Welcome Panther

Freshman Class Move-In and New Student Orientation Information
CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY
DIVISION OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES

STEPS TO SECURE TRANSPORTATION

GO TO MyClaflin
1. Log in with your user id and pin
2. Click the Student tab
3. Click Business Office
4. Click Make an On-line Payment

Transportation: Airport, Train or Bus Station
Transportation cost vary according to your destination

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Email
A copy of your transportation receipt or payment and your travel itinerary to Mr. Ernest Nimmons at enimmons@claflin.edu

For more information, please contact:
Mr. Ernest Nimmons, Transportation Operator Manager I
803-535-5496
Dear New Claflin University Panther:

It’s time to prepare for your arrival as a member of the class of 2025! As a new member of the Claflin University Family, you are required to attend New Student Orientation scheduled for August 7 – August 11, 2021. In this packet you will find all of the information you need to prepare for your entry onto the campus.

What is New Student Orientation?

New Student Orientation is designed to introduce all new students and transfers with fewer than 30 transfer credits to the University community. You will learn about Claflin University’s academic programs, meet faculty members, learn about all of our support services, and make new friends with other incoming students.

The Mission: The mission of New Student Orientation is to promote academic success.

The Purpose: The purpose of the New Student Orientation program at Claflin University is to instill in students a sense of belonging and an ownership of their academic success by:

• Creating a welcoming environment that builds a sense of community among the incoming class and connects them to faculty, staff and other students;
• Providing information and resources that will allow students to make informed and appropriate academic plans and healthy social choices;
• Providing a framework for the development of Claflin Confidence through the communication of our guiding principles, expectations, norms, standards and traditions.

The goals and objectives of New Student Orientation are to:

• Introduce students to college services which will support their educational and personal goals (ex. library, information technology, and academic and student services departments).
• Introduce students to the history and culture of Claflin University.
• Facilitate initial academic advisement, course selection, and registration.
• Familiarize students with the campus environment and physical facilities.
• Create an atmosphere that minimizes anxiety, promotes positive attitudes, and stimulates an excitement for learning.
• Provide a welcoming atmosphere for students and families to meet faculty, staff, and continuing students, as well as other new students.
• Provide the families of new students comprehensive information about academic and student service resources and programs.
• Provide employment, leadership, and learning opportunities for continuing students as orientation leaders, through selection, training, and supervision.
• Familiarize students with the various components of campus-related technology (e.g. MyClaflin, Moodle, etc.)
As a result of participating in the New Student Orientation program:

- Students will become acquainted with University services that will support their educational and personal goals.
- Students will understand the purpose of academic advisement and course selection.
- Students will become familiar with the campus environment.
- Students will feel confident and excited about their decision to attend Claflin University.
- Students and families will be familiar with faculty, staff, and students on campus.
- Students will be able to utilize the campus technology for the submission and retrieval of academic, financial, registration, and other information.
- Families will gain comprehensive information on campus resources available to them and their student(s).
- Student leaders will gain valuable leadership experience at the college level.

Orientation Arrival Instructions

All students are expected to have satisfied all financial responsibilities by August 1, 2021.

New Student Orientation “Check In” will take place on Saturday, August 7, 2021, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Residential Students

MOVE-IN DAY INFORMATION

New & Transfer Students

The Office of Residential Life & Housing will send specific information regarding the move-in time to your email. Appointments for Move-In will occur between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm. All students are required to take a Rapid Antigen Covid test upon arrival to campus.
Orientation Instructions for ALL Students

Wear your new student orientation name badge and keep your Claflin ID card with you at all times.

• All new students are required to wear their name badge during new student orientation.

• All Claflin University students are issued Claflin University Identification cards. Identification cards serve as keys to the residence halls, debit cards for meal plans, and are used to gain access to the campus.

• If you did not submit a picture for your identification card via MyClaflin or Pantherid@claflin.edu, you will be required to take a picture at a scheduled time during New Student Orientation. However, we ask that you submit your photo prior to arrival by following the instructions found at www.claflin.edu/cu25

• Students will receive their identification cards once they have completed financial and academic clearance as determined by the business office.

