



CONGRATS!

**YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO
OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY**

**We are excited to welcome you to the
family of Stars!**

This packet outlines every important step needed to begin your journey as an OCU Star! We cover topics regarding housing, financial aid, BlueLink, student email, new student orientation, and enrollment.

Your personalized user ID and password for BlueLink have been sent to your OCU email. Instructions on how to access your OCU email are included in this packet. We recommend you keep this information in a safe place so you can refer to it throughout the process. If you need help resetting your password for BlueLink, please contact your Admissions Counselor. They will be happy to assist you.

Again, welcome to OCU! We look forward to seeing you on campus very soon!

Sincerely,
The Office of Admissions
Oklahoma City University

Stars Checklist

For Oklahoma City University First-Year Students

Step #1

LOG INTO BLUELINK AND SET UP YOUR STUDENT EMAIL ACCOUNT.

BlueLink is your link to OCU online services and can be accessed at bluelink.okcu.edu. It is your centralized launch pad with links to get you where you want to go. From here, access your OCU student email account using **Microsoft 365** at office.com. Access D2L, the OCU Learning Management System, at ocunline.okcu.edu. Short Cuts are provided across the top of the page.

Using the BlueLink button on the BlueLink launch pad will take you to Banner Self Service where you can access your university profile, course catalog, financial services, enrollment, financial aid, and grades. Visit bluelink.okcu.edu to explore these services and many more. Most services accessed from BlueLink require authentication using your university Microsoft 365 account, also known as your email account.

NEED HELP? Visit the Campus Technology support portal at helpdesk.okcu.edu to report your technology issue or call **405-208-5555** for 24/7 support.



Step #2

SUBMIT YOUR ENROLLMENT COMMITMENT DEPOSIT TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE IN THE CLASS.

This deposit is required to enroll in classes and attend Stars 101. The priority deadline to submit your deposit is **May 1**. The Enrollment Commitment Deposit is non-refundable after **May 1**. Pay your Enrollment Commitment Deposit at okcu.edu/paymentsite.



Step #3

SUBMIT THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA).

Visit studentaid.gov to complete the FAFSA online. The Department of Education has stated the 26-27 FAFSA may be available as early as **October 1**, and priority consideration for financial assistance is given to students who submit the FAFSA by **March 1**. Before you submit the FAFSA you need to register for the FSA ID. The FSA ID allows you to electronically sign the FAFSA. You can register for a FSA ID at studentaid.gov. If Student Financial Services needs any additional paperwork, you will receive an email through your OCU student email account prompting you to log into your BlueLink account to view additional requirements. OCU's FAFSA school code is **003166**.

Step #4

REGISTER FOR STARS 101.

Attendance at Stars 101 is strongly recommended for all first-year students. Stars 101 is a day to enroll in classes, attend orientation sessions, and get your student ID. More information regarding Stars 101 can be found at okcu.edu/stars101.

Step #6

SUBMIT FINAL DOCUMENTS.

Please have your high school send us your final transcript, which includes your graduation date.

To be considered official, transcripts must be sent directly from your school to the admissions office either by mail or electronically. If you have completed any college work (including AP, IB, and CLEP), please send the official transcript or scores to the university. For more information about AP testing and college credit, please visit okcu.edu/aptest.

Placement and Proficiency Exams for First-Year Students Oklahoma City University no longer requires entrance exams (ACT/SAT) for first-year students. For first-year students with no ACT or SAT scores on file, the Accuplacer and ALEKS instruments are administered to assess student proficiency and readiness for college-level work in reading, writing, and math. Based on ACT, SAT, Accuplacer and/or ALEKS scores, students may be required to take one or more of the following preparatory courses: EDUC 1013 College Academic Skills, ENGL 1071 Integrated Writing Lab and/or MATH 1303 Intermediate Algebra.

For more information about taking the ALEKS or Accuplacer, please visit okcu.edu/academictesting or contact the Office of Academic Affairs (acadaffairs@okcu.edu).



Step #5

APPLY FOR UNIVERSITY HOUSING.

