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**Benefits of Attending STOVS**

- Get to know Villanova’s campus
- Make new friends before Orientation
- Create relationships with University faculty, staff, and administrators
- Have one less final at the end of the Fall semester freshmen year
- Be invited to exclusive career development and networking programs
- Learn new and efficient study skills
- Get a jumpstart on your college experience at Villanova University!

STOVS alumni are leaders on campus and in their communities. Our alumni have attended prestigious graduate schools, been selected for international volunteer organizations, and have received impressive offers of employment around the world.

STOVS students on STOVS

“STOVS was the stepping stone I needed to get a serious head-start on my academics, to acquaint myself with the campus, and to make friends who I can always depend on.”
- Christos Voutsakis, Pennsylvania

“STOVS gave us a jump start on our college life! We made great and lasting friendships. It was amazing coming back to campus in August and seeing familiar faces; it made our transition into college life that much easier!”
- Diany Tupete, New Jersey

“It was one of the smartest decisions I have ever made; it prepared me for college in every way possible. I knew exactly what to expect my first day of classes and had no fears about my first real college courses.”
- Rachael Todd, Pennsylvania

“STOVS helped me put aside any insecurity I had as an incoming freshman. STOVS was more than classes and workshops. It was an experience that set the tone for my four years at Villanova. It provided me with incredible tools to tackle my schoolwork, and I met some wonderful folks that have helped me throughout the years.”
- Hector Santamaria, Puerto Rico

“I would never trade the three weeks I experienced as a St. Thomas of Villanova Scholar. The experience taught me so much more than just how to prepare for college; it taught me about acceptance of others.”
- Guadalupe Mata, Texas

**STOVS History & Purpose**

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**What should I expect during STOVS?**

You should expect a fun, yet academically rigorous schedule, filled with classes, workshops, study hall, cultural trips and social events. We eat three meals together each day and engage in challenging and fun activities designed to help you become a leader at Villanova.

**How can I be a part of STOVS?**

- Submit your online application via email by 5PM, EST, May 29th to VillanovaSTOVs@gmail.com
- Check your Villanova email regularly
- You will receive your decision from the STOVS program by June 9, 2015
- Clear your calendar for July 6th-25th
- Get ready to work hard and have fun!
“STOVS was instrumental in my development as a student, an individual, and as a future contributor to a larger community. I was presented with the best friends I now call my brothers and sisters. I was blessed to meet such a genuine and special group of peers whose presence only enriched and broadened my perspectives and views. I can only say that you must experience STOVS for yourself to understand the depth of its positive influence.”

--2009 STOVS Alumna Lien Trieu

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE STOVS 2015 PROGRAM...

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