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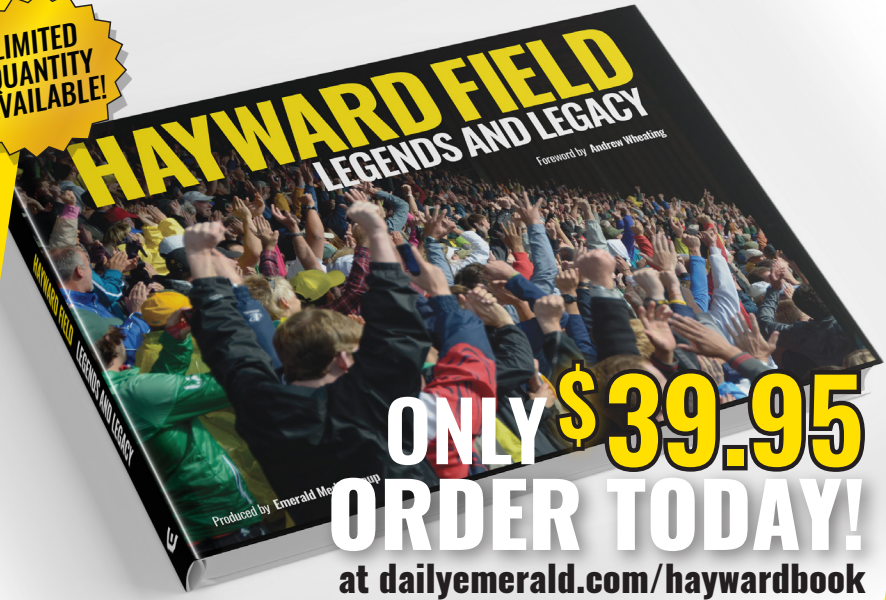
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Jessica L. Brown speaks at the Black Lives Matter protest and says the name of individuals who were killed by police. A Black Lives Matter protest takes place in Eugene, Ore. on May 31, 2020.

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## NEWS

# A LOOK AT REMOTE INTRODUCKTION

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The University of Oregon's summer orientation program, IntroDUCKtion, will be held remotely this year due to COVID-19 social distancing regulations, with a planned in-person component in the fall and a variety of content offered over several virtual platforms.

Previously, IntroDUCKtion was a required two-day event, but IntroDUCKtion 2020 will be a summer-long program for freshmen and a three-hour event for transfer students.

"We were committed to not trying to just duplicate things," Cora Bennett, director of Student Orientation Programs, said.

IntroDUCKtion began with an opening session on June 24, according to UO's orientation website. Flock meetings began on July 6 and will continue through August, with other components offered through September.

Bennett had seen other schools directly converting their orientation programs into digital formats, some requiring students to sit at their computers for hours at a time.

"It didn't feel like us," Bennett said. "It didn't feel like the UO to do anything like that."

The university has already released some of its orientation content, including a Virtual Visit and several episodes of Flock Talk, a podcast directed toward new students and families.

Using multiple platforms is part of UO's strategy to keep IntroDUCKtion engaging and to utilize the benefits of a virtual experience, Bennett said.

"This is an opportunity," Bennett said. "Yes, it's different, yes, it's outside of what we think is our best practice as a profession, but I think we get to establish a whole set of new norms that for me are really exciting."

This summer's IntroDUCKtion programming will include more content than is typically available to students, Bennett said, including more student interest sessions and opportunities to hear from faculty.

Traditionally, a student would hear only one faculty perspective. This summer, students can choose 10 and have the opportunity to complete reflections after watching and earn one academic credit.

IntroDUCKtion will still include "flock" meetings between students and Student Orientation Staffers. Hosting these weekly, one-hour meetings will be the primary job of SOSers, Bennett said, who are already planning how to help their students get the best experience possible.

"I'm hoping if I give a chance for the students to communicate with each other outside of the flock, they'll have a better time at making friends and understanding things," SOSer Sabrina Schimscheimer said.

New students will get to talk with their peers for two months instead of two days, a benefit of this year's experience, Schimscheimer said. But, if given the choice, Schimscheimer would still pick an in-person experience.