PLEASE REVIEW YOUR PACKET FOR THE FULL ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

New students are required to attend all events and activities

ONCE CHECKED IN, YOU SHOULD SPEND THE DAY

• Getting your room set up
• Getting to know your roommate
• Getting any supplies that you need
• Getting to know your Resident Manager
• Getting to know your Resident Assistants
• Asking questions of:
  - Residential Life staff
  - Freshman College staff
  - Staff and faculty working to assist
  - Student Leaders
  - Anyone wearing an Orientation shirt
• Reading through the New Student Orientation Schedule
• Purchasing books
• Getting your Identification Card
Meet The Teams
Freshman College Contacts

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- Elementary Education
- Middle Level Education
- Undeclared

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- African & African American Studies
- Art Education
- Digital Design
- English
- English Education
- History
- Human Performance & Recreation
- Mass Communications
- Music (Audition Required)
- Music Education (Audition)
- Philosophy & Religion
- Spanish
- Sport Management
- Studio Art

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- Biology
- Biochemistry
- Bioinformatics
- Biotechnology
- Chemistry
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Environmental Science
- Management Information Science
- Mathematics
- Mathematics Education

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- BS – MS (Public Health)
- BS – PharmD (Pharmacy)
- 3+2 Applied Math (Engineering)

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- Business Administration
- Business Administration – Accounting
- Business Administration – Finance
- Management
- Marketing
- Criminal Justice
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
### Meet The Teams

#### Freshman College Contacts

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| **Residential Life & Housing**  | Email: dbeckford@claflin.edu  
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Ms. Luvette Haigler, Asst. Director  
Web Address: [https://www.claflin.edu/student-life/life-on-campus/housing](https://www.claflin.edu/student-life/life-on-campus/housing) |
| **Student Accounts**            | Email: Studentaccounts@claflin.edu  
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Ms. Shanika Williams, Student Accounts Supervisor  
Web address: [https://www.claflin.edu/about/offices-services/fiscal-affairs/student-accounts](https://www.claflin.edu/about/offices-services/fiscal-affairs/student-accounts) |
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Office Phone: (803) 535-5269  
Office Location: Laymen Hall |
Things You Need To Know

1. Employment Opportunities

- By law, international students are not allowed to work outside of the campus.
- Campus jobs are available, but they are limited and are usually allocated on a first come, first served basis. Arriving here on time and inquiring about jobs early can benefit you.

2. Campus Attire

**Business attire is required for all Assemblies, Lyceum and Convocations**

- **What is business attire?**
  Traditional workplace attire demonstrates a high level professional appearance and maturity. A professional appearance and attitude along with good manners and poise are an effective combination for success in college and the workplace.

- **Why are students required to own business attire?**
  Consistent with Claflin University’s Guiding Principle to offer excellent customer service and demonstrate professional appearance at all times, we ask that you represent yourself in attitude and attire in the most respected and professional manner when attending formal university functions such as assembly, lyceum events and convocations.

- **How does business attire differ among men and women?**

  **WOMEN**
  - Pant or dress suit (navy, black or dark gray)
  - Skirt length (no more than 2” above knee)
  - Coordinated blouse (conservative)
  - Neutral pantyhose
  - Moderate shoes. No stilettos.

  **MEN**
  - Suit (dark solid color)
  - Long-sleeve shirt (white or blue)
  - Tie (conservative)
  - Belt (should match your shoes)
  - Dark socks
  - Conservative leather shoes
Professional Clothing Options and Suggestions
• Is business attire expensive to purchase?

No. First, check your closet. You may already own a nice pair of slacks or a shirt/blouse. You can find all of the essentials at reasonable prices. Many of the discount stores offer a line of professional clothing. You do not need to buy many pieces, only key items such as a pair of slacks, shirts/blouses and skirts that can be combined and interchanged to extend your wardrobe.

• What happens if a student is not appropriately dressed for Assembly, Lyceum or Convocation?

Sneakers, jeans, hats or any other improper attire will result in being turned away from Assembly, Lyceum or Convocation and will count as an absence.

3. Bringing Computers to Campus

While there are several student computer labs available on campus, many students find it invaluable to have a personal computer in their residence hall room. Students who own a computer are more likely to learn how to use it and feel more comfortable working with them. Moreover, students with computers are not forced to compete for computer time during high usage periods, such as finals and semester project due dates. The convenience of having a computer in the room adds to study time and helps the student to stay current with course work.

It is recommended that the computer be able to effectively run Windows 10 or the latest version of Windows. The computer should be capable of running software which is compatible with software installed in the labs. Microsoft Office 2016 is the minimum version currently installed in the labs and the best method of obtaining it is through your Office 365 account provided to you through the University. Running the same version in the residence hall room as in the lab increases productivity and reduces incompatibility problems.

The minimum recommended configuration:

• 250 GB of hard disk space
• 4 GB of memory (more is better!)
• Intel Core i5 Processor or better (Faster is better!)
• USB 2.0 or 3.0 ports
• MS Office 2013/2016
• Anti-Virus software with Subscription to updates
• Personal printer (great for when print demand is high in labs)
• Ethernet Port (Modems are not supported)
• Ethernet patch cable to attach your computer to the wall jack, minimum of 6 feet
• Wireless 802.11
• 15” LCD monitor (laptop), 20” LCD monitor (desktop)
• Windows 10 or latest version
• Surge Suppressor power strip designed for computer equipment
• Preparing your Computer to bring on Campus

Several things should be considered before bringing your computer on campus.

