

Dean College Family Newsletter



September-October 2026

A Greeting from the Dean of Students

Hello Dean Families!

My name is Diana Estime, and I am thrilled to join the Dean College community as your new Dean of Students. As a first-generation college student, education is important to me because college was more than a place where I learned; it was where I discovered who I was, unlearned some of what I thought I knew; and had experiences that shaped the person I am today. That journey ultimately led me to a career supporting students as they navigate their own paths of learning, unlearning, and becoming.

As Dean of Students, I look forward to learning more about what makes Dean special and finding ways to contribute to and build upon that excellence. One of my guiding beliefs is that **I want each student's excellence, not their perfection.** My goal is to help create an environment where students feel supported as they learn, grow, navigate challenges, and discover who they are and who they want to be.

I recently had the opportunity to begin getting to know students over Mochi donuts in the Student Center, and I'm looking forward to many more opportunities to connect with them throughout the year. I hope to continue building relationships with students, families, faculty, and staff as we work together to make the Dean experience meaningful and supportive for every student.

I'm so excited to be here and look forward to meeting you!

Warmly,
Diana Estime
Dean of Students

Homecoming and Reunion Weekend

October 23-25, 2026

Join us for a weekend of Bulldog and Demon pride! Homecoming and Reunion Weekend is open to the entire Dean community, including alumni, students, parents and families, faculty, staff, and friends. Come celebrate all things Dean, reconnect with classmates, cheer on our teams, and make new memories - together.

Visit the Homecoming website for a comprehensive list of events throughout the weekend.

<https://www.dean.edu/alumni/events-activities/homecoming/>

Counseling Services

Fresh Check Day

The Counseling department was excited to host our annual Fresh Check Day on 10/1. Fresh Check Day is an opportunity for students to check in about their mental health with fun interactive booths, run by campus faculty. To learn more about Fresh Check Day, follow the link below.



Counseling Center Hours

The Counseling Center is open:

- Monday, Wednesday, & Friday: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

How Students Can Access Counseling Services

- Students who would like to meet with a counselor can complete the [Counseling Request Appointment Form](#). A member of the Counseling Center team will follow up with the student by email to schedule an appointment.



Resources for Students & Families

The Counseling Center provides a variety of mental health and wellness resources for students and families. Resources are available on myDean under Counseling Services, through the Counseling Center's Instagram page, and at the links below:

- [Student Resources](#)
- [Parent & Family Resources](#)

We encourage families to familiarize themselves with these resources so they know where to turn if their student needs additional support during the academic year.





Coaching Corner with Cara Camire

Academic Coaching: Building Skills for Long-Term Success

Academic coaching is a fee-based, personalized support service at Dean College that helps students develop the skills and habits they need to manage college successfully and become more independent learners.

Academic coaching is not tutoring. An academic coach works with a student individually or in a small group to identify goals, understand what may be getting in the way of success, and develop practical strategies for moving forward. A coaching conversation might focus on managing a busy schedule, getting organized, breaking a large assignment into manageable steps, preparing for exams, staying motivated, or developing more effective study habits.

Coaches do not simply tell students what to do or do the work for them. Instead, they work alongside students to help them recognize their strengths, find strategies that work for them, and build the confidence and skills to handle academic challenges independently.

Academic coaching is available to all Dean students as a resource for growth and success. Interested in learning more? Contact Cara Camire, Assistant Director of Learning Services at 508 541-1566 or ccamire@dean.edu for more information.



Morton Family Learning Center

The Berenson Center is here to support students every step of the way. Whether preparing for an exam, writing a paper, practicing a presentation, or working through challenging coursework, we offer a variety of free academic support services to promote success inside and outside of the classroom:

Located on the first floor of the Green Family Library Learning Commons, the Berenson Center offers:

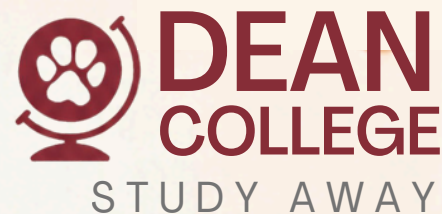
- Tutoring in writing, math, and a variety of subject-specific areas
- Presentation feedback and practice opportunities
- Individual and group study spaces

Students may schedule a free tutoring appointment any time through the Schedule Free Tutoring link on the Morton Family Learning Center's myBean page, or stop by the Berenson Center for a drop-in session.

Questions? Contact the Learning Center at 508-544-1978 or send an email to learning@ubean.edu.



Exciting Study Abroad Opportunities in Spring 2027!



There are two exciting, short-term faculty-led study abroad experiences in Spring 2027: Tokyo, Japan and The British Isles.

For students who want to study abroad, but not for a full semester, Dean offers short-term faculty-led study abroad programs. These are courses taught on the Dean College campus, usually during the Spring semester, and include a short, faculty-led 7-10 day trip to the country or region they have been studying.

We are offering two such opportunities in the Spring 2027 semester:

- Japan: The course will be a 3-credit, full spring semester course with on-campus coursework before and after the travel experience to Tokyo, Japan, which is from March 12-20, 2027 (Spring Break). There will also be language and cultural immersion content during the tour. There is a course fee (\$5850) which covers the costs of the tour and is bundled with students' Spring 2027 tuition bill. The sign-up deadline is November 30, 2026. Click [here](#) for more information and the program application: [Japan Course Trip Information and Application](#).
- The British Isles: This will be a 3-credit, quarter 4 course (March to May), with coursework before the travel to Ireland, Wales, Scotland and England, which is from May 16-25, 2027 (after Commencement). There is a course fee (\$5069) which covers the costs of the tour and is bundled with the students' Spring 2027 tuition bill. The sign-up deadline is November 30, 2026. Click [here](#) for more information and the program application: [The British Isles Course Trip Information and Application](#).

Students interested in a longer study abroad experience – summer, fall, spring, or full academic year – should contact Melissa Read, Director of the Study Away Program at mread@dean.edu to schedule a time to meet to learn more and start the learning process.



Dean College is proud to announce the launch of our newest bachelor's degree -- a Bachelor of Arts in Content Creation and Influencing. The innovative, interdisciplinary program combines courses in Communications, English, and Marketing to prepare students for careers as content creators, digital storytellers, social media managers, and influencers.

Dean College is excited to announce our innovative new degree program, the Bachelor of Arts in Content Creation and Influencing. The Content Creation and Influencing major is designed for students looking to build careers in the dynamic world of online content creation. This interdisciplinary program combines principles of media production, creative writing, storytelling, and marketing to provide students with a deep understanding of content creation across various digital platforms, including social media, websites, podcasts, and film and video. Students in this major will gain hands-on experience creating high-quality visual, audio, and written content, learning both the technical and creative aspects of production. These experiences will build skills that are increasingly in demand by businesses and civic organizations looking to leverage social media and other digital platforms for marketing and audience engagement.

Experiential coursework will prepare students for careers as content creators, digital storytellers, social media managers, and influencers. For questions or more information about this exciting new opportunity, students can contact their Success & Career advisor or Dr. David Dennis, Humanities Program Coordinator, at ddennis@dean.edu.





Health Services

FLU SHOTS ON CAMPUS



Walgreens Pharmacy will be hosting a Flu and/or COVID-19 vaccine clinic on campus on Wednesday, October 21st, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. To register and select an appointment time, [click here](#). Walk-ins are welcome, but registering in advance is strongly encouraged. Don't forget to have your insurance information ready, including prescription coverage. Stay healthy this flu season.

SELF-CARE KITS



Be prepared! Stock up on essentials in case you get sick. Suggestions include: a thermometer, cough drops, tissues, soup or broth, Gatorade, and any over-the-counter medications you would normally take at home for cough, cold, or flu symptoms.

WHEN ILLNESS MEANS MISSING CLASS



We understand that illness can sometimes mean missing class. Please note that Health Services does not provide excuses for missed classes. Students should communicate directly with their professors about missed classes and make arrangements for missed assignments or other coursework. Health Services is here to support students when possible and is available Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, with the last patient accepted at 3:30 PM. We are happy to help students manage their health and connect them with additional care when needed.



Welcome to Success & Career Advising!

As we begin a new semester, the Success & Career Advising team is excited to support your student as they settle into classes, establish routines, and work toward their academic and career goals. We're here to help students navigate questions, connect with campus resources, and make the most of their Dean experience. We look forward to partnering with students and families throughout the semester and helping each student have a successful start!



Don't Let Registration Spook You!



Pre-registration for Winter/Spring courses is right around the corner! As we approach the end of October, the Success & Career Advising team will be sharing more information about upcoming tabling opportunities to connect with your students about available courses and opportunities, set up advisor meetings to plan courses, and share resources to help students prepare for course selection and scheduling. Keep an eye out for more details as we get closer to registration!

NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH EVENTS

CELEBRATED EACH OCTOBER TO RECOGNIZE THE MANY
CONTRIBUTIONS OF PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES TO AMERICA'S WORKPLACES AND ECONOMY!

CELEBRATE VALUE & TALENT:

JOIN ACCESSIBILITY &
CAREER SERVICES AS WE KICK
OFF NDEAM 2026!

OCTOBER

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LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS 11:30AM-1 PM

OCTOBER

13

11:30AM-1 PM

WORKPLACE SUCCESS & SELF- ADVOCACY POP-UP

TIPS FOR BUILDING
CONFIDENCE AND ADVOCATE
FOR YOURSELF AT WORK.