"Online, you're already isolated," Schimscheimer said. "It's going to be more difficult for students to interact."

Over 4,500 first-year students, 770 transfer

students and 5,300 family members have registered for IntroDUCKtion. UO expects more students to register, Bennett said, but current numbers are similar to what UO has seen before. Latecomers can join until mid-July and UO offers a special program for students registering later.

## "I THINK WE GET TO ESTABLISH A NEW SET OF NORMS THAT FOR ME ARE REALLY EXCITING."

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Previously, attending students would have to commit to UO and have their tuition deposit paid, Bennett said, but virtual programming allowed UO to offer the orientation to all admitted students and use it as a marketing opportunity.

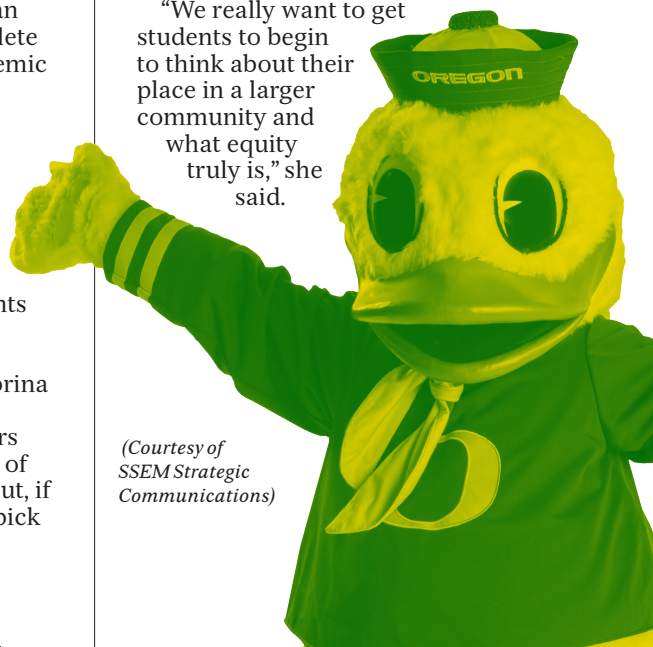
"It's hard for people not to fall in love with the UO during IntroDUCKtion in person," Bennett said. "So that's the thing I think we worry that we're missing, is that connection to the physical space and the people can get lost in a remote setting."

Orientation staff and student coordinators began forming plans for remote IntroDUCKtion in March, Bennett said, but still hoped an in-person Week of Welcome could incorporate events like the play "It Can't Be Rape" and "Your Story, Our Story," a presentation on equity and diversity.

Given current events, Bennett expected to see students more interested in having meaningful conversations surrounding diverse identities and perspectives, like in "Your Story, Our Story."

"Thankfully we had already set that aside before the recent protests and the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor and others have been coming to light," Bennett said. "We know now that we need to do even more work on that program."

"We really want to get students to begin to think about their place in a larger community and what equity truly is," she said.



(Courtesy of SSEM Strategic Communications)

## Around OR

### REGIONAL AND STATE NEWS

**OREGON COVID-19 CASES KEEP GROWING:** The number of COVID-19 cases in Oregon and Lane County has been growing steadily for the last few weeks. On June 16, Lane County had 89 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Statewide, Oregon had 6,098 cases. Two weeks later, those figures jumped to 134 and 8,656. As of July 2, Oregon has seen 209 deaths due to the coronavirus.

- CARRINGTON POWELL

**CIVIL WAR NO MORE:** UO and OSU will stop using "civil war" to describe athletic competitions between the two schools, a tradition since the 1930s. Next season will be the 124th annual football series that ranks fifth in college football for the most games ever played in a series. It also holds the NCAA record for the highest number of men's basketball games played with 354. The rivalry has kept and continued a long-standing heritage within the state of Oregon.

