MORE TO KNOW

The Opening Day Family Resource Fair will feature information sessions and Q-and-A opportunities from more than 50 campus departments, student resources and academic representatives. Check your Orientation App for times, locations and a full list of participants.

A number of offices will be open for in-person visits on Opening Day. Check your Orientation App for a full list of offices, times and locations!
SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY
TO EMBRACE NEW BEGINNINGS

Dear Villanova,

On behalf of the New Student Orientation Program, welcome! We’re counting the days until Orientation begins and we welcome you to your new home at Villanova! Our Orientation Staff is ready to show you how to Seize the Opportunity to Embrace New Beginnings—in fact, that’s the theme of this year’s Orientation Program!

In this booklet, you’ll learn everything you need to know about the weeks leading up to Move-In and Orientation, as well as the events themselves. I hope you’ll take some time to read over the information we’ve prepared for you. We encourage you to follow us on Instagram (@novaorientation) and download the NovaGuides app to get ready for your arrival! These are great ways to learn more about the people and places you’ll encounter in your first few days on campus and through your first year.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out to us by visiting orientation.villanova.edu, emailing orientation@villanova.edu, or calling 610-519-4200. Enjoy the rest of your summer, and I look forward to seeing you and your family at Orientation very soon!

Katherine Melbourn
Katherine Melbourn, Class of 2024 Student Chairperson
New Student Orientation Program

MOVE-IN DAY: FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL TO VILLANOVA

Earlier this summer, you received an email from Residence Life that included a link to register for a time to arrive on campus. Pre-registration helps us minimize delays on move-in day. As you pack for your journey, please don’t forget to label your belongings with your name, residence hall and room number. A list of items to bring (and a few to leave at home) can be found by scanning this QR code.

COMING TO CAMPUS

In this packet, you’ll find a hang tag for your vehicle. Please bring this with you on Move-In Day and display it in your rearview mirror. Only vehicles displaying this hang tag will be permitted to access areas near residence halls. Only one hang tag is available per student, and only one vehicle will be permitted to access areas near residence halls.

The color of your hang tag corresponds to your residence hall and your arrival route. Please follow the signs that match the color of your hang tag.

You will encounter an increased amount of traffic and may experience waiting periods. We ask for your patience as we welcome 1,700 new students to campus.

ARRIVING AT YOUR RESIDENCE HALL

When you arrive at your residence hall, please unload your belongings. To avoid congestion and delays, vehicles will not be allowed to remain unattended in front of residence halls. After drop-off, a member of the Public Safety team will direct a member of your party to a parking area while you continue the move-in process.

Once you’ve unloaded, check-in and pick up your Wildcat at the entrance of your residence hall. Your Wildcat will give you access to your room, and you may begin moving in! Please remember to dispose of recycling and trash according to the posted signs in your building. If you have any questions, Residence Life and Orientation staff members will be available to assist you.

AFTER YOU’RE SETTLED

• Hungry? Stop by the Donahue or Dougherty dining halls for just $5, or visit Second Street Market In St. Mary’s Hall for snacks, sandwiches, pizza and more.
• Join other diverse students for an affinity space in Café Nova on the first floor of Dougherty Hall at 7 p.m. Many underrepresented student resources and current student leaders of campus affinity groups will be in attendance to talk with students about being engaged and supported on campus. Snacks will be provided.
• Villanova’s Campus Activities Team (CAT) hosts “Nova @ Nite: KnKoff,” the first in a series of events welcoming new students to campus, from 8:30-11 p.m. on Mendel Field. Enjoy games, music, prizes and free food!

OPENING DAY: SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

Opening Day officially begins with the University Welcome at 1 p.m., but there’s plenty to do before that! Organize your room, get to know your roommate and the people in your hall, visit the bookstore for books and more, and explore campus (this is a great chance to find your Orientation Group location in advance!).

Students and family members should dress casually and comfortably for Opening Day activities. Many activities are outdoors and the weather at Villanova can be quite warm in August. Comfy shoes are especially important!

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Check your Orientation App for times and locations of all activities. Some highlights include:

• Family Resource Fair and Information Sessions
• University Welcome
• Meet-ups with your Orientation Group
• Opening Mass
• Family Picnic

Families will depart campus immediately following the picnic, with students remaining on campus with their Orientation Groups for more fun activities!