



FISK UNIVERSITY BEST PRACTICES

TOPICS DISCUSSED IN THIS ISSUE

SAFE AND HEALTHY
ENVIRONMENTS

PROVIDING SUPPORT
FOR STUDENTS, STAFF
AND FACULTY

TARGET AUDIENCE:

POSTSECONDARY

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Fisk University is a Historically Black College and University located in Nashville, TN. We service both undergraduate and graduate students. In keeping the promise to remain efficient, we asked students what they needed and above all, how they wanted the campus to open under CDC guidelines. The University kept a vigilant monitoring in place and the campus operated under these guidelines.

SUPPORTING THE REOPENING AND CONTINUING OPERATION AT FISK UNIVERSITY



COVID-19 Effective Practices

Fisk University continues to take proactive steps to protect the campus environment. It is the goal of the University during any outbreak to operate effectively and ensure that all essential services are continuously provided and that everyone is safe within the campus community.

In the fall of 2020, the university opened in a hybrid model. Freshman resided on campus for the first 7 weeks, while upperclassmen attended remotely. After the first 7 weeks the university took a week to clean and sanitize the campus before the upperclassman arrived for the second 7 weeks and freshman attended remotely. This hybrid plan was successful in limiting the number of positive COVID cases on campus to eight (8) for the entire 14-week semester.

Spring '21 the university continued with its hybrid model but allowed all student classes to return for a 16-week semester. Continuing with our proactive steps to protect the campus the number of positive student cases has been limited to five (5).

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BEST PRACTICES

Please reference the links below:



[FISK UNIVERSITY
REOPENING PLAN](#)

[FISK STUDENTS HUB](#)

[FISK FACULTY /STAFF
HUB](#)

[STUDENT EMERGENCY
FUND](#)

[FISK UNIVERSITY FOOD
PANTRY](#)

[FISK PARTNERING WITH
KROGERS](#)

[MLK DAY OF SERVICE](#)





OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Due to the Worldwide Pandemic, the Division of Student Affairs as a collective still made it our top priority to engage the students. We were able to quickly adjust and still hold our top events virtually. Within this report you will find detailed descriptions of our various top events held over this past year, that fall within the guidelines of our COVID best practices. On top of the events that come out of our office, it has been mandated that each event organized by our Student Organizations must be virtual. No in person events were allowed to be held on campus.

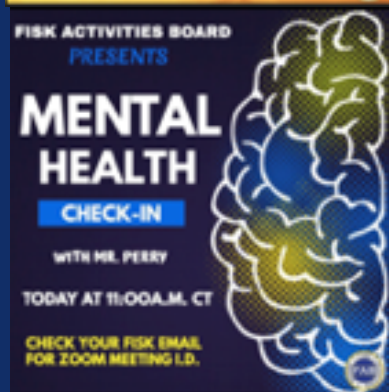


WEEK OF VIRTUAL EVENTS

Within the transition of March to April 2020, we held a week of virtual events. This week served as a trial run for new uses of technology, and got our students acquainted with the virtual events.

On Challenge Day we incorporated social media platforms such as Instagram and Tik Tok. With the rave of social media challenges sweeping the nation, we challenged students to create a variety of Tik Tok Challenge videos and post them on Instagram and tag our activities board @fiskactivitiesboard for a chance to win Fisk Swag.

The University also made the decision to send our students back home in the middle of our Student Elections Week. With literally two events left in the week, The Miss Fisk Forum and Miss Fisk Pageant, we quickly reacted and made these two events virtual using the platforms, Zoom and Instagram Live.





