

ORIENTATION



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Villanova University and New Student Orientation will 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](#).

See You Soon!

We're excited to get [New Student Orientation 2026](#) underway! As you make your final preparations for Move-In Day on Wednesday and Opening Day on Thursday, please be reminded of the following:

Move-In Day: Wednesday, Aug. 19

- Residential students should report to their [staging area or residence hall location](#) during the timeframe chosen earlier this summer. Please reference the email you received from the Office for Residence Life on Monday, Aug. 17 for directions to your staging area or residence hall. Please remember to bring the hangtag that you received in the Move-In and Orientation Guide that was mailed to you earlier this month and display it from your vehicle's rearview mirror as you arrive on campus. This will help us ease traffic flow and reduce wait times for our 2,100 new Villanovans. (If you did not receive a hangtag, please proceed directly to your staging area or residence hall and a University representative will give you one.)
- When you arrive at your residence hall, our Orientation Staff Members will help you unload your vehicle. Once your vehicle is unloaded, please have a member of your party move it to the designated parking area. **Vehicles will not be permitted to remain unattended in front of residence halls.** The student should proceed to their residence hall check-in area, where they'll receive their Wildcard. Our Staff Members will help you move your belongings to your residence hall room.
- Did you forget something? There's no need to leave campus! Stop by the University Shop's Pop-Up Tent on Sheehan Beach, between Sheehan Hall and Lancaster Avenue, for a selection of residence hall room essentials like bedding, shower and bath supplies, extension cords, storage bins and desk accessories. Or hop on the Wildcat Shuttle to visit the University Shop, located in St. Mary's Hall.
- Hungry? Stop by one of our dining halls for a complimentary meal! Check your [Orientation App](#) for locations and hours of operation.
- Residential students will attend Welcome Home Floor Meetings in their residence halls starting at 8:30 p.m. These events provide the opportunity for students to get to know their RA and neighbors and connect with new friends.

Opening Day: Thursday, Aug. 20

- We invite families to join us at our Family Information Fair in the Connelly Center from 9-10:30a.m. Check your [Orientation App](#) for a list of departments and offices that will have representatives on hand to chat with your family members.
- New Student Orientation officially begins with the University Welcome at 11 a.m. and continues with various activities and events throughout the day. Check your [Orientation App](#) for times and locations.
- Remember to check your [Housing Portal](#) or the email we sent you on Monday, Aug. 17 for your Orientation Group Number and meeting location! Your Orientation Counselor is looking forward to meeting you on Opening Day.
- Following Opening Mass, families will depart campus and students will continue with Orientation activities for the remainder of the weekend.

Download the New Student Orientation App

For up-to-date information about Orientation, including schedules, severe weather locations, maps and more, we highly recommend using [our free app](#)! Once downloaded, you will have the details of Orientation right in the palm of your hand. We encourage you to accept push notifications, as this will create a pop-up alert on your phone if we need to make a last-minute change due to weather.

The Office of First Year Experience

Transitioning to a new environment can be fun, but it can also bring concerns as students adjust to life on campus. Our Office of First Year Experience is here to help! [Check out our website](#) for advice from current Villanovans, helpful links to resources, activities and programs, and ways to connect with staff and students from all areas of campus! Representatives from the Office of First Year Experience will be available throughout Orientation; afterwards, stop by to visit us in Dougherty Hall, Room 214!

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, and follow us on Instagram at [@NovaOrientation](#).

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