



**May 21, 2025**

Dear Villanova University Class of 2029 and Families,



Welcome to Villanova! On behalf of our faculty, staff, current students and alumni, we are thrilled to welcome you to our community. This message begins the first of our weekly VU101 emails to the Class of 2029 as we prepare for your arrival and New Student Orientation.

**“Explore Your Path. Find Your Home”**

The 2025 New Student Orientation theme encourages you to chart your own course and explore all that Villanova has to offer you. St. Augustine inspires us to *become who we are not yet*, and our Orientation Program is where that path will begin. Villanova means “new home,” and we cannot wait for you to find your place in our campus community!

## **Important Dates**

New Student Orientation will take place Thursday, Aug. 21, through Sunday, Aug. 24, with move-in for residential students planned for Wednesday, Aug. 20. Details regarding each day of Orientation are included below:

- **Move-In: Wednesday, Aug. 20**

You will receive information later this summer regarding arriving on campus to move into your residence hall. Packing, traveling, waiting in line and unpacking can make it feel like a long day. We encourage families to [stay overnight in the local area](#) if they are traveling long distances.

- **Opening Day: Thursday, Aug. 21 (for students and families)**

Students often spend the morning of Opening Day getting settled, navigating the Villanova area, and taking placement tests as necessary. Families are encouraged to attend one of the information sessions offered or visit the Family Resource Fair. At 1 p.m., the University Welcome begins our Orientation programming for students and families, which ends with Mass and a picnic. The picnic will conclude at 6:30 p.m.,

and families will depart campus at that time. Students will continue with Orientation activities throughout the evening and the next three days.

- **Orientation: Thursday Evening, Aug. 21, through Sunday, Aug. 24 (for students only)**

These four days will be spent in small groups, led by an Orientation Counselor, to help incoming students navigate their new surroundings and begin familiarizing themselves with campus life. Students attend events hosted by their academic deans, participate in presentations on resources and campus life, and enjoy evening entertainment. Orientation concludes for the Class of 2029 with one of Villanova's favorite traditions, the Commissioning Ceremony.

We encourage you to check your Villanova email often and visit our [frequently updated website](#), which contains helpful Orientation information and resources for you and your family. To add additional email addresses to this VU101 mailing list, please [click here](#).

Sincerely,

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