

# Dear Stranger: College Edition

## What is Dear Stranger?

Dear Stranger is a letter-exchange project that connects people across Oregon through the mail to share their thoughts and experiences. This special edition is for college and university students.

## How does letter-exchange work?

You will exchange letters with another student at a different college in Oregon through mail. Students across Oregon are writing letters with the same prompt in mind. Your letters will come to the Oregon Humanities office where the letter swapping takes place. We keep your identity anonymous. Someone will get your letter and you will get theirs. There is no rule for how long the letter has to be. We encourage you to share in a way that feels good to you and would be interesting for someone else to receive. For this custom Dear Stranger round, you will receive the other college student's letter around early May.

## How to participate:

- Write a letter and address it "Dear Stranger." There is a given prompt with multiple questions, that you respond to but feel free to write more than what is asked. You are also welcome to include pictures or art or anything else you'd like to share. Keep in mind anything you share within your letter and attachments could make your letter less anonymous. We will not reveal your name and address to the recipient unless we have your permission
- Complete the [Dear Stranger release form](#) (click the link). We cannot exchange letters without a release
- Mail your letter by **April 10, 2021** to:  
Dear Stranger c/o Oregon Humanities  
921 SW Washington St., #150  
Portland, Oregon 97205.

(Be sure to write your name and return address on your envelope so we can match your letter)

## Prompt:

It has been almost a year since many students transitioned from in-person to remote learning. Some students may appreciate the aspects of online classrooms, whereas others may prefer being in-person. There are various ways how students have been coping with virtual learning. With that said...

- Write a bit about yourself and why did you apply for the college you are currently attending?
- How has COVID-19 impacted your college experience?
- How are you making the best out of the college experience with the pandemic?
- Write about what your schedule is like every week.
- What do you do for fun on the weekends?

If you have any questions about Dear Stranger for College Students, please email [programintern@oregonhumanities.org](mailto:programintern@oregonhumanities.org)