NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION
PROVIDENCE COLLEGE
WELCOME

ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS and the Center for Orientation, Transitions & Leadership, I am excited to welcome you to the “Friar Family!”

Please consider this mailing your guide as you transition into the Providence College community. Enclosed, you will find important information about some of our programs and policies, “essentials” to be completed in advance of the fall semester, and unique involvement opportunities for incoming students. It is important that you read this mailing in its entirety and pay particular attention to the dates and deadlines listed within.

Should you have additional questions as you prepare for your first semester on campus, please visit providence.edu/orientation or contact our office at 401.865.1085, or orientation@providence.edu.

Congratulations on your decision to attend Providence College!

Sincerely,

Leslie J. Heller ’02
Director of Orientation, Transitions & Leadership

NEW

STUDENT ORIENTATION

During the Advising & Registration Days, new students will learn more about academics and campus resources, will finalize their course schedules for the fall semester, and will begin building connections with members of the PC community. Parent/guardian workshops will be offered to help address the many developmental and transitional issues commonly faced by students, and have questions answered face-to-face by members of our community.

Students must register themselves and any guests for these programs by May 31. For a look at the days’ schedules and to register, please visit providence.edu/orientation.

SUMMER ADVISING & REGISTRATION DAYS

JUNE 20 Undergraduate
JUNE 22 Accounting, Business
JUNE 23 Agriculture, Art History, English, French, German, Italian, Modern Languages, Philosophy, Political Science, Spanish
JUNE 27 Mathematics, Politics
JUNE 28 Applied Physics**, Biochemistry, Biology**, Chemistry**, Engineering (3+2 Combined Plan program)
AUG. 23 International Students

AUG. 24-27 AND SEPT. 1-3

On Aug. 24, new students † will return to campus for our Fall Orientation program, during which they will have the opportunity to truly get to know campus by participating in workshops, tours, and social programs with faculty, staff, and student leaders. Parents/guardians of incoming students that morning, the program will also begin with a Mass of Welcome for new student and families at 1 p.m. Immediately following, Mass, students and families will have an opportunity to ask our priests/leaders about our programs, facilities, and campus life. Afterward, new students will join our Orientation Leaders to meet their groups for their first class activities.

Fall Orientation will take place over the course of two weekends and is a mandatory experience for ALL new students — resident and commuter — so please plan to be on campus for the duration of both weekends.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Our two-part Orientation program is designed to: Acquaint new students with our community, its traditions, and resources, to prepare them for the transition to college life • Provide opportunities to build connections with other students to determine who they could become as individuals • Help them understand and take pride in what it means to be a Friar

SUMMER ADVISING & REGISTRATION DAYS

* Undeclared students are assigned alphabetically by student’s last name; please check our website for specifics.
** Majors also include those concentrating in Secondary Education.
† Not already partaking in special Pre-Orientation programming or the Aug. 23 Advising & Registration Day.

FALL ORIENTATION
YOUR PC CARD

Your Providence College identification card, the PC Card, is much more than a simple photo ID. It is also your meal card, library card, and bus pass. It provides access to your residence hall and the Concannon Fitness Center. It is also a safe and convenient way to make purchases on and off campus. If you have a Santander checking account, you can link your PC Card to your account for ATM and PIN-based bank transactions.

For additional information about your PC Card, visit providence.edu/pccard, or contact PC Card Services at 401.865.2273, or pccard@providence.edu.

PHOTO SUBMISSION GUIDELINES
- Photos must be in color with a pale background. Photos taken in front of a wall are acceptable.
- Photos should include the entire head and shoulders. We are able to crop photos as needed.
- Head should directly face the camera, with no profile or angle shots. Eyes should be open and looking at the camera.
- Well-lit photos are best. Make sure that your face is not obscured by hair or shadows. Include headpieces only if worn daily for religious purposes; they should not obscure the eyes or any other part of the face. No hats, bandannas, sunglasses, etc.
- Photos must be taken within the last six months.