• Make backups of your computer or, at a minimum, all files.
• Bring all system restore disks and software in case you need to reload the software.
• Bring original invoices for hardware and software in case you need to prove warranty claims.
• Locate an authorized repair center for your brand of computer in our area.
• Check your homeowner’s or renter’s insurance policy to determine if it covers computers kept on campus.
• Label all pieces of the computer with your name, including your printer, CD’s, flash drives, etc.
• Be sure your computer has an Ethernet connection (Network port) or a wireless card.
• Install all of the software you are going to use before you come to Claflin University.

Other than Office 365 which is self-installed, the University will not install or provide software for student owned computers.

CHECK YOUR CLAFLIN EMAIL DAILY

Your Claflin University email account is the official email address used for university related correspondence. If you have not already done so, please follow the steps below to access your Claflin Outlook 365 account.

Step One: Go to www.claflin.edu.
Step Two: Click Menu located at the top right of the screen
Step Three: Click Tools & Resources
Step Four: Click Office 365
Step Five: Type the Claflin email address and password supplied by IT
Step Six: Click Sign in

Still need assistance? Please email helpdesk@claflin.edu, call (803) 535-5767 or visit the self-help page at https://claflin.edusupportcenter.com. You can also learn more about the services from Information Technology by visiting https://www.claflin.edu/it.

Once on campus, Connect to the Campus Network

Connecting to the Campus Network to access the campus network, you will need to connect to either the CU-GUEST or CU-PANTHER wireless network. Directions on how to connect to either network is available on the information technology webpage (http://www.claflin.edu/about/offices-services/information-technology/wireless). The CU-PANTHER is a secure connection that requires your network credentials to access it. CU-GUEST is an open network connection and does not require credentials for access. CU-GUEST only provides access to the public Internet and no access to the on-campus network resources.
Office 365

Office 365 is a subscription service offered by the university to all current students. Office 365 offers cloud-based access to Microsoft Office programs such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, OneDrive and more. In addition to cloud-based services, Microsoft Office Pro 2016 is provided to current Claflin students via Office 365 that students can install on their personal devices. Once installed on your devices, it is yours to keep.

Each student has access to install Office Pro with the following limits per account:
- a. 5 copies for Desktops and Laptops
- b. 5 copies for Tablets
- c. 5 copies for Mobile Phones
- d. That’s a total of 15 copies!

One of the best features of Office 365 is OneDrive, which allows users to store files and access them from anywhere. Each student gets 1TB of OneDrive space. That’s a lot of space! That removes the need to e-mail your work to yourself or the need to keep up with a flash drive or portable hard drive. Please take advantage of this wonderful feature.

• Computer Repair

Due to liability reasons, the IT Department does not repair or load software onto personal computers. For this reason, it is a good idea to obtain warranty when buying a computer. By having warranty on your computer, you can contact the manufacturer for technical support or send it in for repair. You can visit the IT Department for help with minor technical issues and for guidance on steps that you may need to take to repair your computer. If you do not have a warranty on your computer, you will need to locate a computer repair center that can assist you. For this reason, it is a good idea to have all of the original software that came with your computer.
Claflin University Department of Public Safety
Parking plan for Freshmen Move-In Day
For August 7, 2021

SRC South and Asbury Hall unloading zones
Students assigned to SRC South will enter the campus from the Goff Ave entrance by driving from the
gym through Millwood Ave and turning right onto Goff Ave. The student will then turn left and enter the
rear gates of the campus. There will be an officer to direct the student to the unloading areas for their
belongings on the side walk in front of SRC South and behind Asbury Hall. Make sure someone stays
with your belongings when you move your vehicle.

Kleist Hall
The students of Kleist Hall should enter the campus through the front Magnolia Street entrance.
The students of Kleist Hall will then make the first right turn, circle the median and then be allowed to
unload their belongings in Kleist Circle on the sidewalk and then have their vehicle moved to lot #1.
These parking lots have posted signs indicating the lot number. Please have someone to stay with
your belongings while your vehicle is being moved.

Corson Hall and Dunton Hall
Students assigned to Corson and Dunton Hall should enter the campus through the front Magnolia
Street entrance and may park in front of Corson Hall to unload their belongings before moving their
vehicles to parking lot #11. (parking lot on Goff Ave) or parking lot #10 (Jonas T. Kennedy Health and
Education Center parking lot). Please have someone to stay with the students’ belongings while your
vehicle is being moved.