All undergraduate students are required to reside on campus for 3 academic years or until reaching Senior standing. Students can apply for housing and exemptions at okcu.edu/reslife. You will use your BlueLink ID and password to log in to the housing application. Along with the housing application, there is a non-refundable housing fee of \$250. You are encouraged to apply early for housing. The housing application for **Spring** opens late **October**, and the housing application for **Fall** opens late **January**.



Step #7

IMMUNIZATIONS AND HEALTH INSURANCE.

OCU requires that all students maintain student health insurance coverage as a condition of enrollment. OCU has a Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) and students are automatically enrolled in this insurance plan at registration, unless proof of comparable coverage is provided.

If you already have health insurance coverage that meets the university's requirements, there is a SHIP waiver available, which allows you to waive the university SHIP and maintain your current coverage. Every student is required to enroll in or waive SHIP coverage each academic year around **July 1**. Your healthcare insurance must provide comprehensive coverage within your in-network provider network in Oklahoma, and it must remain active throughout the full academic semesters during your student enrollment. For more information about the SHIP, submit your documents at okcu.edu/healthinsurance.

The Student Health Center requires an immunization record on file before August 1.

To submit your voluntary COVID and required immunization records, upload them to the secure document upload site under the Financial Aid tab within BlueLink. Please select Immunization Record when submitting your documents. If you are unable to submit the documents online, you may deliver them to the Campus Health Clinic during business hours. This is for students living on campus.



Stars 101

▶ STARS 101 REGISTRATION

Beginning February 15, you may visit okcu.edu/stars101 to choose the Stars 101 session that best fits your schedule. Stars 101 is intended for students who begin classes in the Fall. The Enrollment Commitment Deposit is not required for Transfer Students.

*There are no Stars 101 sessions for those who start in the Spring semester.

▶ WHAT TO EXPECT AT STARS 101

- Meet with an academic advisor to discuss your enrollment in classes
- Attend pre-orientation sessions
- Meet with Student Financial Services
- Connect with other incoming and current OCU STARS
- Receive your OCU student ID

▶ FAMILY ATTENDANCE AT STARS 101

Families are welcome and encouraged to attend Stars 101. A special Family 101 session is provided, which includes a variety of topics and connects your family to the OCU Community.

Want to start exploring resources for your family right now? Learn more at okcu.edu/family.



→ Feel At Home.

OCU values the unique role that living on campus plays in enhancing the academic environment and in providing engaging personal and social experiences. The university offers several options for on-campus living, including traditional and suite-style residence halls and apartments, all of which provide a safe and convenient living environment. On campus, students have ready access to faculty, staff, and other community resources.



► RESIDENCE HALLS

Students can find their home away from home in one of several residence halls. First-year students enjoy living in Banning Hall and Walker Hall. All residence halls feature Wi-Fi connections.

► HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS & ROOMMATES

1. Incoming students may complete a housing application online at okcu.edu/reslife. Use your BlueLink ID and password to log in and complete your housing application.
2. Housing assignments are sent to OCU student emails in the summer, after the housing application is complete and housing fee is paid.
3. Incoming students may request a roommate when completing the housing application. Both students seeking to be roommates must specifically request each other in their housing application and confirm the group in order to be considered for the same room assignment. Roommate requests are based on available space and are not guaranteed.
4. All students who apply for on-campus housing must pay the \$250 non-refundable housing processing fee, which can be paid online before completing the housing application.

► RESIDENCE LIFE COORDINATORS / RESIDENT ASSISTANTS

A residence life coordinator supervises each of the residence halls. In addition, resident assistants are on hand in each hall to answer questions and foster a healthy community environment.

► RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

1. All unmarried students under 22 years of age before the first day of classes who are enrolled full time, regardless of classification, are required to live in university housing or with a parent or legal guardian within a 30-mile radius. Any student under 21 years of age desiring to live with a parent or legal guardian within a 30-mile radius must submit a completed Request for Residency Requirement Exemption Form within the Online Housing Portal. This request should contain the Student ID number, local address, must be signed by the student's parent or legal guardian if applicable, and have supporting documentation listed in the housing exemption request form.
2. Students who do not comply with the on-campus living arrangement for which they received an exemption will be fined the cost of on-campus residence hall charges.
3. First-year students will reside in Banning Hall and Walker Hall.
4. All residents of on-campus housing must purchase a meal plan. All commuting students can purchase a residential plan, apartment plan, or commuter plan. Details about university dining services are available at okcu.edu/dining.