SEC WEEK 2021



Each Night Will Begin At 8pm ct

All Class Positions Tuesday, March 23rd
SCA Positions Wednesday, March 24th
Mr. & Miss Fisk Forum Thursday, March 25th

SEC Week 2021 has been a week of completely virtual events. There are 5 events within this week that are thrown by the Student Elections Committee. That is the Kickoff, all Speech and Debate Nights (3 nights), and the Mr. and Miss Fisk Pageant. We had 15 candidates all running for different positions, they were instructed to keep all events virtual. Two of our events, The SEC Kickoff, and The Pageant were both live-streamed on YouTube. Our Speech and Debate Nights were all done on Zoom. Candidates gave their speeches, the SEC had a few questions for each candidate to answer, and finally, we opened up the floor for our audience to ask questions.

**PLEASE CLICK THE LINK TO
WATCH OUR VIDEO:
2021 SEC KICK OFF VIDEO**



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WELCOME WEEK 2020

THU. JUL. 30 MOVE-IN DAY 9AM-5PM MEET YOUR OL 7PM-8PM FRI. JUL. 31 FISK HISTORY 7PM-8PM SAT. AUG. 1 FAMILY MEETING 7PM-8PM THE HOUSE PARTY VIRTUAL DJ SESSION 8PM-10PM SUN. AUG. 2 FAMILY MEETING 7PM-8PM MON. AUG. 3 FIRST DAY OF CLASS	FISK UNIVERSITY WELCOME BACK WEEK FOLLOW US AT: @FISKACTIVITIESBOARD	ALMA MATER DAY 6PM-7:30PM FAMILY MEETING 8PM-9PM TUE. AUG. 4 SPECIAL ELECTIONS INFORMATIONAL 6PM FAMILY MEETING 7PM-8PM WED. AUG. 5 AUX CORD WARS 5PM-6PM FAMILY MEETING 7PM-8PM THU. AUG. 6 FAMILY MEETING 7PM-8PM FRI. AUG. 7 FAMILY MEETING 7PM-8PM
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Welcome Week is always an exciting time for the University. This week is very special for the Freshmen and their onboarding process. We did make this week completely virtual through the use of Social Media platforms and Zoom. Students were able to bond with one another through our Family Meeting Sessions, Meeting with their Orientation Leaders, and social events such as the Aux Cord Wars and The Virtual DJ Session.

HOMECOMING 2020

Continuing our use of Social Media platforms and Zoom, we were able to still provide a Homecoming to our students. The Homecoming Coronation and Ball is where we began to use a production team of videographers to provide an exciting experience to our students, friends of the University, and Alumni.

We also held virtual parties and Homecoming Concerts on YouTube.

Please click the links below:

[Fisk University Virtual Homecoming 2020 -](#)

[Party on the Yard, Encore Presentation](#)

[Fisk University Virtual Homecoming 2020 -](#)

[Homecoming Concert, Encore Presentation](#)

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WHAT DO YOU WISH YOU ABOUT HOMECOMING?	ROYAL COURT SOCIAL HOUR	Fisk University HOMECOMING DEB-OUT	Fisk University 2020-21 Homecoming CORONATION	SOMETHING VIRTUAL TAILGATE

#FiskHomecoming2020

THE GENERAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF FISK UNIVERSITY INC. PRESENTS
FISK VIRTUAL HOMECOMING 2020
 PART I: PARTY ON THE YARD
 PART II: FISK FISK FISK
 HOMECOMING CONCERT
 Join us for a special encore presentation of
 PARTY ON THE YARD
 Sunday, November 14, 2020 at 1:00 CST

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HOMECOMING CONCERT
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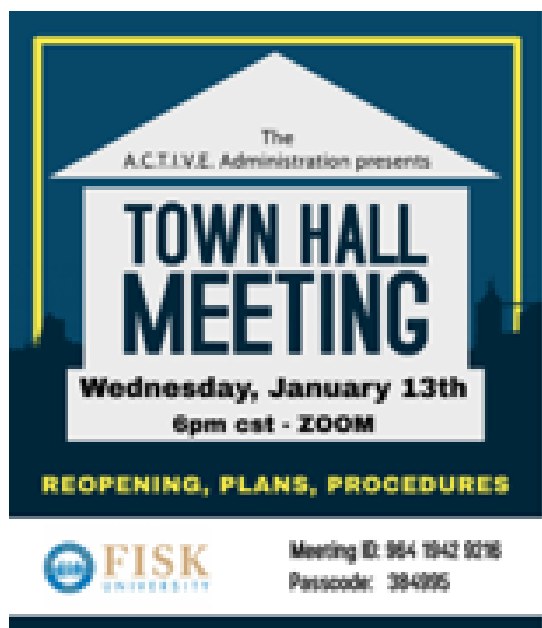
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TOWN HALL MEETINGS