High Rise Residence Hall
Students assigned to High Rise Residence Hall may park behind High Rise Residence Hall to unload
their belongings. Please have someone to stay with the students' belongings while your vehicle is
being moved to parking lot #10 (Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Complex). Once the
belongings are unloaded they may enter the building through either the bottom level or top entrance.

Note: Do not park and leave vehicles unattended on Goff Ave. Citations may be issued.

What are some of the Orientation Activities?

- Orientation Mini Class
- Community Building Activities
- Community Service Information
- Campus Tours
- Movie Nights
- Campus Resource Sessions
Did you submit your picture for the Panther ID?

PHOTOGRAPH REQUIREMENTS

• Photograph must be in color, focused and taken in good light—no dark or shadowed photos
• Use a solid white background, without designs or patterns
• Photograph must show a full face, front view. No profiles
• No filters permitted

UPLOAD TO MYCLAFLIN PORTAL

• Make sure top of head is not cut off and is clearly visible
• Photograph is of student only (no friends, family, animals)
• If you are unable to submit your photo through the portal please email PantherID@claflin.edu. All students are required to submit a photograph.
• I.D. card will be available at move-in time or mailed to student’s home address.

UPLOAD A PROFESSIONAL PHOTO FOR YOUR STUDENT ID CARD

Photograph Requirements - Claflin

PHOTOGRAPH REQUIREMENTS. Photograph must be in color, focused and taken in good light—no dark or shadowed photos. Use a solid white background, without designs or patterns. www.claflin.edu
COVID-19 Protocols

Face coverings (masks) are mandatory at all times in the classroom and other places throughout the campus for students and employees.

Claflin Family: Please upload a copy of your COVID-19 vaccination verification card. Let’s achieve herd immunity!

Unvaccinated students will be required to submit a negative COVID-19 test from their homesite 10 days prior to their return to the University in August.

Unvaccinated students will be required to test at least twice per month by the University's outsource testing services.

Unvaccinated students and employees will have access to the University's outsource testing and vaccination services.

Students will be administered a RAPID ANTIGEN TEST prior to admission to campus on Registration (Move-In) date in August.

We will follow all CDC guidelines on social distancing, sanitizing, and face covering to make the campus a safe living and learning environment.
NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST

Before the excitement of Student Orientation, please take the following steps to ensure your successful transition as a student at Claflin University. This checklist will assist you in the orientation process and help avoid time-consuming delays.

To ensure that your Orientation visit goes smoothly, please read the following instructions and visit www.claflin.edu/cu25. If you have further questions, please contact members of the Freshman College.

Step 1: Complete the Financial Aid Process

You should have completed your 2020-2021 Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by now. If you have not done so already, you MUST complete the FAFSA immediately in order to be considered for financial assistance. Many scholarships require the completion of the FAFSA in order to qualify, so please ensure that this step is completed. The application can be found at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Claflin’s school code is: 003424. Electronic Signatures are required for this process. To obtain your PIN and the PIN for a parent, visit www.pin.ed.gov.

Claflin University offers Federal Stafford and Plus Loans funded by the Federal Direct Loan Program. You may apply for these Federal loans at www.studentloans.gov. If you have completed your FAFSA, but have not received an award letter from the Financial Aid office, it could be that there are documents needed from you and/or your parents to complete the process. Please contact the Financial Aid office immediately at (803) 535-5334 to find out what additional documents are needed. The Financial Aid office is located on the 1st floor of Corson Hall.

If, on the day of your arrival, you have not received your financial aid award, please bring copies of the student and parent Federal 2019 IRS tax transcript(s) and /or proof of income/ 2019 untaxed income benefits, and verification worksheet.

It is extremely important that you maintain records of all documents and correspondence related to your financial aid. Please make and keep copies of all documents and correspondence related to your financial aid. This is extremely important. Submit requested documents to finaiddocs@claflin.edu.

Step 2: Student Accounts

Students are expected to have satisfied all financial responsibilities by August 1st. Payments due Dates: Enrollment Fees ($60.00 Orientation Fee and $60.00 Room Deposit) are due on or before August 1, 2021. If you have any questions about your financial aid status, please contact Financial Aid at (803) 535-5334 or email finaid@claflin.edu. Please contact (803) 535-5131 or email studentaccounts@claflin.edu, if you have questions about your account balance or need to speak with someone in Student Accounts.

