



Dear Students,

Welcome to the October edition of “Q&A with the VP.” This email series will appear in your inbox monthly during the academic year and is designed to help increase communication between students and Administration. To submit your questions for the November 2021 newsletter, please email [hfrench@fontbonne.edu](mailto:hfrench@fontbonne.edu). As questions submitted may not always be within my purview of responsibility, if I don’t know the answer, I will reach out to my colleagues or do some research to find out. Here goes!

**Q: What are the nurse’s hours?**

A: Our new campus nurse, Nicki Goehring, started on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Fall semester hours are M/W/F from approximately 9am-3pm. Spring semester hours are M/W/Th/F from approximately 8:30am-2pm. For questions, please contact [nurse@fontbonne.edu](mailto:nurse@fontbonne.edu) or stop by Ryan Hall 103.

**Q: How can I get information from the student town hall if I missed it?**

A: The undergraduate student town hall was held via Zoom on Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to those who attended. The meeting was recorded and students should be able to view it [here](#). Please access with the following passcode: **2=M+bl\*c**

The graduate student town hall has been set for Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 12-1pm via Zoom. Graduate students may submit questions to [this anonymous survey](#) until end of day on November 5<sup>th</sup> for questions to be addressed during the forum.

**Q: Is there any food support for students around the holidays or when the University is closed?**

A: If you would be interested in being paired with a staff or faculty volunteer to join them for Thanksgiving dinner in their home, or if you would like to request a “to-go” style meal on Thanksgiving day, please complete [this interest form](#) by end of day on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Additionally, the Griffin Market provides food items and toiletries to any students in need. The Griffin Market is located in East 109 and is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 11am-1pm, Tuesdays from 3-5pm, Fridays from 10-11am.

**Q: Who is the new Director of Career Development and what services can they help me with?**

A: Emily Huey is our new Director of Career Development and she is located in Ryan Hall 310. Career Development can assist with career exploration, professional document development, interview best practices, networking skills, professional etiquette, finding on and off campus internships, and more.

**Q: How are issues like sexual harassment addressed on campus?**

A: When I started at Fontbonne this past July, I took on the role of Campus Title IX Coordinator. Title IX is the statute enforced by the Department of Education that ensures students are afforded educational opportunities “in a nondiscriminatory manner free of discrimination based on sex, including sexual orientation and gender identity. Some key areas in which recipients have Title IX obligations are: recruitment, admissions, and counseling; financial assistance; athletics; sex-based harassment, which encompasses sexual assault and other forms of sexual violence; treatment of pregnant and parenting students; treatment of LGBTQI+ students; discipline; single-sex education; and employment” ([https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/tix\\_dis.html](https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/tix_dis.html)).

Therefore, reporting an issue such as sexual harassment falls under our campus Title IX policy. For more information about our campus Title IX resources and sexual misconduct policy, please see [here](#). Additionally, attached to this email is a one-page guide that describes how to report incidents, identifies key campus resources, and outlines who students can go to for any Title IX concerns.

**Bonus Announcements:**

- **Coffee and Donuts with Heather and Janelle!** Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-9:30am in the AMC. Come meet your VP and AVP of Student Affairs, share your concerns and ideas, and enjoy a donut and coffee on your way to class.
- **StrengthsQuest Training!** [Sign up here](#) to attend a FREE StrengthsQuest training on November 19<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm in the LACE Center (4<sup>th</sup> floor of Medaille). If you have recently taken the assessment you do not need to take it again. If you haven't taken it ahead of time, please arrive at 12pm to complete the assessment prior to the workshop. Lunch will be provided from 12-1pm as well. StrengthsQuest helps to identify your top talents and strengths.

Hope you all are staying safe and doing well as we head into the final stretch of the semester. I will be cheering you on to finish strong. In the meantime, please let me know if you have any questions, or if there is anything that we in Student Affairs can do to be of support.

Sincerely,  
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