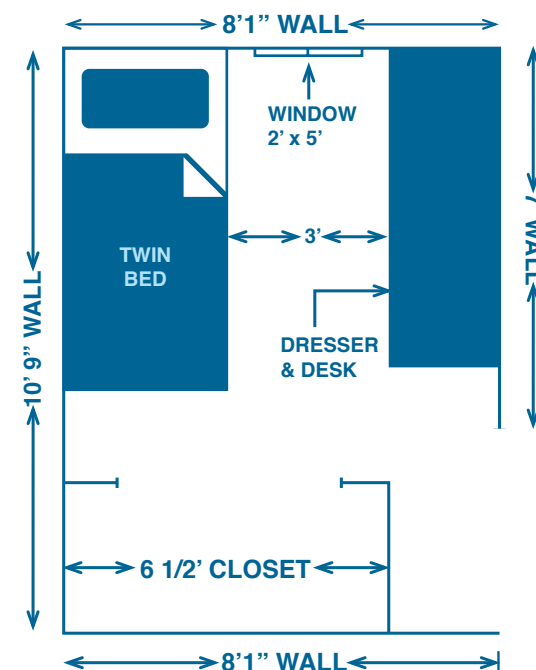
HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE

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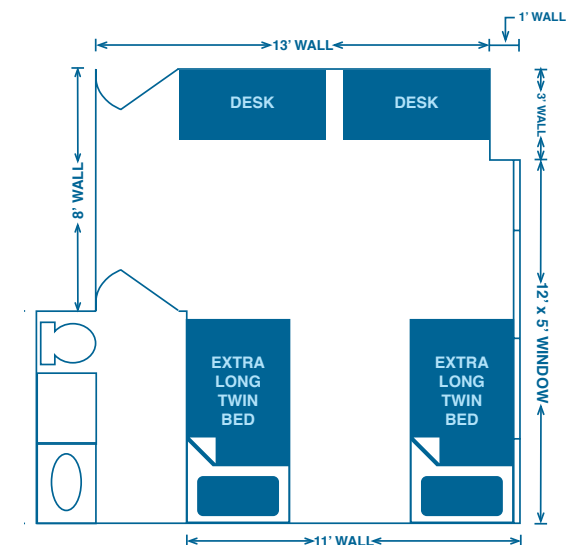
WALKER HALL

Rooms in Walker Hall have two or three people in them with four or five sharing a bathroom. These rooms come with a twin bed (renovated rooms have Twin XL beds), chest of drawers, desk, and desk chair. These dimensions are for a non-renovated room.



BANNING HALL

Banning Hall has suites of two rooms with four students sharing one bathroom. These rooms also come with a twin bed, chest of drawers, desk, and desk chair.



Insider Tips

Here are a few tips and tricks that will help make your new life on campus easier.

► PARKING

The Parking Permit form is an online form available after August 1. After submitting the online form, you may pick up your parking permit in the Student Accounts Office on the third floor of the Clara Jones Administration Building. Parking permit prices vary based on the permit you choose. Register for a parking permit at okcu.edu/parking.

► BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Pick up your books, OCU gear, and supplies at the Campus Store, found on the lower level of the Tom and Brenda McDaniel University Center.

When you enroll in classes, Slingshot receives a book order from the professor. The books ship directly to campus and are delivered to the student's room before classes start, with no extra fee for delivery. The books are charged to the student's account. After a student orders their textbooks, the balance posts to the account.

Incoming students are automatically enrolled in the program. Any student can opt out of the program or return unneeded books. Visit the University's campus bookstore at okcu.edu/slingshot.

► LEARNING ENHANCEMENT CENTER

Peer educators of the LEC offer free skilled guidance in writing, subject-specific tutoring, and academic coaching. This is a resource for both undergraduate and graduate students where they can get online or in-person help for subjects like College Algebra, Music Theory, Spanish, Biology and more. For additional information and extended list of subjects offered go to okcu.edu/lec or contact the Learning Enhancement Center supervisor at lec@okcu.edu.