There are several methods of payments accepted at Claflin

• Make a online payment via MyClaflin
• Cashier’s/Certified Check
• Credit Card (Discover, Master Card, Visa)
• Debit Card with Master Card or Visa Logo
• Note: Claflin will not accept personal checks.
Step 3: Student Health Services

All full-time students must submit a **completed health form** to the Office of Student Health Services. If possible, please complete the Student Health Form and submit it prior to your arrival for New Student Orientation. If you are unable to submit it prior to your arrival, you MUST bring it with you. **Students will not be permitted to move into the residence halls without a completed health form on file in the Office of Student Health Services.** The health evaluation and required immunization/screening section of the form must be completed and signed by a health care provider.

All original forms must be mailed directly to the Office of Student Health Services. **Do not mail health forms to other departments. Faxed copies will be accepted.** Students are advised to keep a copy of the health form for their records. Students bringing the health form with them to campus must bring all original forms to the Office of Student Health Services. If you have any questions concerning the health form, contact the Office of Student Health Services.

**Claflin University**  
**Student Health Services**  
**400 Magnolia Street**  
**Orangeburg, SC 29115**  
**(803) 535-5328 Fax: (803) 268-1123**

**Pfizer and Moderna vaccines** are available at the Claflin University Health Center on Tuesdays from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Vaccine appointments are free and open to the public. You must call to set up an appointment.

To make an appointment, please call (803) 535-5328 or (803) 535-5487

As we are looking forward to the future of building our own “herd immunity” on campus and preparing for the Fall Semester, I am asking that all Faculty, Staff, and Students continue to upload their COVID-19 test results. This is mandatory for all students on campus.

All information is confidential.
Claflin University Vaccination Clinic

Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are available at the Claflin University Health Center on Tuesdays from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Vaccine appointments are free and open to the public. You must call to set up an appointment.

To make an appointment, please call (803) 535-5328 or (803) 535-5487

Please use the Student Link and QR code here to upload a copy of your vaccination record and COVID test results, please.
ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS
Scholarship money is now available

Residence Hall Scholarship
You will receive a $1,000 scholarship ($500 per semester) for residing on campus during the 2021-22 academic year. These funds will be applied to your Claflin University Financial Aid Award Letter before the start of each semester.

COVID-19 Vaccination Scholarship
You will receive a $500 scholarship by showing proof of your COVID-19 vaccination. Click here to upload a copy of your CDC vaccination card. After verification, these funds will be applied to your Claflin University Financial Aid Award Letter.

Note: These scholarships are institutional funds. You will not receive a refund from these scholarships.
Step 4: Residential Life (Housing)

In order to apply for campus housing, a housing application and payment of $120 enrollment fee are required. If you have any questions concerning the application, contact the Office of Residential Life.

Residential Life
(803) 535-5301

Important: You will not be permitted to move into a residence hall during Orientation Week unless you have satisfied your financial responsibilities and submitted a completed health form. Students will be allowed to move into the residence halls beginning at 8:00 a.m. on August 6 & 7, 2021. Move-in information will be provided by the office of Residential Life. If you have not received a room assignment and have paid your enrollment fee, please contact the Office of Residence Life (803) 535-5301.

Step 5: Plan carefully what to bring

Useful Items to Bring:
- Blankets
- Throw rugs
- Towels
- Clothes hangers
- Sewing kit and scissors
- Trash can
- Mop and bucket
- Broom and dust pan
- Linens and bedspread for single bed (36 x 80)
- Cleaning supplies
- Mattress cover
- Pillow and pillow cover
- Curtains for windows
- Alarm clock
- Clothes rack
- Iron and ironing board (Table Top)
- Laundry bag and/or basket
- Shower cap and shower shoes
- Young ladies MUST bring a professional dress with neutral or white hose, or professional suit, blouse and professional dress shoes
- Young men MUST bring navy, black or dark grey suits, coordinating tie and dress shoes

The following items ARE NOT ALLOWED:
- Hot Plates
- Electric Heaters
- Crock Pots
Step 6: Public Safety

Vehicles on Campus

• FRESHMEN WHO LIVE ON CAMPUS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO HAVE VEHICLES ON CAMPUS!
  - Consideration maybe given to students who have military or work obligations as approved by Dr. Leroy Durant, Vice President of Student Development & Services.

• Commuter students must register any motor vehicle that they park or drive on University property with the Department of Public Safety and purchase a decal. The Public Safety office is located beneath the High Rise Residential Hall.

• Department of Public Safety, Lower Level of High Rise • (803) 535-5444

• All students are asked to avoid unnecessary fines and possible code of conduct violations by respecting and following all parking and traffic rules.

Message from the Department of Public Safety

On behalf of the men and women of the Department of Public Safety we welcome the Class of 2025 to Claflin University’s Panther Nation. It is our pledge that we will help you successfully advance through the next four years of your academic career by providing you with a safe and secure campus community where you can live, learn, and have fun. We wish each of you much success as you begin your new journey.

