

Dear College of Arts and Sciences Students,

As the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), I am looking forward to working with all of you in the fall. For those students who are returning, you have demonstrated yourselves to be an exceptional group who showed both great resilience and understanding during the pandemic last semester. For the new students joining our community, I want to say “welcome” once again. You are a great group of students as well!

As I have shared with many of you, the faculty have been working hard all summer to put together many wonderful online courses and events for you in the fall. They will also be available and accessible to you, if you have specific questions about a course during the semester. For the fall events, the Art + Design Department, for example, will be holding several online art exhibitions that I hope you will participate in virtually. Stay tuned for a complete list of all CAS events soon.

In addition, I want to let you know that you can reach out to your department chairs or me, Dr. Basu ([abasu1@esu.edu](mailto:abasu1@esu.edu)) or the Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Kitchens-Kintz ([mkitchens@esu.edu](mailto:mkitchens@esu.edu)) at any point during the summer or fall if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to help you, so please reach out to us anytime.

For the small group of you who will be living on campus, due to the specific requirements of your program, you will be hearing soon about the plans and procedures for your return. We will provides updates to you throughout the summer.

The College of Arts and Sciences continues to be a wonderful group of undergraduate and graduate students and faculty, who will face life’s challenges together!

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer!

Sincerely,

Andra Basu, Ph.D.

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences