Elizabeth Residential College Council
- English Student Organization
- Episcopal College Fellowship
- Euclidean Mathematics Club

- Exercise Science Club

F-

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G-

- Game Lab
- Gaming Anime Manga Enthusiast
- Gamma Beta Phi
- Gentleman's Service Club
- George S. Hart Residential College Council

H-

- Health and Wellness Education Association
- Her Campus at Murray State
- Hester Residential College Council
- Horticulture Club
- Honor's Student Council
- Horseman's Association

I-

- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
- InterFraternity Council
- International Student Organization
- International City/County Management Association Student Chapter

J-

- Japanese Club
- JH Richmond Residential College
- Judicial Board

Get involved on campus!

K-

- Kappa Alpha Order
- Kappa Delta Psi Fraternity Inc.
- Kappi Delta
- Kentucky Educators Association Aspiring Educators

L-

- Lambda Chi Alpha
- Lambda Zeta Omicron
- Lions Club

M-

- Management, Marketing, Business Administration and Logistics and Supply Chain Club
- Men's Soccer Club
- Mock Trial Team
- Model United Nations
- Murray Christian Fellowship
- Mu Sigma Chi
- Murray Environmental Student Society
- Murray State Middle Level Association

N-

- National Art Education Association Student Chapter
- National Pan-Hellenic Council
- National Residence Hall Honorary
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars
- National Society of Leadership and Success
- National Student Speech Language Hearing Association
- Newman House Catholic Campus Ministry

O-

- Omicron Delta Kappa
- Omicron Sigma Kappa

- Order of Omega
- Organization of Murray Art Students
- Ornithology Club

P-

- Panhellenic Council
- Phi Kappa Tau
- Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia-Gamma Delta Chapter
- Pi Kappa Alpha
- Political Science Club
- Pre-Health Professionals
- Pre-Law Student Association
- Pre-Physician Assistant Club
- Psi Chi
- Public Relations Student Society of America

R-

- Racer Athlete and Student Oasis Ministry
- Racer Band
- Racer Girls
- Racer Campus Ministry
- Racer E-Sports
- Radical Athlete and Student Oasis Ministry
- Robert H. White Residential College
- Rodeo Club
- Rowing Crew
- Running Club

S-

- Sci-fi and Fantasy Club
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- Sigma Alpha Iota
- Sigma Alpha Lambda
- Sigma Chi
- Sigma Phi Epsilon
- Sigma Pi
- Sigma Sigma Sigma
- Society for Human Resource Management
- Sock n' Buskin
- Speech & Debate Union
- Springer Franklin Residential

- College Council
- St. Jude Up 'til Dawn
- Student Ambassadors
- Student Association of Social Workers
- Student Health Educator Association
- Student Nutrition Association
- Student Occupational Therapy Association
- Student Society for Human Resource Management
- Student Veterans of America
- Students of Sociology
- Student Government Association
- Sunrise Movement Murray

T-

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- United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund

V-

- Veterinary Technology/Pre-Veterinary Medicine Club

W-

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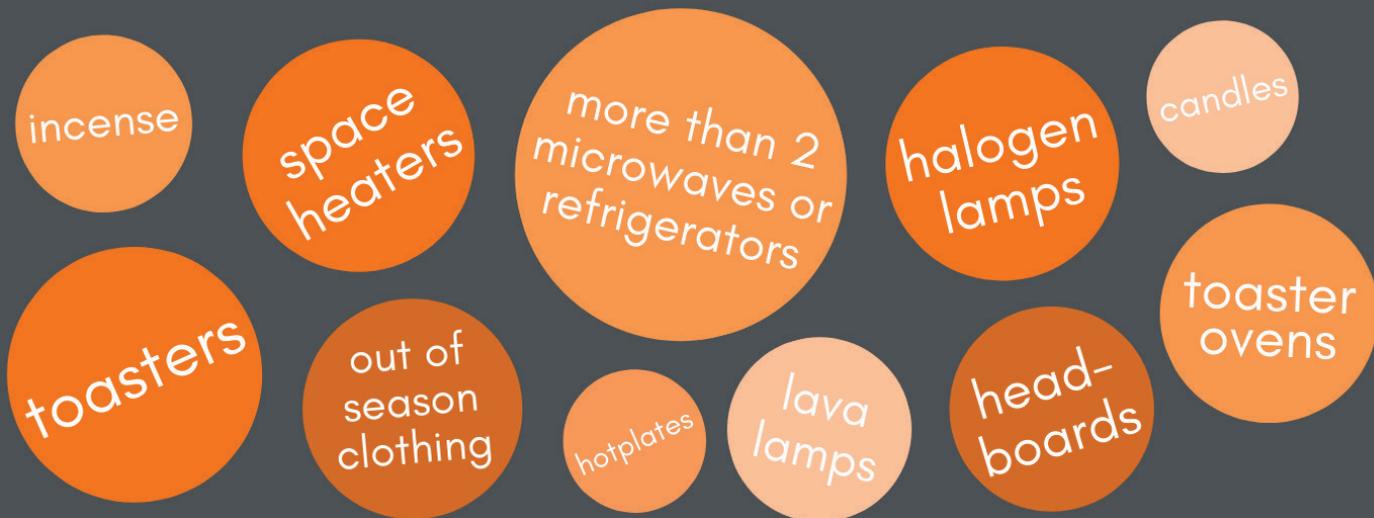
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To bring...or not to bring
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Flex: Preloaded amounts of money that comes with your meal plan and can be used at any restaurant on campus.

