Congratulations Incoming Class of 2026!

We wanted to start off by being the first to welcome you to Duquesne University! Our names are Zachary Mansberry and Amandalynne Davis, and we have the pleasure of serving as your Directors of Orientation 2022! We know how intimidating it can be to finally begin your college life because, not too long ago, we were in the exact same boat. Our Orientation program is for students, run by students and is designed to ensure that your transition to campus life runs as smoothly as possible for everyone involved. We believe that we have implemented new changes and ideas to make your first week on the Bluff even more enjoyable and educational than it has been in past years. Throughout Orientation week, we will offer a variety of different events and services to cater to individuals of all backgrounds and interests. We believe that the events that we chose not only introduce you to your fellow classmates, but also provide a warm introduction to Pittsburgh and your new home away from home—Duquesne itself.

Orientation week will kick off with Move-In Day on Tuesday, August 16th and will last until Sunday, August 21st, which is right before classes begin! Along with the exciting events that occur during the week, we also provide ample time for all new students to prepare themselves for the start of classes. During O-Week, you will be assigned two team leaders who are student volunteers tasked with leading a group of roughly twenty-five incoming students throughout the week. Your team leaders will be your primary resource for learning all about college life, academics, and the surrounding Pittsburgh area. These sessions with your team leaders will give you an opportunity to get to know your peers on a more personal level, hopefully leading to lasting friendships and more involvement throughout the week. There will also be a plethora of large group sessions that all new students are invited to attend, including but not limited to our late night events, a concert in our new UPMC Cooper Fieldhouse, the Graffiti Dance, a mentalist, a live game show night and the new student talent show!

This year’s Orientation theme is Elevate Your Potential. When our staff met at the beginning of the year to choose a theme for our program, we wanted to pick one that would generate excitement for both you and your families. You are starting a new chapter in your life, and have made the big decision to Elevate Your Potential through personal and academic growth! We cannot wait to be part of your journey this fall and see who you are going to become at Duquesne!

Please feel free to contact us throughout the summer with any questions or concerns that may come up, or simply just to introduce yourselves before the week begins. We will also be hosting information sessions at the FAST program to introduce ourselves to the new students and share a preview of what can be expected at Orientation! Our office number is 412.396.6641 and our email is orientation@duq.edu. Enjoy the rest of the summer and we look forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely,

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