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Dear Villanova University Class of 2028 and Families,



Welcome to Villanova! On behalf of our faculty, staff, current students and alumni, we are thrilled to welcome you to our community. My name is Laila Ghabrial, and I am a senior studying Political Science from Baltimore, MD. Since I was selected as the Student Chair in October, our entire office has been hard at work to plan a wonderful Orientation experience to make you feel at home at Villanova. This message begins the first of our weekly VU101 emails to the Class of 2028 as we prepare for your arrival and New Student Orientation.

“Imagine Where These Moments Will Lead You... The Journey Awaits”

The 2024 New Student Orientation theme encourages you to look forward to the future you’ll forge at Villanova, where the person you are meets the person you’ll become. My team of 14 student leaders chose these words to guide the beginning of your journey as a Villanovan. We cannot wait to see where the moments ahead will lead you!

Important Dates

New Student Orientation will take place Thursday, Aug. 22, through Sunday, Aug. 25, with move-in for residential students planned for Wednesday, Aug. 21. Details regarding each day of Orientation are included below:

- **Move-In: Wednesday, Aug. 21**

You will receive information later this summer about what to expect on Move-In Day, including instructions on selecting an arrival time 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. 22 (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. 22, through Sunday, Aug. 25 (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 2028 with one of Villanova's favorite traditions, the Commissioning Ceremony.

We will be in touch each week through VU101s, and we encourage you to check your Villanova email often. Make sure to check out 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](#). If you have any questions, send us an [email](#). You can also [follow us on Instagram](#) to meet our Orientation team and find out more about the fun that awaits the Class of 2028!

The journey awaits!

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