

June & July 2024 Newsletter

Student Parent Programs News and Events

- **June Lunch & Learn with Molly Aber from Head Start.** We are partnering with Community Action Pioneer Valley to present an information session on their Head Start family benefits program. This program serves expecting parents and children ages 0-5. We'll have the opportunity to hear and ask questions about prenatal support, in-home visits, and childcare programs. Lunch will be provided! [Click here to register for this event.](#)
 - **New Student Parent Programs staff!** We are excited to welcome a new staff member to SPP! Wren Juskiwicz joined SPP as our Program Assistant in May. Wren will provide administrative and programmatic support to help us better meet our student parent community's needs. You can learn more about Wren and the rest of the SPP staff [here](#).
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Other News

Key Academic Dates

- **UWW Summer 2024 – [Click here to access the UWW Academic Calendar](#)**
 - Last day to drop with "W"/ "DR" and select 'P/F' any Session One class – **Friday, June 14**
 - Session 1 Classes End – **Wednesday, July 3**
 - Last day to drop with "W"/"DR" and select 'P/F' any Session Two class – **Wednesday, July 31**
 - Session 2 Classes End – **Friday, August 16**
- **University Summer 2024**
 - Juneteenth Holiday – **Wednesday, June 19**
 - Independence Day Holiday – **Thursday, July 4**
 - Last day to drop with "W" or "DR" - **Monday, July 15**
 - Last day of classes – **Friday, August 16**
 - Final grades due by midnight – **Wednesday, August 21**
- **New America is Hiring!** [The New American – Education Policy Program](#) is hiring to support their ongoing work on issues that impact college students with kids. This position is at the policy analyst level, or senior analyst level for someone who has more experience, especially if they have experience working directly on federal policy issues that impact parenting students. [Find the job listing and apply here.](#)

- **Student Mothers Can Now Apply for a Patsy Takemoto Mink Education Support Award.** The application period for 2024-25 Education Support Awards for low-income moms is now open! Applications are due by August 1. Awardees will be notified in mid-late October. [Apply here!](#) Applicant criteria and guidelines are available at patsyminkfoundation.org.
- **[Amherst Recreation “Learn to Swim” Scholarship Application is OPEN!](#)** Amherst Recreational is offering a **Free Learn to Swim Program** for qualifying Amherst youth for Summer of 2024! Click on the above link to apply for the **free lesson scholarships**. For more information about swim lessons at Amherst Recreation, [see their website, here](#).

Campus Resource Highlights

- **Positivity and Relaxation Training (PART).** PART is a 1-credit course being offered in Fall 2024. The course will begin the week of 09/16/2024, over 9-sessions with varying starting times. PART teaches participants a variety of mind-body practices and self-care interventions. See the attached flyer for more information.
- **Summer 2024 Dining Hours.** [Click here](#) to see the hours of operation for the various dining venues on campus.

Community Resource Highlights

Healthy Incentives Program (HIP)

When you use your EBT/SNAP card to purchase fruits and vegetables from [HIP participating farm vendors](#) (like farmer’s markets), the dollar amount of your purchase will be instantly added back to your SNAP balance *up to a monthly cap based on your household size. No signup required! [Click here for more information on HIP](#).

Summer Eats

[Summer Eats](#) is a free-of-charge program that provides free meals to all kids and teens, ages 18 and under, at locations across Massachusetts during the summer months.

Tick and Lyme Disease Prevention

As the weather gets warm and we gear up for outdoor activities, reducing exposure to ticks is the best defense against Lyme disease and other tickborne infections. Click [here](#) for several steps recommended by the CDC to prevent and control Lyme disease, and more.

Family Friendly Activities

- **Amherst Area Parks and Outdoor Swimming Pools**
 - [Norwottuck Rail Trail](#) (Northampton)
 - [Lake Wyola State Park](#) (Shutesbury)
 - [Mount Sugarloaf State Reservation](#) (South Deerfield)
 - [Amherst Public Outdoor Pools](#)
 - [Green River Swimming and Recreation Area](#) (Greenfield)
 - [Look Park](#) (Florence)
 - [All Trails](#): search trail guides & maps for hiking, camping, biking, fishing, and more!

- **June is strawberry season! Take your kiddos to these local 'pick-your-own' farms:**
 - [Simple Gifts Farm](#) (Amherst)
 - [Warner Farm](#) (Sunderland)
 - [Upinngil Farm](#) (Gill)

- **Farmers Market and Farm Stands (usually open on Saturdays)**
 - [Amherst Farmers' Market](#) (Amherst, MA)
 - [Greenfield Farmers' Market](#) (Greenfield, MA)
 - [Grow Food Northampton Farmers Markets](#) (Downtown Northampton, MA)
*Tuesdays, 1:30 - 6:30 pm
 - [Farmers Market at Forest Park](#) (Springfield, MA)
 - [Great Barrington Farmers Market](#) (Great Barrington, MA)
 - [Outlook Farm Barn & Eatery](#) (Westhampton, MA)
 - [Farmer's Market of Keene](#) (Keene, NH)
 - [Brattleboro Outdoor/Summer Farmer's Market](#) (Brattleboro, VT)

If you do not live near the university and would like information about family resources in your area, please reach out, and we will do our best to help connect you to resources in your community.

Don't hesitate to reach out if you need support or have questions.

We're here for you!

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