- CARLY EBISUYA



(DL Young/Emerald)

**NEW GRAMMY RULES PROMOTE INCLUSIVITY:** The Grammy Awards will rename some of its awards following controversy over describing music from artists of color as "urban." The Best Urban Contemporary Album will become Best Progressive R&B Album, and the Best Latin Pop or Urban Album is now Best Latin Rock or Alternative Album. Grammy-winner Tyler, The Creator said: "I don't like that 'urban' word. It's just a politically correct way to say the n-word."

- SARAH-MAE MCCULLOUGH

# THIS IS WHAT DEMOCRACY LOOKS LIKE:

## EUGENE COMMUNITY JOINS ANTI-RACIST MOVEMENT

*Around the world, communities have gathered together to protest, advocate and show support for the anti-racist movement, following the killing of George Floyd. Eugene is no different, with protest groups, celebrations and demands made in order to end police brutality and make the community a safe place for BIPOC.*

BY DUNCAN BAUMGARTEN, JAMES CROXTON AND C. FRANCIS O'LEARY

No justice, no peace. Fuck the police. I can't breathe. Black Lives Matter. Protesters have used these chants, and others, at demonstrations across the country and around the world. From the first #BlackLivesMatter protest that attracted attendees in the thousands and Juneteenth, to confrontations with police and counter-protesters, the Eugene community has seen a lot in its fight against police brutality and racial inequity in its own fight for change.

**THE VOICES OF CHANGE: Who you should know**

### The The Black Led Action Coalition

BLAC, founded by siblings Madeliene and Spencer Smith, has hosted only two events, but each were among the largest Eugene has seen. Both events had

the atmosphere of celebration as a form of protest and protest as celebration.

The duo has not issued a list of demands, but in an interview, Spencer called for the abolition of police. "The issue we're facing is healthy alternatives to police," Spencer said.

The group does not work with institutions such as the Eugene Police Department and University of Oregon, both of which BLAC called racist in a Facebook post.

### Black Unity

BU is Eugene's most active anti-racist group. The group organizes multiple events every week, most frequently marches and die-ins in different parts of the Eugene-Springfield area. Group leaders call for non-violence at each of their events, with "disrupt, not destroy"

being a common chant at BU protests.

BU is the only local anti-racist group that calls to reform, not disband, the police. During a demonstration on June 9 in which one protester called to defund the police, Isiah Wagoner, a BU organizer, clarified the group isn't calling to fully defund the police.

"There are some people who are doing really great work too," Wagoner said.

### The BIPOC Liberation Collective

The BIPOC Liberation Collective frequently focuses on intersectionality and education, often employing teach-ins where attendees can learn about the history of racism in Oregon,

anti-capitalism and LGBTQ+ history.

BLC doesn't advocate for property destruction or violence, but members have said they don't condemn any tactic people use to fight oppressive systems.

The collective calls to dismantle the police and carceral systems as a first step in "a long journey of dismantling the systems of violence and oppression that work to harm and disenfranchise Black, Indigenous and People of Color," according to a post on Instagram.

**FIGHTING FOR CHANGE: This summer's biggest protests**

### "Say Their Names" protest

The BIPOC Liberation Collective held an anti-racist protest on June 7 at the Wayne Morse Free Speech Plaza, as well as other parts of Eugene.

After holding a teach-in at the soon-to-be renamed Deady Hall, the crowd of a few hundred marched to EPD headquarters, where



protesters removed pro-police signs that had recently been fixed to boards covering windows. Phrases like “ACAB” and “fuck 12” were spray painted in several areas. Soon after, the protest moved back downtown where the protesters left from.

### Pioneer statues

The BIPOC Liberation Collective hosted a teach-in at Deady Hall on June 13, six days after the “Say Their Names” protest. Speakers discussed the history of racism in Oregon when individuals not associated with the organization encouraged those present to protest the Pioneer and Pioneer Mother statues.

Using ropes, sledgehammers and axes, both statues were eventually toppled. Initially, the group planned to throw the Pioneer statue in the Willamette River but decided instead to drag it up the Johnson Hall steps – leaving a trail of destruction and blocking the entrance.

Both statues have been placed in storage until the university decides what to do with them.

### Juneteenth events

Both June 19 – or Juneteenth – and the next day saw large celebrations for the holiday hosted by two separate groups.

