

# THRIVE Newsletter

## 3.3.2020 (First-Year)

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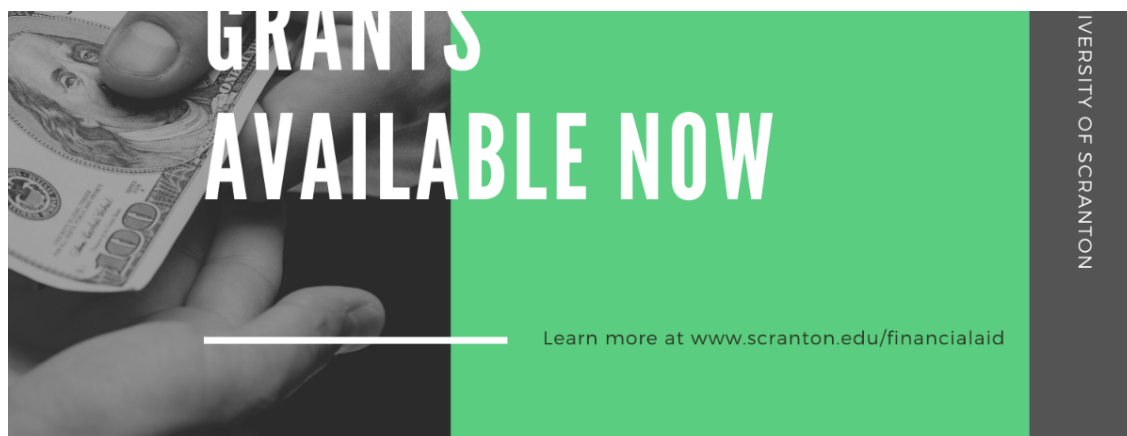
### Announcements

#### **Make Money this March - Scholarships Available Now!**

The Office of Financial Aid offers over 20 unique scholarship and grant opportunities to students for the 2020 - 2021 academic year throughout March and April.

[Review the list of available opportunities, eligibility criteria, and application information on Financial Aid's website here.](#)





If you have any questions about any of the awards, please contact the Office of Financial Aid by phone (570.941.7701) or by [email](#).

Students may also meet with a Financial Aid Counselor in St. Thomas Hall (STT) 401 during regular business hours (8:30am - 4:30pm, Monday - Friday) for more information.

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## Important Dates

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- **Last Day to Elect Audit Grade Option** (Friday, March 13)
  - Students may take a course without receiving credit for that course.
  - Audited courses do not count toward a student's degree requirements, nor do they count toward a student's GPA.
  - To be and remain eligible for this option, students must:
    - Be passing the course when they elect to audit it
    - Continue attending the course after electing the audit grade option
- **University Housing Closes for Spring Break** (Friday, March 13)
- **Spring Break** (Saturday, March 14 - Sunday, March 22)
- **University Housing Reopens after Spring Break** (Sunday, March 22)
- **Classes Resume after Spring Break** (Monday, March 23)
- **2020 - 2021 FAFSA Deadline** (Wednesday, April 15)
  - For more information and important financial aid dates, [please review the](#)

[guidelines for the 2020 - 2021 Financial Aid Process here.](#)

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## Involvement and Job Opportunities

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- **Peer Health Educator (PHE) - Due Friday, March 6 @ 4:00pm**
  - Peer Health Educators (PHEs) are nationally certified student leaders who work to create a healthier campus community.
  - PHEs design and implement campus-wide health promotion campaigns and programs on topics including alcohol and other drugs, stress management, sleep, mindfulness, and self-care.
  - For more information, please [view the application](#) or [contact the Center for Health Education and Wellness \(CHEW\)](#).
- **Event Assistant - Due Friday, April 10**
  - Event Assistants serve as front-line ambassadors who create a welcoming environment for the 5,000 guests that the University hosts each summer through various conferences and camps.
  - Compensation is based on the current work-study pay scale and will include on-campus housing (if needed) from the end of May through mid-August.
  - For more information, please [view the application](#) or [contact the Conference & Events Coordinator](#).
- **Take Back the Night (TBTN) Planning Meetings**
  - TBTN is an international event which strives to raise awareness of and end sexual and interpersonal violence.
  - Volunteers aid in the planning and execution of the three major event components: pre-rally, march, and speak-out.
  - For more information and meeting dates, please [view the event page](#) or [contact the Jane Kopas Women's Center \(JKWC\)](#).

