

TRANSFER 101



Villanova University and New Student Orientation will continue to send Transfer 101 emails throughout the summer to keep you updated on important information and help prepare for your arrival. Click [here](#) to read past issues of Transfer 101.

Service Opportunities at Villanova

St. Thomas of Villanova, the patron saint of the University, dedicated his life to working with the impoverished and most vulnerable people in his city. Following his example, service and justice are central to the mission of Villanova. Engaging in community service provides students with the opportunity to become active members of the community while impacting society at large. Volunteering creates special bonds with the population being served and it increases social awareness and responsibility. There are many types of weekly service opportunities to pursue depending upon your interest, availability and time commitment.

Annual Days of Service

- **St. Thomas of Villanova Day of Service: Saturday, Sept. 30**
Each year, the [Day of Service](#) brings together nearly 5,000 students, faculty, staff and alumni in partnership with neighborhood agencies to perform service throughout greater Philadelphia and beyond.
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service: Monday, Jan. 15, 2024**
Entering its 17th year, the [Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service](#) celebrates the legacy of Dr. King by bringing together people of all ages and backgrounds to improve lives, bridge social barriers and move our nation closer to the "Beloved Community" that Dr. King envisioned. This event is planned during the fall, so students should look for more information on how to get involved!

Student Service Organizations

Engaging in community service provides students with the opportunity to become active members of the community while impacting society at large. Volunteering creates special bonds with the population being served and increases social awareness and responsibility. For a full list of Villanova's service-based student organizations, visit our [VU Groups website](#) dedicated to student service organizations. Be sure to check out their tables at the Student Involvement Fair on Friday, Aug. 25 from 4-7 p.m. on Mendel Field!

Service and Justice Experiences (SJE)

Every semester, [Service and Justice Experiences](#) allow students to engage with community partners committed to working for justice in the world. Students meet weekly in small groups to build community, engage in social analysis, and share in prayerful reflection. As part of the experience, students travel in small groups over semester breaks to locations domestically and internationally where they engage in acts of service and develop a critical awareness of contemporary social issues.

Villanova University and New Student Orientation are looking forward to welcoming you to campus. If you have additional questions regarding Orientation, please contact us at orientation@villanova.edu, and follow us on Instagram at [@NovaOrientation](#).

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