Black Unity held the first event at Skinner Butte Park, featuring music, food trucks and guest speakers from within the community. It was the largest event in Eugene since the May 31 #BlackLivesMatter protest hosted by BLAC and saw thousands of people throughout the day.

BLAC held their own Juneteenth celebration the next day at Alton Baker Park, where an estimated 2,000 people attended. The event was set up with booths in a semicircle around a mainstage that sold food, art and other items produced by Black-owned businesses.

### Counter-protester drives into protester

Over the course of the weekend of June 26, Black Unity held two protests in Springfield that saw resistance from both counter-protesters and Springfield Police Department.

The organization held a Children’s March on June 28 in Eugene. At the end of a peaceful event with many kids and parents in attendance, a counter-protester – reportedly one that was in an altercation with protesters in Thurston two days prior – attempted to drive through the remaining crowd as they crossed a turnout.

Striking Wagoner, the driver fled. Protesters found him, and a standoff between EPD and the protesters ensued. After over half an hour, EPD took the man in for questioning – but has since been released, with no charges filed.

Wagoner was released from RiverBend Hospital with internal bleeding and is recovering. A GoFundMe in his support raised over \$13,000 within one day of the incident.

### WORKING TOWARD CHANGE: How Eugene institutions are changing

#### Board of trustees votes to rename Deady Hall

The UO board of trustees meeting had been in session for three hours on June 4 when trustee Andrew Colas spoke about Matthew

Deady. Deady was the namesake for the first building on campus, Deady Hall. He was the first president of the UO Board of Regents in 1873.

He was also a pro-slavery delegate for the Oregon constitutional convention.

Colas asked for a board vote to rename Deady Hall, since the board of trustees holds sole power in renaming campus buildings and areas. “I am calling on all of you to take action,” Colas said, “and we have to take action firmly for the sake of our institution and for the sake of our country.”

The board unanimously voted June 24 to rename Deady Hall as University Hall, until a proper name was chosen. “As a university, we can play a very important role in creating societal change,” Schill said.

#### School board vote to extend SROs contract until December 2020

Student Resource Officers came from a partnership between EPD and Bethel and 4J school districts, according to the city of Eugene’s website. Officers work in high schools to “maintain a presence in the school community,” the website stated. However, school board member Martina Shabram said at the board’s June 17 meeting that law enforcement in schools does harm to students of color.

The program’s contract was set to expire at the end

## MAJOR MOMENTS IN THE MOVEMENT

**MAY 25** — MINNEAPOLIS POLICE OFFICER DEREK CHAUVIN KILLED GEORGE FLOYD BY KNEELING ON HIS NECK FOR EIGHT MINUTES AND 46 SECONDS.

**MAY 28** — AFTER DAYS OF RIOTS, PROTESTERS IN MINNEAPOLIS BURNED DOWN THE MPD 3RD PRECINCT, WHERE THE FOUR OFFICERS INVOLVED IN GEORGE FLOYD’S KILLING WORKED.

**JUNE 8** — SEATTLE PROTESTERS ESTABLISHED THE CAPITOL HILL AUTONOMOUS ZONE, AN OCCUPATION-STYLE PROTEST IN THE CAPITOL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGNED TO BE A REGION WITHOUT POLICING. ON JULY 1, POLICE CLEARED OUT THE AUTONOMOUS ZONE.

of June, and the 4J school board convened on June 17 to consider whether to renew it. The board ultimately decided to renew the contract until December 31, with an understanding that SROs would be removed from 4J schools after the contract expired.

#### Springfield City Council funds police body cameras

The Springfield City Council met June 8 to deliberate over proposed budget adjustments to compensate for the financial impacts of COVID-19. Funding for the SPD’s body-worn camera program, which the board had approved earlier this year, was up for possible funding reduction. The proposed budget adjustments showed that the program would cost around \$350,000 a year, but would cost around \$155,000 to get started.

Springfield Mayor Christine Lundberg recommended fully funding and initiating the program. She said the board heard the recent concerns from community members over the proposed removal of the project’s funds, and said that she agreed.