FastTrack: the university convenience store that accepts flex located on the north side of Winslow Dining Hall.

Shoes Up: Making horseshoes with your hands to support Murray State athletics.

Shoe Tree: Students who meet at Murray State and get married come back and leave their shoes on the tree that is located in the Quad.

The Bank- CFSB Center

Lizo- Elizabeth Residential College

Old Rich: Old Richmond Residential College

New Frank: H.C. Franklin College

Lake Lizo: The pond that forms between Frank and Lizzo when it rains.

MKY: Murray, Kentucky

The Quad: The grassy area between Wilson Hall and Lovett Auditorium

The Loop: the walk around campus starting at Five Points to Main Street to 12th Street to Chesnut Street and back to 16th Street.

Racer One: The live horse mascot that runs around the track at football games when we score a touchdown. It's one of the few live animal mascots in the United States!

Dunker: The Murray State costume mascot who often hypes up the crowd at sporting events. It's a secret as to what student is behind the costume.

The Bridge: The walking bridge that goes over Chesnut Street and connect the residential colleges to the academic side of campus.

The Breezeway or The Mall: The walk down the middle of the academic buildings starting at the Curris Center and going to the gates.

Five Points: Where Chesnut Street meets 16th Street and Coldwater Street in front of the Murray State Police Department.

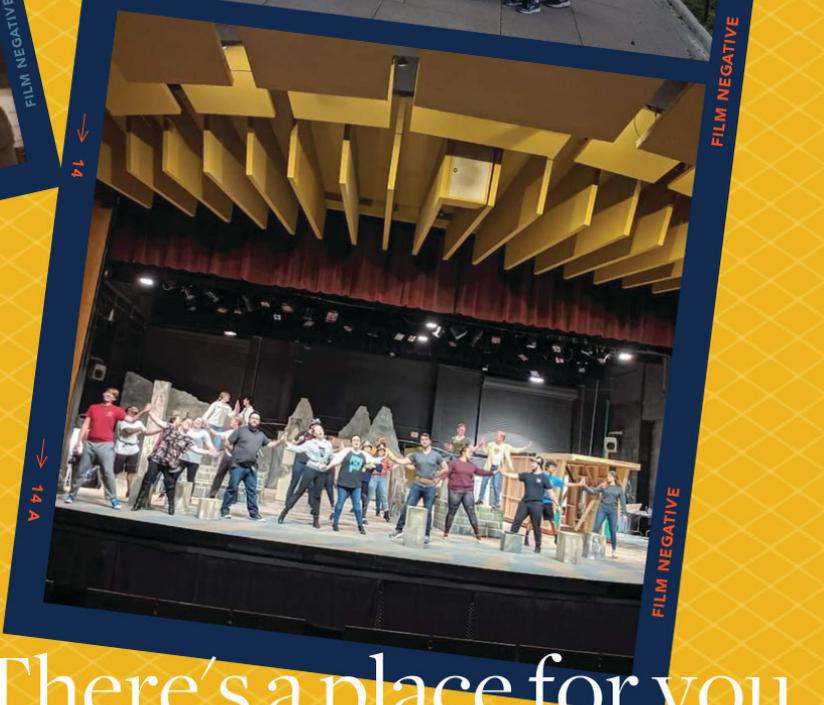
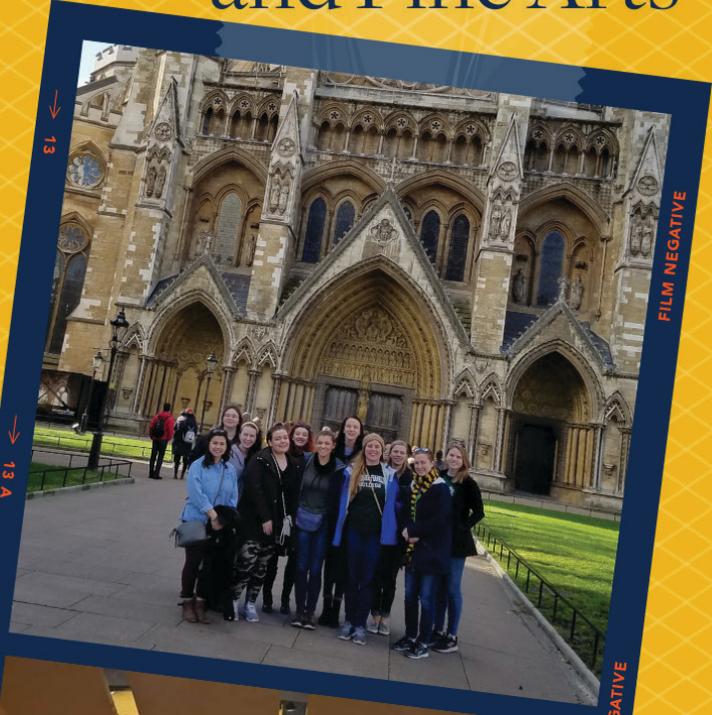
Ja: Ja Morant is a former basketball player who is currently playing the NBA.

The Gate: The large gate at 15th and Olive Street

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