Best regards,
Director, Melvin Williams, MCJ
Executive Director of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
Panther Alerts
Get Connected to Regroup.com for important University Emergency Notifications

Regroup, known at Claflin University as “Panther Alert,” is our mass notification system that enables University students, faculty, and staff to receive alerts and updates as text messages on cell phones, through email, and voicemail.

Update or create your Panther Alert account today!

To create/update your account, please follow the directions below:

1. Log into https://claflin.regroup.com by providing your email address and the password you set previously.
   a. If this is your first time, please click on the “forgot my password” link to have an email sent to you which will enable your to reset your password. Once you have reset your password, then proceed to the next step.

2. The system will open with the “Email | Phone” tab open.
   a. Under “Text and Voice Preferences” section, please add your cell phone number and check the “Text” checkbox.
   b. If you do not wish to receive emails, then under the “Email Preferences” section, uncheck the box that says, “Send Emails Here”.

3. Click the “Save” button to save all your changes.
   If you prefer instructions with pictures, please see the attached document.

If you have questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to call: 803-535-5434
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2021 Virtual Community Service Requirements

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What is GivePulse.com?
GivePulse is a nation-wide platform that is used for logging volunteer opportunities and recording what type of impact you are having on your community. All students are required to join and record their community service impacts on www.givepulse.com. Additionally, students can access, download and print their community service transcripts/summaries after impacts have been verified.

Freshman Students
All freshman leveled students will be required to perform the following:

• Complete 10 hours per semester of approved service learning and/or community service activities
• Members of the Alice Carson Tisdale Honors College are required to complete 35 hours per semester to equal 70 service hours annually
• Read and complete all virtual correspondence given from the service-learning coordinator and the Freshman College
• Abide by all rules and guidelines specified by the university and community agencies
• Sign up for an account and submit all community service impacts and supporting documents through the Claflin Group on www.givepulse.com
• Provide a reflection for each community service impact (activity) entered through GivePulse. This is a brief 2-3 sentences telling us about your experience participating in the event

Sophomore Students
As a component of the sophomore, Second Year Experience course, all sophomore leveled students will be required to perform the following:

• Complete 20 hours, within the assigned semester, of service learning and/ or community service activity (ASMB 201: Last names beginning with A-J; ASMB 202: All students)
• Members of the Alice Carson Tisdale Honors College are required to complete 35 hours per semester to equal 70 service hours annually
• Read and complete all virtual correspondence given from the service-learning coordinator and Second Year Experience (Assembly) instructor
• Abide by all rules and guidelines specified by the university and community agencies
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July

Monday, July 12 - Friday, August 13
Grad Raise: Community Service Jumpstart | $20 for 20 hours
https://claflin.ampiloadvance.com/pages/home-2169

August

August 2 - November 19
Join Claflin TimelyCare Health Community | 2 hours
www.ClaflinTelehealth.com

August 2 - Friday, November 19 | Tuesdays, 12pm - 1pm
Protect Your Community - Get Vaccinated | 4 hours
Health and Wellness Center (NURSE)

Monday, August 23 - Friday, August 27
Adopt A School: Supplies for Brookdale Elementary | 10 items for 5 hours
Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Complex (GYM)

Date TBA
CDEP 101 (Freshman Only) | 1.5 hours
The Freshman Road-Map
Effective Communication - Basics
www.hbcucareermarket.org

September

September 6
National Read a book Day | 1 hour
Sign-up through Google Forms

Monday, September 20 - Friday, September 24, 2021
Packin' and Snackin' | 10 items for 5 hours
Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Complex (GYM)

October

Date TBA
CDEP 201 (Sophomores Only) | 1.5 hours
Internships, Networking and interview Questions
Effective Communication - Basics
www.hbcucareermarket.org

Monday, October 4 - Friday, October 29, 2021
Turbo Vote: Register to Vote | 2 hours
https://turbvote.org/

Tuesday, October 12
Breast Cancer Awareness Walk | 1 hour
Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Complex (GYM)

Thursday, October 27
Breast Cancer Awareness Pink Fashion Show | 1 hour
https://panthersatworkmentoringprogram.com/

November

Date TBA
CDEP 301 (Juniors and Seniors Only) | 1.5 hours
Mentorship, Sponsorship, Allyship and Post HBCU
www.hbcucareermarket.org

Tuesday, November 2
November: Men's Health Awareness Walk | 1 hour
Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Complex (GYM)

DO IT FOR THE GRAM! | Earn 1 extra hour
Earn 1 extra hour of community service by posting a picture of you and your friends participating in community service events.
Graduation Community Mobile App or on instagram at @cu_careerdevelopment

All community service projects must be approved by the Office of Career Development prior to the event!
**2021 Virtual Community Service Assignments**

**Reminders:**

All students are required to record their community service impacts on givepulse.com through the Claflin University Group. Students in the Alice Carson Tisdale Honors College must are required to record their community service impacts on givepulse.com through the ACT Honors College Group. Additionally, screenshots of confirmations or proof of completed projects along with reflections are required for various events. See emailed flyers for event details.