► UNIVERSITY COUNSELING SERVICES

University Counseling, located in Walker Hall, offers free and confidential mental health counseling services for currently enrolled students. Hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. For more information, or to set up an appointment, please call 405-208-7901 or email counseling@okcu.edu.

► SPECIAL DIETS

If you have a food allergy or are in need of dietary assistance, please contact OCU Dining at **405-208-5119**. Students are always able to come in and talk to a manager directly. Our culinary staff are trained to develop a delicious solution to meet your needs.

► APPLY FOR THE HONORS PROGRAM

Become part of a collaborative and cross-disciplinary learning community in the OCU Honors Program. Honors students take rigorous and engaging courses in a small classroom setting with some of the university's most dedicated professors. The curriculum is designed to encourage students from all majors toward innovative, interdisciplinary, student-driven inquiry. It's not about more work; it's about the personal passion to understand the world better and one's work in the world.

Enjoy the benefit of early enrollment each semester along with co-curricular activities sponsored by the Honors Student Council in both the honors dorm (Banning Hall) and the Honors Hall in the Gold Star Building. Both buildings also provide comfortable study and community gathering spaces.

Honors students receive special incentives and support to pursue undergraduate research and creative endeavor through their honors course work and through financial support to present their work at regional and national conferences. The Honors Program also sponsors a campus-wide Undergraduate Research Day early each spring. okcu.edu/honors

► FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE

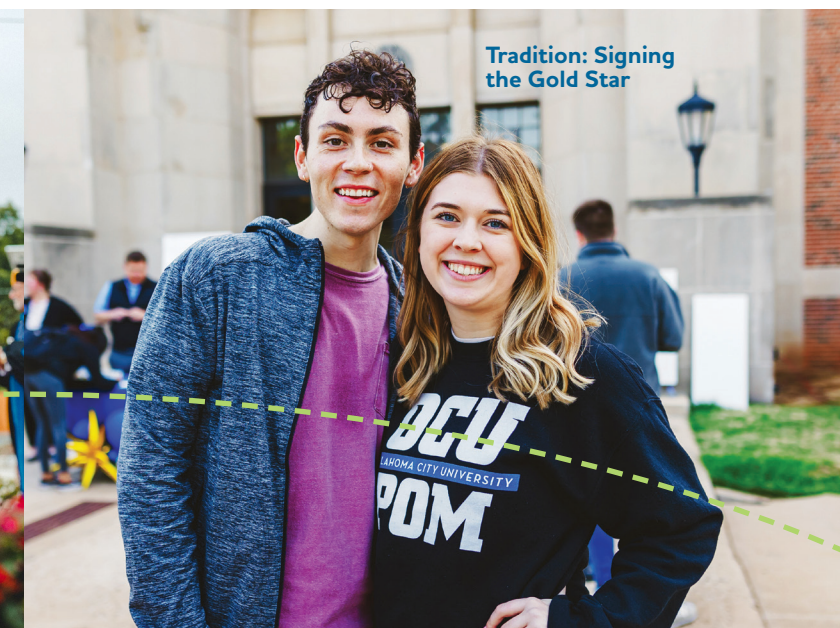
The First-Year Experience (FYE) program at OCU is designed to equip new students with the skills, knowledge, and support needed to navigate both academic and campus life with confidence. FYE supports first-year students through orientation events, campus engagement opportunities, and intentional connections to resources that foster academic success, personal growth, and student retention. As part of the program, all first-time, first-year undergraduate students are enrolled in FYE 1000 during their first semester on campus. This eight-week course offers hands-on, creative activities that promote a successful transition to university life and learning. For more information, visit: okcu.edu/firstyear

► PARENTS & FAMILY SERVICES

Parents and family members play an essential role in the OCU community and are encouraged to remain engaged throughout their student's time at the university. Families are always welcome to attend campus events and traditions, including Parents & Family Day, held each fall in conjunction with Homecoming. Additional opportunities for involvement include campus performances, athletic events, and guest lectures. To stay informed about campus operations and safety updates, parents and family members may enroll in the OCU Emergency Event Notification System. For more information and ongoing updates, visit: okcu.edu/family

► FIRST: FIRST-GENERATION STUDENT SUPPORT

FIRST is a university program that celebrates and supports incoming Stars who are the first in their families, or among the first, to attend a college or university. Designed to ease the transition to university life, **FIRST** provides engaging and educational opportunities throughout the first year. Participants connect with OCU staff, faculty, and fellow first-generation college students while building community, confidence, and a strong foundation for success. For more information and upcoming events, visit: okcu.edu/first



Welcome To OCU!

