



**May 28, 2025**

*Villanova University and New Student Orientation will continue to send VU101 emails throughout the summer to keep you updated on important information and help prepare for your arrival. To view past emails, please visit the [New Student Orientation website](#).*

### **MyNova New Student Checklist**

There are a few things you'll need to do over the summer to prepare for New Student Orientation and the 2025-26 academic year—so we've compiled your to-dos and important dates into an easy-to-access checklist! Visit [MyNova](#), sign in using your new Villanova email address and password, and search "New Student Checklist" for a look at everything coming up this summer, from selecting a size for your free Nova Nation T-shirt to completing required courses and more.

### **Laptop Requirements by College**

Villanova's four undergraduate colleges (the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Engineering, the M. Louise Fitzpatrick College of Nursing and Villanova School of Business) have posted [information, guidelines and recommendations](#) on their websites to help you get familiar with IT resources specific to each curriculum. This information will assist you in selecting the best computer that will meet your needs and be compatible with the campus network, and what you need to know if you already have a computer.

### **Meal Plan Selection Due June 16**

Villanova's Dining Services offers convenient, top-quality, nutritious meals for every dietary need, prepared by our experienced chefs in our 20 dining locations! First-year students can select one of two meal plans (the Campus Cravings Plan or the Frequent Foodie Plan), both of which provide swipe access to the three main dining halls, "Meal Plan Express" options you can use in other campus dining facilities like Café Nova, and a supply of dining dollars that can be spent in any dining location. [Learn more about your options on our website](#), then make your Meal Plan selection in your [Housing Portal](#) by Monday, June 16. If you do not make a selection by June 16, you will be assigned the Campus Cravings Plan.

Villanova has been ranked #4 among the nation's most allergy-friendly colleges by [Spokin!](#) [Learn more](#) about our services for students with special dietary needs and how to chat with our nutritionist.

### **Your Villanova Wildcard and Nova Bucks**

The Villanova University Wildcard is the official identification card for students that provides access to residence halls, dining, vending, library privileges, printing, sporting events, the University Shop and more. Students should [upload a photo for their Wildcard](#) by Monday, July 7. If you are a resident student,

you will receive your Wildcard from your resident assistant on move-in day. If you are a commuter student, you will receive your Wildcard during Orientation.

In addition to serving as your official University identification, your Wildcard has the ability to connect to your [Nova Bucks](#) account. Nova Bucks is a convenient, prepaid debit account linked to your Wildcard that makes life on (and off) campus easier. You deposit money into the account, and those funds can be used at dining locations, the bookstore, vending machines, and more—plus at about 45 off-campus merchants for things like pizza, snacks, groceries, or a haircut. You'll also receive a 5% discount at the University Shop when you use your Wildcard. Nova Bucks will even be accepted at the new Wawa convenience store opening this fall in the Connelly Center. Since Villanova is a cashless campus, Nova Bucks is a safe and smart alternative to carrying cash or a credit card. It's also a great budgeting tool, with funds rolling over from semester to semester. Any remaining balance over \$10 will be refunded when you graduate or leave the University. You can make deposits online at [villanova.edu/wildcard](https://villanova.edu/wildcard) or in person at the Wildcard Office in Dougherty Hall.

*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](mailto:orientation@villanova.edu), and follow us on Instagram at [@NovaOrientation](https://www.instagram.com/NovaOrientation).*

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