



**May 20, 2026**

Dear Villanova University Class of 2030 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 is the start of our weekly VU101 emails to the Class of 2030 as we prepare for your arrival and New Student Orientation.

**“Chase New Possibilities...The Time is Yours!”**

As you enter a community defined by the principle of restlessness, know that it's through newness and determination that you might—in the words of St. Augustine—become what you are not yet. The theme of our 2026 New Student Orientation Program calls on you to do just that: **chase new possibilities** and **embrace the time you have** here at Villanova. Throughout our four-day Orientation, you'll be asked to chase your very first new possibilities. We cannot wait to share those possibilities and welcome you into a community of growth, support and belonging.

**Important Dates**

New Student Orientation will take place Thursday, Aug. 20, through Sunday, Aug. 23, with move-in for residential students planned for Wednesday, Aug. 19. Details regarding each day of Orientation are included below:

- **Move-In: Wednesday, Aug. 19**

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: Thursday, Aug. 20 (for students and families)**

Opening Day activities include the University Welcome, meeting with Orientation Staff Members, connecting with campus resources and our Opening Mass. Families

will depart campus in the early evening and students will continue with Orientation activities throughout that night and the next three days.

- **Orientation: Thursday Evening, Aug. 20, through Sunday, Aug. 23 (for students only)**

During these four days, new students will be placed in a small group led by an Orientation Counselor who will help them 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 2030 with one of Villanova's favorite traditions, the Commissioning Ceremony.

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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**P.S.: Don't forget to [complete your housing application](#) and sign up for [Communitas](#) via your Housing Portal by Sunday, May 31!**

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