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Please upload your student photo through our Online Card Office website instead of waiting in line to take a photo during your Advising & Registration Day. To log into the website, you will need your Providence College Network/Sakai username and PIN (provided within this mailing in a separate envelope). Visit providence.edu/pccard to view instructions and upload your photo. You can also download the PC Card App for your smartphone.

To be completed no later than May 30

Placed Card

Math Placement Exam

Required of all students. The results will allow us to pre-register you for a mathematics course if it is required for your major. You will have an opportunity to adjust your schedule during your Advising & Registration Day if you think your placement is incorrect.

Language Placement Exams

Required if you have studied Spanish, Italian, and/or French in high school. All students who complete the language placement exams will begin in a placement level that best suits their skills and interests.

Pre-orientation Survey for Undeclared Students

Instructed of undecided majors.

For additional information, please contact the Office of Academic Advising at 401.865.2177, or the Office of Enrollment Services at 401.865.3653.
With some exceptions, generally, FERPA provides enrolled college students with the following rights: to consent to disclosure of information in their educational records, to inspect and review their educational records, to request that inaccurate information be corrected, and to file a complaint with the federal government stating that a FERPA-protected right has been violated. One exception to the consent requirement addresses health or safety emergencies that require the release of personally identifiable information.

Students may authorize the College to release confidential educational information to parents/guardians, or others, by completing and signing a Release of Information Authorization Form. This form is available at providence.edu/orientation. Incoming students may submit this form at check-in on their Advising & Registration Day.

The privacy of personally identifiable information in student educational records is governed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), as amended.

If you have any questions, please visit providence.edu/health-center, or contact Health Services at 401.865.2422 or ckellehe@providence.edu.

STUDENT HEALTH

Providence College is required by law to keep certain medical information on file for all full-time students. A Health Form — available at providence.edu/health-record — must be completed and returned to Health Services by no later than July 14. This report will become part of your confidential medical record and is critical to your care. Please fill it out accurately and completely. Unreturned or incomplete health forms may mean registration delays or disciplinary action.

Prior to College entrance, all students are required to have a current physical exam (dated after April 1, 2016). In addition, you must provide proof of all immunizations (month, day, and year) listed on the health form, and answer the tuberculosis screening questions. If required by the Rhode Island Department of Health, medical records are acceptable.

College students, depending on living conditions and habits, may be at increased risk of developing meningitis. Providence College, along with the Centers for Disease Control, RIDOH, and the American College Health Association, strongly encourages you to discuss this information with your health care provider and to seek the required proof of immunization for the meningococcal vaccine on your health form. If at any time there is a change in your health status, allergies, home address, phone number, or insurance coverage, it is your responsibility to update your records with the Student Health Center.

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

Providence College offers a Student Health Insurance Plan administered by University Health Plans. Students may make enrollment in the College plan if they are covered by a comparable health insurance plan. The coverage period for the 2017-2018 academic year is Sept. 1, 2017 - Aug. 31, 2018. A letter will be mailed to your home address in early June with the specific details on how to waive or enroll. Please note that international students may not waive the College student health insurance plan.

The deadline for completing the online waiver/enrollment form is July 1. After this date, students will be automatically enrolled in the Student Health Insurance Plan, and the charge will be added onto the student’s fall bill. A waiver/enrollment form must be completed by students each academic year.

For additional information about FERPA, please review the College guidelines at providence.edu/enrollment-services.

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**NEW STUDENT PROGRAMMING**

**PRE-ORIENTATION EVENTS**

The **International Student Welcome Week** (Aug. 19-24) is a six-day series of activities designed to help incoming international students get to know each other and feel welcomed into the Providence College community. The week includes cultural events, workshops, and social activities to help students build relationships with their peers and start building a support network.

