Join us for a BIG weekend!

We have a ton of exciting events happening from April 3–4! Join us for Admitted Students Day, the Bear2Bear Benefit & Bash, the grand opening of the Schellhase Commons, Music on Main, and more!

**Admitted Students Day**

Mark your calendar: [Admitted Students Day](#) is Friday, April 3! Our largest admission event of the year, this is the day we welcome prospective students and their families to campus to show them just how special it is to be a member of this community. More details to come!

**The Bear2Bear Benefit & Bash**

On Friday, April 3, Ursinus College will hold its 2nd annual [Bear2Bear Benefit & Bash](#), a special fundraising event in support of our Bear2Bear Student Emergency Fund. This gala-style event will be held at RiverCrest Golf Club & Preserve in Phoenixville, Pa., and will bring nearly 300 guests from the Ursinus community together for an evening you won’t want to miss! Tickets are now on sale [here](#). RSVP by Tuesday, March 17.

**Schellhase Commons Grand Opening**

Join us in commemorating the grand opening of the Schellhase Commons on Friday, April 3, at 3:30 p.m. We will hold a formal dedication program and ceremonial ribbon cutting for the Schellhase Commons, which will be immediately followed by a festive reception and stationed tours of the building.

**Music on Main**

Is it a block party or is it a music festival? **It’s both!** We are celebrating our 150th Anniversary and the opening of the new Commons by turning Main Street into a festival venue featuring 28 bands across six stages on our Main Street porches as well as food trucks and vendors from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 4!

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**Next Staff Assembly Meeting**

Mark your calendars!  
**March 18 at 3 p.m.**  
Refreshments at 2:30 p.m.  
Location: Olin Auditorium

Reminder emails will be sent out prior to the event.

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**Bear in Mind**

Please send us your topic of interest, comment, concern, or suggestion. All submissions can be given anonymously unless you choose to provide your name. You can complete the [Bear In Mind form](#) on the Staff Assembly website, or email your comment to: bearinmind@ursinus.edu
Call for Nominations: 2020 Staff Recognition Awards

Do you know a staff member at Ursinus who is doing something great, someone who you think should be recognized for their service or significant contributions to the college? Now is the opportunity to share their story and nominate them for a staff recognition award.

Each year, Ursinus recognizes staff for outstanding achievements and exemplary services to our college community. Staff Assembly is pleased to put forth the call for nominations for two annual staff awards—the Flora A. Tortorelli Staff Service Award and the Laughlin Distinguished Administrator Award.

Nominations can be submitted via an online form (coming soon) or in writing and sent via campus mail to: Staff Affairs c/o Joe Trump, Myrin Library.

Nominations Deadline: April 1, 2020

Be on the lookout for more information regarding nomination guidelines and eligible employees!

Development Dialogues

*NEW TIME* Fridays from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room (unless otherwise noted)

Engage in informal discussions with faculty and staff about topics related to communication and working together.

March 20 | Strategies to Spark Creative Solutions at Work
How can we manage conflict effectively? What are the basics of negotiation? This session will focus on the complex nature of communication and strategies for improvement.

April 10 | Life After Retirement
Facilitators will discuss the concepts of ergonomics and share tips to boost comfort, effectiveness and creativity

May 8 | Building Meaningful and Purposeful Connections
This session will cover principles of inclusive design. Ways to identify inclusive and non-inclusive spaces will be explained.

Conversations About and Across Difference

Join us every week from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room (unless otherwise noted)

These lunches are designed to encourage faculty, staff and students to cultivate the capacity to perceive and explore many kinds of differences. Lunch is covered by the president’s office!

- **Tuesday, March 17** Growing up, what did people around you say about women’s roles? (Short optional reading: selections from Adichie’s Dear Ijeawele, or a Feminist Manifesto.)
- **Monday, March 23** What sorts of non-obvious disabilities do we encounter and live with? (Short optional reading: “In the LD Bubble.”)
- **Tuesday, March 31** Growing up, what words did you hear about people who were economically poor? (Short optional reading: selections from Vance, Hillbilly Elegy.)
- **Monday, April 6** When have you felt regarded as a trespasser? What words did people use to tell you that you don’t belong? (Short optional reading: “Where Men are Men and Women are Trespassers.”)
- **Monday, April 13** Open topic
- **Tuesday, April 21** Growing up, what were the pictures people around you had of Native Americans? (Short optional reading: selections from Orange, There There.)
- **Tuesday, April 28** Growing up, who counted as people your friends and family said they “loved”?
- **Monday, May 4** Open topic
BodyMetrix Lunch & Learn

Thursday, March 19 at 12:00 p.m. | Bears’ Den

Bring your lunch and earn a Wellness point! Join Adrienne Delgado, dietitian from Biometrix located in Limerick, author and speaker as she walks you through the topic of “Nutrition in the Workplace.”

- Easy steps to bring more energy, focus, and stamina into your daily work routine
- Health trends for 2020: Which diets bring the lasting changes you’re looking for?
- The number one secret for a healthier mind and body

Edible Books Festival

Friday, April 3
Myrin Library

Submit edible entries before 11 a.m., then come vote for your favorites!

Winners will be announced at 1:15 p.m. Stay afterwards and help us eat the leftovers!

The most popular entry will be awarded $100. The second place winner will receive $50.

Additional prizes will be awarded for funniest entry, best book representation, most appetizing and least appetizing! Click here for more information.

Library and IT Events

The DLA Fellows are leading several focus groups and workshops this semester. We encourage you and your students to attend as many as you are interested in!

Engage in informal discussions with faculty and staff about topics related to communication and working together.

Library and IT Focus Groups | Myrin 124
Share your thoughts on workshops and resources you would like to see the Library and IT Department offer!

- Friday, March 6, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 20, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 24, from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 31, from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

3D Printing Workshop | March 26 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
in the U-Imagine Center (IDC 115)
Learn how to create amazing things using the 3D printer in the U-Imagine Center! Please bring your laptop.

Virtual Reality Drop-In Session | April 14 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
in the Myrin Library Lounge
Experience what it’s like to travel to Greece, swim with dolphins, explore the human body, or jump inside a famous painting using an Oculus Quest or Google Cardboard. Drop in anytime!

Digital Fluency Common Hour | April 15 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
in the Bears Den (led by LIT staff and DLA Fellows)
Learn about the digital fluency initiative that Library and IT is spearheading and the data we’ve collected from the Ursinus community on the training needs of our faculty, staff, and students.

Video Editing Workshop | April 16 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
in the Myrin Library Lounge
Learn how to edit videos using Shotcut, a free video editing software. Please bring your laptop.

Book Discussion

Friday, March 20 from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
in The Schellhase Commons

Please join us for a catered lunch and discussion about the One Book, One Ursinus selection Pachinko, by Min Jin Lee, in the new meeting space in The Commons. Min Jin Lee, a world renowned author, will be speaking at Commencement this May.