FAQs

**Q1: I want to participate in stuffing backpacks with my co-workers. Can we all be at the same table?**

**A:** As long as your group arrives together, you will be placed at the same table. Please note: There is a limit of 10 participants at each table.

**Q2: I want to participate, but I didn’t register. Can I just show up?**

**A:** If you have not registered, you have two options:
1) Watch from the stands as a spectator
2) Wait in a stand-by line; those in the stand-by line may fill in for no-shows at 9:30 a.m.

**Q3: Can I just watch and not participate?**

**A:** Yes. If you just want to watch your staff colleagues in this effort, you are invited to sit in the stands and cheer them on! The glass will be down in Meehan Auditorium, so you will have a clear view of all the action on the floor.

**Q4: What is the current record for number of backpacks filled?**

**A:** The current record is 1512 backpacks. Brown University’s GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ official attempt will be 3,000 backpacks filled in one hour.

**Q5: When will we know if the record is broken?**

**A:** Participants in Brown Builds Backpacks will have one hour to stuff 3,000 backpacks with school supplies for elementary school children across our state for the Hasbro Summer Learning Initiative. When the one-hour time limit is up, an adjudicator from GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ along with several witnesses not affiliated with Brown, will need about 30 minutes to certify that the record has been broken.

**Q6: Will all outdoor events on Staff Development Day be cancelled if it rains?**

**A:** No. The breakfast will be moved inside Meehan Auditorium in case of rain. Likewise, Sayles Hall will be the rain location for the SAC Talent Show in the afternoon. Leslie’s Farmers’ Market will still be held on Wriston Quad – rain or shine!

**Q7: Why is the schedule different this year?**
A: For the 25th anniversary of Staff Development Day, University Human Resources wanted to do something to build community within Brown and give back to the Rhode Island community at the same time. To that end, we are focusing the entire morning on the GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ official attempt - a campus-wide community service project to foster collaboration and teamwork among our staff in a fun setting.

For the afternoon sessions, the focus is on important University initiatives featuring faculty and other senior leaders. These keynotes cover entrepreneurship, technology, the arts, politics, brain science, communications, and medicine.

Leslie’s Farmers’ Market will be held on Wriston Quad during the extended networking lunch and birthday party in the Sharpe Refectory. And finally, the Staff Advisory Council will, once again, sponsor the closing party to round out the day.

Q8: How can I spread the word?
A: Share the excitement on social media: #brownbuildsbackpacks, #brownsdd25, #officiallyamazing