▶ FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

Fraternity and Sorority Life at Oklahoma City University is rooted in building lifelong friendships, celebrating rich traditions, and living out shared values. The community is grounded in four core pillars: leadership, scholarship, community service, and brotherhood/sisterhood. Through involvement in Fraternity and Sorority Life, students find meaningful connection, personal growth, and a deep sense of belonging. Approximately 25% of OCU students are affiliated with a fraternity or sorority. OCU is home to six sororities: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Alpha Phi, Gamma Phi Beta, Phi Mu, and Sigma Lambda Alpha Sorority, Inc. Three fraternities are active on campus: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Sigma, and Lambda Chi Alpha. Formal recruitment for the Interfraternity Council (IFC) and the Panhellenic Council takes place during Stars Week in August, with opportunities for informal recruitment available throughout the academic year.

For more information, visit: okcu.edu/greek

ESPORTS

If you are interested in competitive esports, live studio casting, or are simply looking to be a part of a great on-campus community, then check out OCU Esports and find out all the ways you can be involved! okcu.edu/esports



▶ STARS WEEK

Stars Week is a week-long celebration designed to introduce new students to the OCU experience. All incoming undergraduate students participate in a series of required and optional events that foster meaningful connections within and beyond the classroom. Signature elements of Stars Week include: Small group meetings, Matriculation Convocation, Traditions Rally, OKConnect, and the Parent & Family Welcome Reception. Throughout the week, new students are invited to explore campus life, engage with OCU's core values, and connect with the people and resources that will support a successful transition to college. Parents and family members are encouraged to participate in programming through Wednesday of Stars Week.

For a full schedule and additional details, visit: okcu.edu/starsweek.

Connect with us!



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Join our Future Stars 2026 Facebook page to interact with other future Stars!
facebook.com/groups/futurestars2026

Additional Resources.

CAMPUS DISABILITY & ACCESS SERVICES

The Disability and Access Services (DAS) staff are dedicated to providing reasonable accommodations to students with disabilities. Students interested in applying for accommodations can complete an application and upload documentation of their disability at okcu.edu/das or they may contact das@okcu.edu with any questions.

DAS will engage in the interactive process with students who submit an application and provide appropriate documentation of their disability. The documentation should be from a provider with whom the student has an established relationship or who has diagnosed or treated the disability. During this interactive process, students will have an opportunity to identify, if known, specific accommodations for the office to take into consideration. To learn more, please visit our webpage at okcu.edu/das.

VETERAN SERVICES

Oklahoma City University works to honor the service and sacrifice of veterans by offering robust, individually tailored veterans services. OCU has been recognized as a Military Friendly School and offers a welcoming environment where veterans receive personalized attention. Veterans and their families (or dependents) are welcome to use all services and resources available to students at OCU.

YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM AND TUITION DISCOUNTS

OCU is a part of the Yellow Ribbon Program that entitles eligible veterans to have a significant portion of their tuition and fees paid by the federal government.

RECOGNITION OF COURSE CREDIT FOR CLEP AND DANTES

Incoming veterans may receive course credit through the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) as well as through the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Educational Support (DANTES).

PERSONALIZED SERVICE FOR VETERANS

The VA School Certifying Official is the associate registrar, and in addition to certifying veteran's enrollment to ensure payment of benefits, acts as a liaison for benefit questions or concerns. This office may be contacted at [405-208-5352](tel:405-208-5352).