Town Hall meetings are still held on a regular basis. Zoom has played an instrumental part in allowing us to hear the concerns from the students as well as communicate information in a virtual setting.

WELCOME BACK WEEK

Upon arrival of our students at the beginning of the Spring Semester 2021, each student went through a mandatory 14-day quarantine. While the students went through quarantine, we still provided activities and programming. On top of the programming that was held, we provided the students with a Quarantine Activity List. This list gave our students a bunch of ideas and suggestions that they could do while practicing social distancing.



FISK UNIVERSITY EMERGENCY FUND



SUPPORT FOR OUR STUDENTS

Fisk University strives to support students who are managing demanding academic requirements while struggling with unanticipated or emergency financial situations. The Fisk University Student Emergency Fund was established to provide limited, short-term, emergency financial assistance to currently enrolled students.

WE UNDERSTAND

The Fisk Student Emergency Fund exists to assist scholars that are unable to meet essential expenses due to a temporary or unexpected hardship. Since March, the student emergency fund has supported more than 60 students. If you are in need, please click on the following links for more information:

- [Fisk Student Emergency Fund Webpage](#)
- [Fisk Student Emergency Fund Application](#)
- [Project Success Emergency Aid Application](#)





UNIVERSITY FOCUSES

L.E.A.D./SSS PROGRAM

Leadership Enrichment and Academic Development Program (LEAD) is a Student Support Services (SSS) initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Trio Programs.

WHAT DOES THIS PROGRAM DO?

The LEAD Program provides personal, career, and academic counseling, tutorial services, academic skills enrichment, workshops, and cultural activities to qualified students.

LEAD/SSS TARGET AUDIENCE

Targeted to first-generation, economically challenged, and/or differently-abled students, LEAD is funded to serve 200 students each year.



Students who are enrolled in the Program are provided services throughout their enrollment at Fisk University. The LEAD Program's professional staff, tutors and peer mentors enable students to:

- increase retention and graduation rates of participants
- achieve academic success
- receive additional assistance with difficult courses
- explore career and graduate school options
- meet the University's requirements for their degree choice

UPCOMING EVENTS 2021

FEB 4TH @12P FAFSA WORKSHOP
Join Via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4839668796>

@5:30P FINANCIAL LITERACY **FEB 24**
Join Via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4839668796>

MAR 10 @4P INTERVIEWING SKILLS
Join Via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4839668796>

@6p Professional Panel **APR 15**
Join Via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4839668796>

APR 27 @12P SCHOLARSHIP WRITING TIPS
Join Via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4839668796>



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UNIVERSITY FOCUSES continued

L.E.A.D/SSS PROGRAM



What LEAD has to offer:

**2021-2022
LEAD/SSS
AMBASSADOR
PROGRAM**

**FREE TUTORING
THROUGH THE
L.E.A.D
PROGRAM**

**INTENTIONAL
PROGRAMMING**

L.E.A.D AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

In fulfilling its mission statement, the LEAD/SSS Ambassador Program encourages the active participation of its students in helping to achieve the program's goal of increasing retention and graduation rates of first-generation students, low-income students and students with disabilities. The purpose of the LEAD/SSS Ambassador Program is to provide a select number of LEAD/ students with experience in leadership, mentoring, event planning, project management, group facilitation, and professionalism while making a positive impact on other program participants.

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**PLEASE REACH OUT IF YOU HAVE ANY
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