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**Database**

1. Catchafire Virtual Volunteer Opportunity Database (1 hour per event) | OPEN https://www.catchafire.org/volunteer?name_filter=&type_filter=1&type_filter=2&page=1

   Catchafire strengthens the social good sector by matching people who want to donate their time with nonprofits who need their skills. Student will be assisting nonprofits to provide critical support to communities who are in need.

2. The National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) Volunteer Opportunity Database (Hours Varied) | OPEN https://www.nvoad.org/volunteer/

   National VOAD promotes cooperation, communication, coordination and collaboration, and fosters more effective delivery of services to communities affected by disaster. Students will be able to provide aid to and participate in many different crisis response opportunities. While not all are virtual, there are often needs for administrative or online work. Hours must be verified by the project supervisor.

**Skill-based**

1. Become a Crisis Counselor (Hours varied) | OPEN https://www.crisistextline.org/become-a-volunteer/

   Crisis Text Line is the free, 24/7 text line for people in crisis in the United States. The service is powered by volunteer Crisis Counselors who work remotely—anywhere with a computer and secure internet connection works. Crisis Counselors answer texts from people in crisis, bringing them from a hot moment to a cool calm through active listening, collaborative problem solving, and safety planning. Hours must be verified by the project supervisor.
2. Smithsonian Institute Digital Volunteer Program (Hours Varied) | OPEN
https://www.si.edu/volunteer/DigitalVolunteers
Digital Volunteers can now take on important assignments to expand access to the Smithsonian's massive collections, and can participate in a variety of research programs. Some roles require special knowledge or skill, but many do not. Either students will be able to be immersed in the Smithsonian Transcription Center Experience or the Smithsonian Wikipedia Volunteer Program (WikiProject). Hours must be verified by the project supervisor.

3. Translators Without Borders (Hours Varied) | OPEN
https://translatorswithoutborders.org/volunteer/
Translators without Borders depends on volunteers to translate millions of words, but also to help them run the organization. They work with volunteers who have all kinds of great skills — and many learn new skills that they can use in their jobs. Students will be able to volunteer with TWB if they are fluent in at least one other language or if they are willing to fulfill roles such as project manager, graphic or web page designers and fundraising coordinators. Hours must be verified by the project supervisor.

Philanthropy

1. Adopt a School: Supplies for Brookdale Elementary (5hrs) | August 23 – August 27, 2021
Many families are struggling. With high unemployment, and millions of students enrolled in the free and reduced meal programs, many parents are unable to provide the basic school supplies their children need to be effective. In addition, schools across the country are facing severe budget cuts and lack the funding to purchase necessary supplies. Students are required to donate 10 school supply items to the Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Complex (Gym). Honors College students are exempt from donating; however, students can assist career development with packing school supplies.

2. Grad Raise: Community Service Jumpstart (20hrs) | July 12 – August 13, 2021
https://claflin.ampliadvance.com/pages/home-2169
Gradaway is the online student management portal which allows students to connect with mentors in the sector in which they wish to be employed in. A component of this site, GradRaise, allows students to jumpstart their community service activities in the month of July by donating $20 to specified organizations such as: the American Heart Association, the National Kidney Foundation, the Sickle Cell Foundation, March of Dimes, and Packin’ and Snackin’. Honors College students are exempt from participating in this initiative.

3. Packin’ and Snackin’ (5hrs) | September 24, 2021
Claflin University students in collaboration with the Office of Career Development and University Athletics, supported Orangeburg Consolidated School District Filling Station Program through the University’s Packin’ and Snackin’ Project. The university’s goal is to donate non-perishable items to the Filling Station. Students are required to donate 10 non-perishable food items to the Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Complex (Gym). Honors College students are exempt from donating; however, students can assist career development with packing food items.

Miscellaneous

1. 6FTCloser (1hr per letter/video) | OPEN
https://www.6ftcloser.com/
Students will use 6FTCloser to send messages of goodwill, gratitude, and recognition to someone they’ve never met. Soldiers and veterans who’ve fought for our freedom, teachers who inspire our future leaders, medical professionals who keep us healthy, parents who love and support us, and friends who are with us through thick and thin. Within the impact’s reflection on givepulse.com, students are required to detail their experience and upload a copy of their letter/video.

