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Members of SGA meet socially distanced September 22nd to swear a new student into office, discuss hosting Town Hall on September 30th as well as to report the growing number of clubs on campus.

In Virtual SGA

Swearing in of new official, Town Hall

by Allison Turner | News Editor | @allisonkturner

In this week's Student Government Association (SGA) meeting, one student was sworn into office and the senate announced a Town Hall meeting.

In New Business, SGA President Brandon Bowen officiated the proceedings as Senator Jones took the oath.

The student will now assume their role after being sworn in and will begin their position effective immediately.

In the President's report, Bowen announced that SGA will be hosting a Town Hall on Wednesday, September

30 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Jarman Auditorium. The event will be free and open to campus with masks and social distancing protocols in place.

In the Historian's report, Cole Pillow announced that there are currently 187 clubs on campus and more are in the process. Students can go to lancerlink.longwood.edu to read the complete list of recognized organizations on campus.

The next SGA meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6 at 3:45 p.m. on Zoom.

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Steam tunnel construction disrupts campus

by Allison Turner | News Editor | @allisonkturner

Students returned to Longwood's campus in August to a surprise: the north part of campus blocked off due to steam tunnel construction.

After a five month "break" away from campus due to the coronavirus pandemic, students were eager to return, but they were not so eager about new construction, which blocks the entrance to Brock Commons and the central part of campus.

Louise Waller, vice president of Administration and Finance, said that the goal of the construction is not to be obtrusive, but to increase productivity underground.

"The Wheeler steam tunnels are the oldest ones on campus, which means it is harder to efficiently get heat and hot water to our campus buildings," she said. "So we needed to update them before they fell apart."

Construction broke ground in late May, specifically targeting the Wheeler Mall, Stevens, Upchurch and Hiner buildings. Although the pandemic did not delay the official start date, Waller said it did affect getting the necessary supplies.

"We already had a contractor selected and things set in place at the start of the pandemic," she said. "But with the pandemic the materials we needed and how many employees we can have working at one time has been affected."

Although construction is happening frequently around campus, the steam

tunnels do not get replaced very often. Kim Bass, director of facilities, mentioned they rarely get worked on.

"It is a big expense that is not commonly seen, so sometimes it is not highly prioritized."

Both Bass and Waller said that once this project is done, they will be finished working on the underground steam tunnels for the foreseeable future. As of now, construction is projected to finish in December, but campus will start opening up as soon as October.

Waller said, "We are planning on opening up the entrance

to Brock Commons the first part of October in order to move the project west, for completion in late December, early January."

Students can expect a disruption on campus for the rest of the semester, but once they return in the spring, not only will construction be completed, but heat and hot water will be more accessible on campus.

To learn more about the construction on campus, visit longwood.edu/cdc.



Students navigate around construction performed to update the steam tunnels running throughout campus, a project that is estimated to be completed late December, early January

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H&M taps into people and polls

by Taiya Jarrett | Opinions Editor | @ItsTaySJ

Teetering upon this year's presidential election, tensions rise as the United States gears up for one of its most anticipated, yet controversial political battles. However, the first step of the battle has yet to be won, which is to motivate citizens to register to vote.

As Tuesday, September 22 is considered National Voter Registration Day, many familiar fashion brands have surfaced campaigns around this national holiday. Brands such as Levi's, Naturalizer and American Eagle, to name a few, have remained a progressive change-maker in fashion and in the realm of politics.

Following in those footsteps is a clothing brand that has recently rolled out a campaign of their own in efforts to encourage voter registration coincidentally just in time for the election cycle. In particular, the Generation Z-targeted fashion brand, H&M, has joined the pool of corporations to push their consumers to the polls.

This past week, H&M USA

put their money where their mouth is to launch a special limited-edition collection titled H&M Votes x Blanks Artist Collab, featuring the works from a variety of notable creators and artists. According to the brand's website, hm.com, they tapped into artists Baron von Fancy, Gunner Stahl, Joshua Vides, Sheila Rashid, Greg Mike, Sophia Chang and one of H&M's employees, Treyvonne Deveaux.