**FACTORIES**

(Aug. 20-24) is a service immersion program through which incoming students will fulfill their Jesuit call to serve alongside and in solidarity with those in need. Students will engage in community service projects that focus on urban issues, such as literacy, food insecurity, and refugee services. Participants gain the opportunity to serve alongside and in solidarity with those in need, while also building relationships and creating a network of support on-campus, all while engaging in fun and challenging leadership development activities, and experiencing a wide variety of populations, cultures, and social issues. The FACTORIES program is mandatory for all students on Providence College-sponsored F-1 and J-1 visas and is also open to U.S. citizens who have spent the majority of their lives abroad.

**URBAN ACTION** (Aug. 20-24) is a service learning program designed to help incoming students understand the urban issues, including homelessness, gentrification, immigration, and refugee-aided participation. Participants gain the opportunity to serve alongside and in solidarity with those in need, while also building relationships and creating a network of support on-campus, all while engaging in fun and challenging leadership development activities, and experiencing a wide variety of populations, cultures, and social issues. The FACTORIES program is mandatory for all students on Providence College-sponsored F-1 and J-1 visas and is also open to U.S. citizens who have spent the majority of their lives abroad.

**WELCOME PROGRAM** (Aug. 18-19) focuses on providing incoming students with an enhanced support network on-campus, an upperclass mentor to solidify and instill a call to love by serving others, and a yearlong mentorship program led by upperclass students. Programming includes an overnight fall retreat for incoming students for a weekend off campus, all while maintaining their unique identities and cultural values. Programming includes opportunities for reflection and relaxation, and a yearlong mentorship program geared to support incoming students.

**PEER MENTOR PROGRAM** (Aug. 22-24) is designed to support incoming students in their ongoing process of higher education and personal growth. Participants take part in activities throughout their first year, which can include mentor training and development activities, and opportunities to collaborate and network with other students in the Providence College community. Sponsored by the Office of the Dean of Students.

The **HORIZONS PROGRAM** aims to help incoming students break the busyness of the academic year, reflect on the role of God in their ongoing pursuit of higher education. Participants have the opportunity to serve alongside and in solidarity with those in need, while also building relationships and creating a network of support on-campus, all while engaging in fun and challenging leadership development activities, and experiencing a wide variety of populations, cultures, and social issues. The FACTORIES program is mandatory for all students on Providence College-sponsored F-1 and J-1 visas and is also open to U.S. citizens who have spent the majority of their lives abroad.
TO-DOS

**Urban Action program, Connections and Transformations retreats**
- JUNE 1
- Online registration opens for Urban Action program

**PC Card**
- JUNE 13
- Deadline to submit a student photo online for your PC Card

**Roommate Matching Profile**
- JUNE 30
- Deadline for resident students to complete a Roommate Matching Profile

**Health insurance waiver or enrollment form**
- JULY 1
- Deadline to complete your online health insurance waiver or enrollment form

**Health form**
- JULY 14
- Deadline to return your health form to Health Services

**StrengthsFinder assessment**
- AUG. 20
- Deadline to complete online StrengthsFinder assessment to learn your unique strengths; register using your Friars email at propane.gallup.com.

**Advising & Registration Day**
- NOW
- Mark your calendar for both your Advising & Registration Day and two weekends of Fall Orientation

**FaithWorks program**
- NOW
- Online registration open for FaithWorks program

**Placement exam(s)**
- MAY 30
- Deadline to complete your placement exam(s) and — for undeclared students only — your Pre-Orientation Survey

**Advising & Registration Day**
- MAY 31
- Deadline to register yourself and guests who will be attending your Advising & Registration Day

**Advising & Registration Day**
- AUG. 20
- Deadline to complete online StrengthsFinder assessment to learn your unique strengths; register using your Friars email at Providence.gallup.com. Print your “top 5” or email them to yourself for reference during Fall Orientation and beyond.

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**Class of 2011 Facebook group**
- Stay up-to-date by checking your Friars email and social media — especially the Class of 2021 Facebook group!