Springfield city councillors agreed unanimously to have body cameras removed from the proposed budget cuts, and to fund the program. SPD chief Richard Lewis projected that all officers would have cameras by February 2021. Only one SPD officer currently wears a body camera, according to KVAL.

*Several thousand protesters gather at Alton Baker Park during a Black Lives Matter protest in response to police brutality and the killing of Black individuals. A Black Lives Matter protest takes place in Eugene, Ore. on May 31, 2020. (Kimberly Harris/Emerald)*



# WORD ON THE STREET: STUDENTS DINING OUT AS EUGENE RESTAURANTS REOPEN



"I felt uncomfortable because I wanted to wear a mask but I really couldn't because it just isn't conducive with eating and drinking."

JESSICA JASZEWSKI Junior

"All the staff were wearing masks and the tables were far enough apart that I felt safe."

MEGAN HUNGATE Junior

While some Eugene restaurants are only offering takeout and delivery, others are open for dine-in with social distancing measures in place. (Sarah Northrop/Emerald)

BY EM CHAN · TWITTER @CATCHUPTOEMILY

On June 9, Gov. Kate Brown approved Lane County to enter Phase 2 of reopening Oregon.

This means restaurants within the county have been approved for allowing people to dine in, as long as they comply with new guidelines written up by the Oregon Health Authority to prevent further spread of COVID-19.

The requirements include spacing tables at least six feet apart with groups limited to 10 or fewer. Employees are required to wear gloves during all cleaning and disinfecting activities, according to the reopening guide. These guidelines have impacted smaller restaurants like Taste of India, who still cannot open up due to the small size of the establishment.

Since restaurants have been open for some time now, I sent out a form to gather input on student experiences dining in at restaurants and bars.

"All the staff were wearing masks and the tables were far enough apart that I felt safe," Megan Hungate, a junior, said. She had gone out to eat five times at restaurants including Rye, Sushi Ya and Sushi Pure, and stated that her experiences have been very positive overall.

"The cleanest was probably Rye since they had disposable menus where you scanned a code to see the menu, and I was overall the farthest from people there," Hungate said. "The second cleanest was Sushi Pure. They actually had the soy sauce in little to-go cups so that customers weren't sharing the same soy sauce bottles. Lastly, Sushi Ya was clean, but didn't do much besides keeping tables six feet apart."

When COVID-19 was announced to be a pandemic and establishments were forced to shut down, the restaurant scene felt a heavy blow. Bars in particular have played a big part in the student experience,

like Rennie's or Taylor's, which was forced to shut -down earlier this year. Students were unable to celebrate birthdays, milestones and other bonding outings that typically would take place in bars, like bar-hopping for 21st birthdays or seniors storming the bars the night before graduation. On March 16, Gov. Kate Brown ordered all bars and restaurants to stop on-site dining until Phase 1 reopening began.

Jessica Jaszewski, a junior, didn't think the bar experience was the same with social distancing protocol. "The bar experience is very specific and specialized – in my opinion it was not what I wanted when I went out that night," she said.

"I felt uncomfortable because I wanted to wear a mask but I really couldn't because it just isn't conducive with eating and drinking," Jaszewski explained. "The service and the restaurant itself was not the issue, they did their best; although,

admittedly people were still a little too close together for my comfort."

Another student, who asked to remain anonymous, stated their experience at Mo's in Florence was also positive. "Servers had masks, guests were seated with two large tables between them – with over six feet between them – spaced sparsely throughout the restaurant," they said.

So far within Eugene and Springfield, students have been enjoying the return to a fraction of the normalcy present before COVID-19. However, due to the health precautions and a rise in cases throughout the rest of the country, they have conflicting thoughts about going out. Ultimately, this is our new normal as we, government officials and students alike, continue to navigate how to have gatherings without contributing to the spread of COVID-19.

