

# PARENTS UPDATE

SPRING 2021



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**NYU**

GALLATIN SCHOOL OF  
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# Dear Parents,

As we finish the semester and look forward to an active summer semester with much more of NYC “open,” we thought we would send you some updates that I hope will be helpful. In this issue you will find information on graduation—very important for seniors and the parents and guardians of seniors—and on registration—important for everyone!

As many of you may have heard, NYU will be opening in person in the fall, returning as fully as possible to a regular set of activities and classes. With very few exceptions, all of our classes will be in person, and our performing arts classes of dance and drama will be using our theater as their classroom, a space big enough to allow them to follow the health protocols in place now if it turns out that they are still in place in the fall. Our performance teachers have done an amazing job at teaching performance and [dance online](#) but it will be exciting to have performance going on once again in our very own theater. We will continue, for at least the opening month of the fall semester, to plan to have any large events online, such as our opening Convocation where we welcome the entire first-year class and all new transfer students.

First-year students and new transfer students will soon receive notice about the book selected for NYU Reads, a program whereby all NYU students read together a book that we hope will touch the themes, issues, and debates of today. This year, we will read *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*. First-year and transfer students will be invited to attend Convocation to discuss this book in late August but all students are encouraged to participate in this reading project.

Over the past few weeks, we have had an amazing array of activities going on, made possible by Zoom and video. We hosted three exciting Earth Day events and I recommend you view [this short film](#) made by four Gallatin professors, student and alumni dancers from the Dancers Choreographers Alliance (DCA), along with text from poet and Gallatin student **Jayshawn Lee**, a music composer and producer. I found it a moving tribute to Earth Day and heartily recommend it. The Gallatin Arts Festival took place over the course of three weeks in April with a mixture of in-person and online events, and you can see the [installation views](#) here as well as read about the student artists.

Thanks to your wonderful students, this has been a rich and engaging semester filled with creativity and brilliance in spite of the pandemic and the stress and difficulties it presented. I send congratulations to our graduates and hope both graduates and families can join us in our livestreamed graduation ceremonies, and I send you all best wishes for a healthy and happy spring and summer.

Yours,



Susanne L. Wofford  
DEAN

# Fall 2021 Registration

## Important Dates & Links for Students

MONDAY, MAY 3

Fall 2021 Class Schedule Published

MONDAY, MAY 24\*

Fall 2021 Registration Begins

\*Undergraduate and graduate students register at specific appointment times.

## Gallatin Courses

### For BA and MA Students

Search COURSES on the Gallatin site, sort by requirements, units, faculty name, start times, and more.

Review seminars, advanced writing courses, arts workshops, electives, global courses, and more on the Gallatin Course Catalog page.

## Graduation

### Gallatin Commencement & NYU Graduation

We want to recognize the incredible work our graduating students have put into completing their degrees and we hope that these virtual events will help our students feel connected to their fellow graduates and to the larger Gallatin community. Parents, guardians, family, and friends are invited to join us!

You are invited to the **NYU Gallatin Virtual 2021 Graduation** on **THURSDAY, MAY 20, AT 11 AM EST**—[RSVP here](#).

All graduating Gallatin students, both BA and MA degree candidates, will be recognized on the [Gallatin homepage](#), where we will have a scrolling list of the names of our graduating students. Check the homepage at the week of **MAY 20**.

**NYU's All-University Commencement Ceremony - [MAY 19](#)**

# The Gallatin Arts Festival



## About the Festival

The Gallatin Arts Festival is traditionally a week-long, community-wide celebration of the unique artistry and interdisciplinary scholarship of students at the Gallatin School. The Festival features student work and serves as a springboard for action and discussion through the creation and presentation of work and ideas.

This spring the annual **Gallatin Arts Festival** (GAF) took place from April 12 to 30 with a variety of gallery installations, livestreamed events, and performances. GAF 2021 was unlike any before it, expanding from the typical one week to three, while showcasing work safely in person and on new digital platforms. Read more about all of the featured artists [here](#). We invite you to explore the [GAF archive](#); check out features of the artists, curators, and producers of this year's Festival via [blog posts](#); listen to the [collaborative Spotify playlist](#); and follow GAF [@gafnyu](#) on IG.

All GAF photos and cover photo by **Emma Comrie** (BA '21)



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