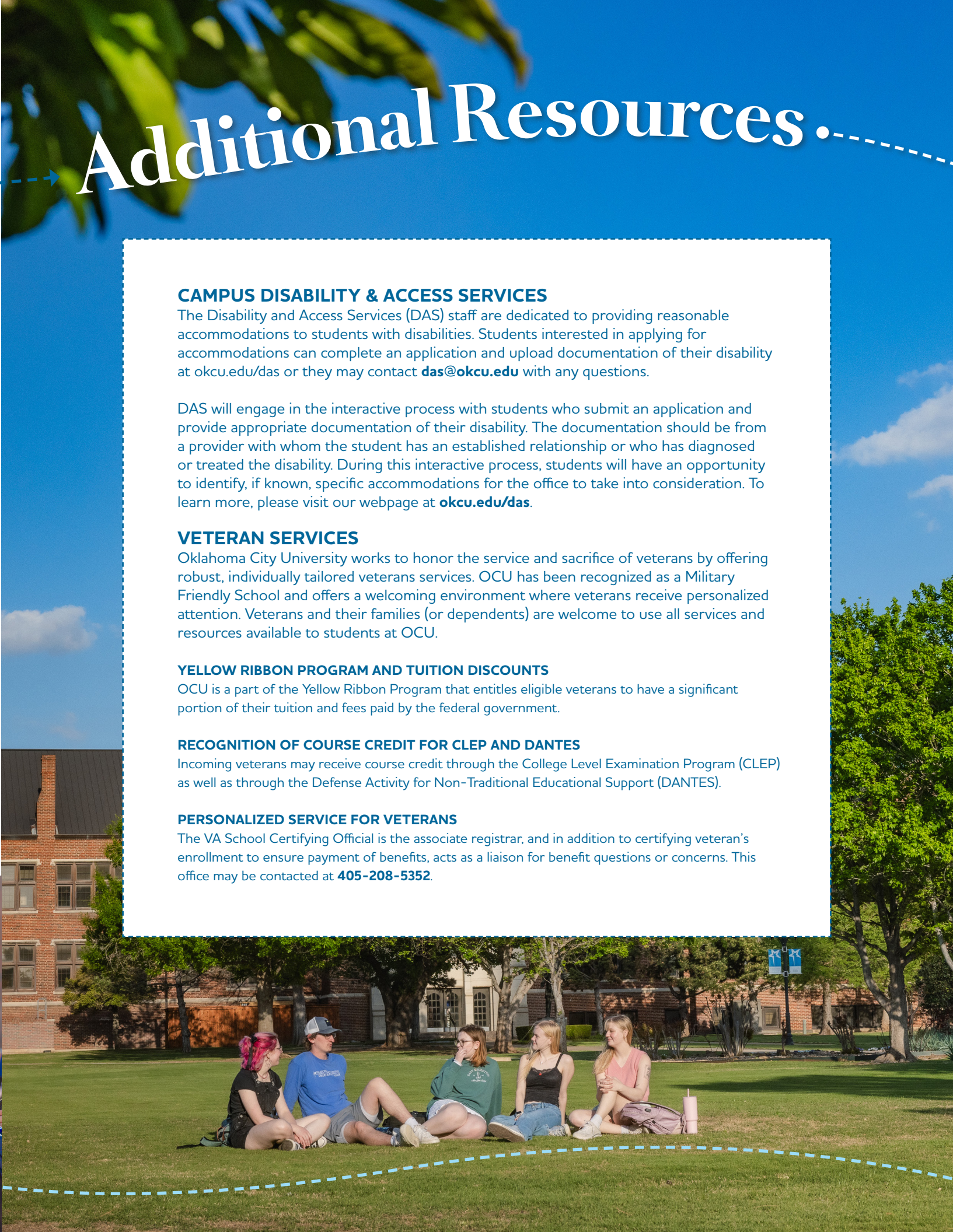
Matriculation



Miracle Marathon



Homecoming



Oklahoma City University adheres to all federal and state civil rights laws prohibiting discrimination in private institutions of higher education. The University will not discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, student or applicant for admission on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, pregnancy, political affiliation, religion, creed, ethnicity, national origin (including ancestry), citizenship status, physical or mental disability, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, veteran or military status (including special disabled veteran, Vietnam-era veteran, or recently separated veteran), predisposing genetic characteristics, domestic violence victim status or any other protected category under applicable local, state or federal law, including protections for those opposing discrimination or participating in any resolution process on campus or within the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or other human rights agencies.

The Compliance Coordinator, located in Room 105 of the Clara E. Jones Administration Building, telephone 405-208-5075, coordinates the University's compliance with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act and amendments, and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act.

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