CONCOURSE

SPEAKER SERIES #2: GET HIRED

HEAR FROM A RECRUITER PANEL
ABOUT HOW TO LAND THE
OPPORTUNITY!

OCTOBER

21

3PM-4:30PM

THE GOLDER ROOM

OCTOBER

27

11:30AM-1 PM

BUILDING SKILLS EMPLOYERS VALUE

DISCOVER CAREER-READY
SKILLS EVERY EMPLOYER
VALUES & BUILD YOURS!

CONCOURSE

DON'T GET SPOOKED BY YOUR FUTURE

CONQUER CAREER SCARIES WITH
TIPS, TRICKS
AND NETWORKING TREATS!

BERENSON CENTER

OCTOBER

30

11AM-12:30PM

Learn more
about
NDEAM here:



Celebrating National Disability Employment Awareness Month



October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) - a time to recognize the contributions of workers with disabilities and highlight the importance of inclusive, accessible workplaces. Throughout the month, Career Services will help students explore workplace self-advocacy, build confidence, identify the skills employers value, and learn about resources that can support their professional success.

So Much Is Happening in Career Services This October! October is packed with opportunities for students to prepare for their futuresâEUR"including employer events, industry exploration, career-readiness programs, networking opportunities, and practical job-search support. Encourage your student to visit myDean today for the complete schedule and information about upcoming events!



The Office of Residence Life

We are so happy to have our halls be full of life and laughter again after summer break!

Is your student looking to get connected with the Resident Assistants and Resident Directors in their area? They can check out their contact information in the lounge of the residence hall or stop by our main office in Chapman House. We are happy to connect with your student! Their RA or your RD can also help answer questions about living on campus, work out roommate issues, or chat about anything they would like!

Important Dates:

The residence halls will close on Friday, November 20th at 6:30pm for Thanksgiving Break. The halls will re-open on Sunday, November 29 at 12pm. Students requesting a later departure date/time, or those who need to stay on campus during the break must submit their request to Residence Life on eRezlife.

The residence halls will officially close for winter break on December 16 at 6:30pm. Students should reference their final exam schedules before coordinating travel plans.



Is Boomer Texting **YOU**?

Boomer has been working on updating his contact list and thinks he has all the right cell numbers for our students!

Boomer texts students approximately once a week to check-in on different aspects of their Dean experience. Please encourage your students to respond! It helps us support student needs and provide them opportunities to enhance their time here.

Students can also text Boomer 24/7 with questions--for example, what time is the library open?--and Boomer will respond with the information! So, we really want to make sure that our students are connected with Boomer to be able to ask these types of questions.

If you are getting texts from Boomer instead of your student, please email boomer@dean.edu with your student's name and correct cell phone number.



FAFSA Raffle – 2027-28 FAFSA is Open!

Filing your FAFSA just got more exciting! To encourage early filing, we're launching a Monthly FAFSA Raffle – and the earlier you file, the more chances you have to win!

How it works:

- File your 2027-2028 FAFSA before Dean's priority deadline of March 15.
- Get entered into our monthly raffle – with extra entries the earlier you file!
 - Filing in October = 6 entries
 - Filing in November = 5 entries
 - Filing in December = 4 entries
 - Filing in January = 3 entries
 - Filing in February = 2 entries
 - Filing up to March 15th – 1 entry

Prizes include:

Gift cards, Dean swag, and other student favorites – drawn every month!

 Don't wait – more entries = more chances to win.

 Some aid is available on a first come first serve basis. Earlier filing=better chance of receiving certain aid.

 Start your FAFSA today: www.studentaid.gov

Do you have questions or need help filing the FAFSA? Email us at sfp@dean.edu or call 508-541-1518 and we can set up an in-person or Teams meeting to help you through the process!

Let's make FAFSA season rewarding in more ways than one!

Spring 2027 Bills

Bills for the Spring 2027 semester will be available the first week of December on the Student Account Portal and will be due by January 5th.

If you do not have access already, your student can provide you access by logging into their Student Account Portal and clicking "Add an Authorized Party" on their home screen. You will then receive an electronic invitation to set up your very own credentials.



Spring 2027 Interest - Free Payment Plan

We have partnered with Nelnet Campus Commerce to offer affordable payment plans, so you can stress less about paying for your student's college tuition. Here are even more perks you can take advantage of when you choose a payment plan:

Easy Enrollment

Securely enroll in the right plan for your family and make tuition payments in stress-free monthly installments.

Flexible Payment Options

Make affordable monthly payments that better fit your financial needs rather than making one big payment at the start of every semester. The 6-month interest free payment plan option opens December 1st.

Stay Informed

Sign up for alerts, text messages, emails, and more, so you never miss out on important information about your student's tuition payments.

Interest-Free Payments

Split tuition up into monthly payments without worrying about added interest.

