



**May 24, 2023**

Dear Villanova University Class of 2027 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 2027 as we prepare for your arrival and New Student Orientation.

**“Seize the Opportunity to Embrace New Beginnings”**

The 2023 New Student Orientation theme encourages new students to take every opportunity to grow as they start their next chapter at Villanova. Rooted in our Augustinian Catholic values and desire to ignite change, each of you will help propel Villanova forward from your very first days on campus. We cannot wait for you to begin your journey with us!

**Important Dates**

New Student Orientation will take place Saturday, Aug. 19, through Tuesday, Aug. 22, with move-in for residential students planned for Friday, Aug. 18. Details regarding each day of Orientation are included below:

- **Move-In: Friday, Aug. 18**

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: Saturday, Aug. 19 (for students and families)**

The morning of Opening Day can be spent getting settled, navigating the Villanova area, and taking placement tests as necessary. 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 into the week.

- **Orientation: Saturday Evening, Aug. 19, through Tuesday, Aug. 22 (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 with one of Villanova's favorite traditions, the Commissioning Ceremony for the Class of 2027.

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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