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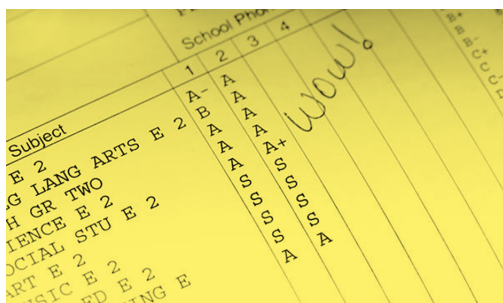
## Resource Spotlight

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## The Office of the Registrar & Academic Services

- The **Office of the Registrar and Academic Services** manages academic student records and provides students with information on academic processes.

- **Location:** O'Hara Hall (OHA)  
2nd Floor
- **Hours:** Monday - Friday,  
8:30am - 4:30pm
- **Contact:** [Email](#) |  
570.941.7721



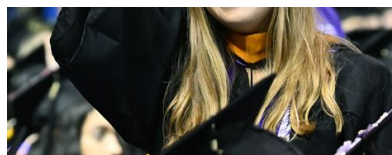
- **Expertise includes:**
  - Academic policies
  - Course registration
  - Academic transcripts
  - Graduation requirements
  - Inclement weather schedules
  - Academic calendars

*Not sure how to register for classes?  
Looking for a specific academic form? Need  
a grade report or official academic  
transcript? Want to view the current  
academic calendar? The Office of the  
Registrar and Academic Services can help!*

- [Learn how to register for classes](#)
- [View the current academic calendar](#)
- [Find important academic forms](#)



- [Learn to search for classes online](#)
- [Access current academic policies](#)



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## First-Gen Perspectives

### *First-Gen Immigrant Graduates*

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Three first-generation college graduates surprise their immigrant parents with gratitude letters and discuss both the strengths and struggles of first-gen immigrant students.

For more information on the experiences of first-generation immigrants, stop by The Social Justice Club's Immigration Simulation this **Thursday, March 5** from **5:00pm to 8:17pm** in the **DeNaples Center (TDC) Ballroom**.

This unique experience is designed to simulate the journey of many immigrants and refugees from their countries of origin to the United States and is an excellent way to learn more about the unique contributions of these individuals to our communities.

## Upcoming Events

- **THR1VE Advisory Board Meeting**

- *Help us improve the first-gen student experience at Scranton and meet fellow first-gen students and staff members!*
  - Friday, March 6
  - 3:00pm - 4:00pm
  - DeNaples Center (TDC) 213

- **Domestic Outreach DOffeehouse Fundraiser**

- *Support the Domestic Outreach (DO) Service Trips by attending this unique event, featuring talented acts from fellow Royals. Tickets are \$5 and include snacks, coffee, and one raffle ticket.*
  - Friday, March 6
  - 7:00pm - 9:00pm
  - DeNaples Center (TDC) Ballroom

- **USPB Game Night & Publicity Launch**

- *Come compete against your friends in all your favorite games, including Kan Jam, cornhole, Uno, and Jenga! There will also be giveaways and prizes for the winners throughout the night.*
  - Friday, March 6
  - 8:00pm - 10:00pm
  - Byron Recreation Complex

- **A Day in Seneca Falls, NY**

- Explore the birthplace of women's suffrage on this **FREE** bus trip sponsored by the Jane Kopas Women's Center (JKWC). Lunch and museum admission are included for all who RSVP.
  - Saturday, March 7
  - 8:00am - 6:00pm
  - Seneca Falls, NY

[Click Here for More Information](#)

- **USPB Comedy: Mandal**

- Come grab some food and enjoy a performance by Atlanta-based stand-up comedian, writer, and actor Mandal.
  - Saturday, March 7
  - 8:00pm - 10:00pm
  - DeNaples Center (TDC) 401



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