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# KENYON YOVAN EXCITED & READY TO RETURN TO OREGON BASEBALL

BY MOJO HILL · TWITTER @MOJOHILL22



Ducks designated hitter Kenyon Yovan (21) looks back at the umpire after a call. Oregon Ducks baseball takes on the Nevada WolfPack at PK Park in Eugene, Ore. on Feb. 22, 2020. (DL Young/ Emerald)

As if these times weren't already uncertain enough, it's hard to imagine what was going through Kenyon Yovan's mind after the MLB Amateur Draft was shortened to just five rounds. Following the draft's conclusion on June 11, the redshirt junior ultimately chose to forgo signing a \$20,000 contract with an MLB team so he could jump back in and continue his career at Oregon.

This certainly isn't the first time that the Beaverton, Oregon, native has chosen to continue his baseball career in his home state. After being drafted out of high school in the 32nd round by the Seattle Mariners in 2016, he jumped right in as a pitcher and hitter his freshman year at Oregon.

During his first two seasons with the Ducks, he found more success on the mound than at the plate, posting a 2.70 ERA. Even after missing most of the 2019 season due to injury, he was drafted again in the 27th round by the Los Angeles Angels. Now, he is once again returning, and is making his commitment clear as he chooses Oregon over other opportunities for the third time.

"I couldn't be more excited," Yovan said of his decision to return after the NCAA granted all spring athletes an extra year of eligibility. "The group of guys that we had last season was something special... To not even see a Pac-12 series was difficult for me personally just because I knew the potential that our team had."

The sudden shortening of the season was certainly tough on all spring athletes, but it's even more frustrating for Yovan. After missing most of the 2019 season, he hit a blistering .429/.566/.714 in 15 games and was denied the chance to play the full season out. As most of Yovan's college success previously came on the mound, it was encouraging to see him burst out so suddenly on the offensive side, but unfortunate that he wasn't able to finish it out.

"It was hard to get past the injury that I went through and try to reinvent the wheel when it came to pitching," he said. "I put my head down and got to work hitting and it paid off."

However, with a dearth of time to reflect, train and prepare, Yovan is determined to continue that momentum into 2021.

"I'm excited to get bigger and stronger than I am," he said, while also acknowledging that it feels weird to essentially get a do-over at his junior season.

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KENYON YOVAN

Yovan's Oregon career has been riddled with inconsistencies and injuries, but this extra year of eligibility has provided him an extra chance to "prove everyone wrong." The extended offseason has given him even more time to get healthier and stronger as he prepares for potentially two more full seasons of college baseball.

In order to stay in shape and build up strength, he's mostly been working out in a teammate's garage.

"We've had pretty much everything we need in there," he said. "Staying busy, just finishing with school, playing golf, going fishing, just trying to do a lot of stuff that I didn't really get a lot of time to do during the school year."

Yovan is not only proud of the progress he's made, but the progress of his teammates as well.

"We've had seven or eight kids in Eugene that we've been working out with, stuff like that, throwing, hitting, just trying to make the best of our opportunity with this... I'm excited to see the progress that people have made during quarantine."

With everyone training and working out to the best of their abilities, Yovan is excited for the potential that the Ducks have next season.

"It's going to be dangerous for other teams," he said. "With the young guys that we have plus the experience... These freshmen have already gotten games as college athletes and I'm excited to see where that maturity takes them."

Spring 2021 will also be the first full season for new head coach Mark Wasikowski, who only got a taste of action in his first games coaching the team this past spring. Wasikowski played for Pepperdine back in his collegiate days, and led the Ducks to an 8-7 record in his first year as head coach before the NCAA canceled the season.

"I love the intensity, the winning-first mindset. It's something that we needed, a little push," Yovan said of Wasikowski. "I can only imagine what we're going to be like with another full-year-plus season with Coach Waz and the staff. It's hard for me to wrap my head around because I'm excited."

The Ducks have only made one College World Series appearance in their history, back in 1954, so Wasikowski and his crew are setting out to accomplish something historic. Yovan firmly believes that last year's team was the one capable of getting to Omaha, so he's looking forward more than ever to get a chance to do that again.

"[We're] trying to make the days go by a little quicker until we get back on the field," said Yovan. "We're going to be back, and we're going to be better than ever."