"The artwork pays homage to the hometowns of the artists and highlights the importance of the local communities around the country where the collaborators, customers and employees live and work."

This forward-thinking streetwear collection is now available in select H&M stores across the states and online at hm.com. Per their website, "The limited-edition capsule underlines the importance of "using your voice for change" and encourages customers to exercise their right to vote this fall."

And while the last day of voting in the 2020 presidential election is not until November

3, voter registration, absentee ballot and early voting deadlines are coming up soon in over a dozen states, including Virginia.

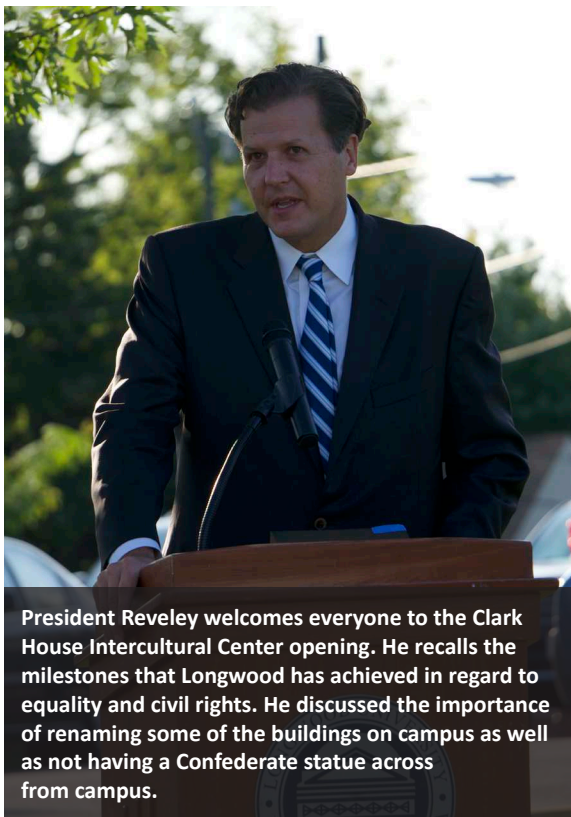
Key Dates for Virginia:

- Registration deadlines
- Online: Oct. 13
- By mail: Postmarked by Oct. 13
- In person: Oct. 13
- Absentee ballot deadlines
- Request: Oct. 23
- Return by mail: Postmarked by Nov. 3
- Return in person: Nov. 3 by 7:00 p.m.
- Early voting deadlines
Sep. 18 - Oct. 31 (dates and hours may vary depending on locality)

As the presidential election comes around, voters will trickle down who to mark, yet in order to do that certain documents will be needed. Prior to showing up to the polls, you, as the intended voter, need to assure that an acceptable form of ID is on hand, such as a Virginia driver's license, DMV-issued photo ID, birth certificate and/or other forms of self-represented documents.

Clark Intercultural Center Grand Opening

by Carrie Bailey | Photo Staff | @longwoodrotunda



President Reveley welcomes everyone to the Clark House Intercultural Center opening. He recalls the milestones that Longwood has achieved in regard to equality and civil rights. He discussed the importance of renaming some of the buildings on campus as well as not having a Confederate statue across from campus.

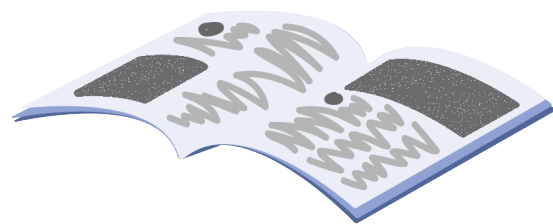


Dr. Theresa Clark recalls her time at Longwood as part of the Social Work Department and states the importance of family at Longwood. She reinforces to the current Longwood students that these four years will fly by faster than you think and to enjoy them.



(Above) Esteemed guest and Longwood University Alum of the Class of 2005, Megan Clark recalls the countless memories while living in the Clark House. She was thrilled to know that many Lancers would be gathering in the house that she grew up in for many years to come. She discussed the importance of family and how it has helped shape her into the woman she is today.





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