2. Be My Eyes (1hr per session) | OPEN
https://www.bemyeyes.com/
Be My Eyes is a free app that connects blind and low-vision people with sighted volunteers and company representatives for visual assistance through a live video call. Students will use this platform to help others achieve goals. How it works: Blind or low-vision person requests assistance >>> Sighted volunteer receives video call. Within the impact reflection on givepulse.com, students are required to describe their experience and upload a screen shot their video chat.

3. Breast Cancer Awareness Walk (1hr) | October 12, 2021
Participants walk to celebrate and honor breast cancer survivors and caregivers, educate the public about prevention and detection to reduce the risk of the disease. This event will be held at the Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Complex (Gym). Within the impact reflection on givepulse.com, students are required to describe their experience and highlight the importance of breast cancer awareness.

4. Career Development Educational Programs (CDEP) (1.5 hrs) | Dates Varied
In 2021, the HBCU CDM Employee Advisory Committee will launch the Career Development & Employment Program to: equip first-year HBCU students with a comprehensive career toolkit and the ability to understand and “tell their story”; focus on job search readiness for second-year students; and offered to juniors and seniors career development opportunities based on their specific MAJOR. Students are required to attend professional development workshops and describe their experience within the impact’s reflection on givepulse.com.
Join GRADUWAY TODAY!

DO NOT GET LEFT IN THE DARK...
LET GRADUWAY LIGHT YOUR PATH!

PANTHERS AT WORK
Panthers at Work Alumni Network provides our Claflin University alumni and students with access to professional opportunities such as mentoring, employment, internships, leadership opportunities, community service and social opportunities such as events, groups and discussions. As a social networking site, opportunities are literally one click away.

https://panthersatworkmentoringprogram.com/
How to apply for
CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY
ADA SERVICES
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

1. Go to the Claflin website.  www.claflin.edu
2. Click on Student Life
3. Go to Services and Support
4. Go to Disability Services
5. Finally, click the link that says “Please use this link to request for ADA Service”
6. If registering for the first time, please include/attach all supporting documentation (i.e. Psychiatric Evaluations, Individual Education Plan (IEP), 504 plan, Medical Documentation, etc.) that outlines the requested reasonable accommodations.

For any questions, please contact
Shatira E. Champion, LMHC, LPC-QS
Director of Counseling/ADA  |  803-535-5285  |  schampion@claflin.edu

Claflin University  |  400 Magnolia Street  |  Orangeburg, SC  |  1-800-922-1276  |  www.claflin.edu
FROM THE NORTH
- South on I-95 into South Carolina
- Exit 97 onto US-301 [Five Chop Road]
- Continue on US-301 for 21.4 miles
- Bear slightly left onto John C. Calhoun Dr.
- Keep STRAIGHT Calhoun for 1.2 miles
- Turn right onto Magnolia Street
- Campus will be on the right

FROM THE SOUTH
- North on I-95 into South Carolina
- Exit 86B for I-26 W toward Columbia
- Merge onto Interstate 26 West
- Continue on I-26 for 65.5 miles
- Take exit 154A and merge onto US-301 [Five Chop Rd]
- Continue on US-301 for 6.9 miles
- Bear slightly left onto John C. Calhoun Dr.
- Keep STRAIGHT Calhoun for 1.2 miles
- Turn right onto Magnolia Street
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FROM THE COLUMBIA AIRPORT
- Head east on Airport Blvd toward Aviation Way
- Turn left onto Lexington Dr.
- Take the 1st right on to John H. Hardee Expressway
- Turn left onto SC-302/Airport Blvd
- After approx. 1 mile, Turn right at Tarrytown Ln (Sign for I-26 E/Charleston
- Merge onto I-26 via the ramp to Charleston
- Continue for 31.9 miles
- Take Exit 145A and merge onto US 601 S/St. Matthews Rd toward Orangeburg
- Continue on US-601 [becomes Magnolia] for 4.5 miles
- Keep STRAIGHT on Magnolia St.
- The Campus will be on the left

FROM THE BUS STATION
- Go East on U.S. 601 (Old Edisto Drive/US 301/SC-4) toward Cannon Bridge Road
- Turn Right onto Magnolia St. (US-21).
- The Campus is on the left.

ACCOMMODATIONS
If you arrive earlier than your move-in date, here's a list of area hotels

Country Inn & Suites
803-928-5300
Fairfield Inn
803-533-0014
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
803-539-2900
Thee Matriarch Bed & Breakfast
803-937-4271
Hampton Inn and Suites
803-937-5800
Springhill Suites
803-809-0111
Tru By Hilton
803-813-8000