**STOVS History & Purpose**

STOVS began in the summer of 2008 and over the last 4 years has helped more than 100 Villanovans jumpstart their college experience. The program is designed to provide incoming freshmen an opportunity to sharpen their leadership skills, meet new friends, and begin their college career at Villanova. By living on campus, and attending real college classes, STOVS are able to acclimate themselves to Villanova, prepare fully for their freshman year and take full advantage of all that Villanova has to offer.

**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 our website by 5PM, EST, June 1st
- Mail back your consent form
- Check your Villanova email regularly
- You will receive your decision from the STOVS program by June 11, 2012
- Clear your calendar for July 9th-28th
- Get ready to work hard and have fun!

**Benefits of Attending STOVS**

- Become familiar with the campus before orientation begins
- Make new friends before starting your freshman year
- Create relationships with professional staff from the University
- Have one less final at the end of the Fall semester freshman year
- Attend fun, cultural trips and become familiar with Philadelphia
- Learn new and efficient study skills
- Get a jumpstart on your college experience at Villanova University!

**STOVS Alums are leaders on campus and in their communities.**

**STOVS Seniors have been accepted to prestigious graduate schools, volunteer organizations, and have received impressive employment opportunities!**

**STOVS Students on STOVS**

- "STOVS was the stepping stool 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, Junior, Pennsylvania

- "STOVS gave us a head 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, Senior, 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, Junior, 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, Senior, Puerto Rico

- "STOVS was amazing I had so much fun & met the best friends, if I could do it all over again I would do it in a heart beat!!!"
  - Jasmine McCoy, Senior, California

- "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, Junior, Texas
“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

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE STOVS 2012 PROGRAM...

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TO APPLY FOR THE STOVS PROGRAM...

please visit and submit materials at: www.villanova.edu/studentlife/multiculturalaffairs/

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