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Greetings!

Welcome to the Washington University family!

We are thrilled to have you and your student as new members of our community. This special edition of Family Ties is intended to help you learn more about Move-In Day and Bear Beginnings: New Student Orientation so you are prepared when you arrive on campus next week.

Family Ties is a quarterly publication coordinated by the First Year Center and Parent Programs.

Move-In Day: Thursday, August 20
away parties to packing up the car, we know how important these moments can be. Be sure to follow us to see how other families are preparing for Move-In.

We can't wait to see everyone pull onto the South 40 next week!

Get to Know The First Year Center

The First Year Center supports new students through their transition into the community of Washington University in St. Louis to assure that they build and sustain their academic and personal goals. The center brings together people, programs and resources to provide an undergraduate experience of exceptional quality where all students are known by name and story and where they prepare themselves for lives of purpose and meaning. Bear Beginnings: New Student Orientation, Parent & Family Weekend, and a host of other programs for students throughout the year are run out of the First Year Center.

Have any other lingering questions about what to do before orientation? Please visit the First Year Center website. The Get Ready for School section is particularly helpful.

Also, please feel free to contact us at firstyearcenter@wustl.edu or 314.935.5040.

SAVE THE DATE!

Tips for a successful move-in day

- Have your student pack all of their belongings in boxes or bins and write their residential hall and room number on the outside. Students can move-in no earlier than 8:30 AM on Thursday, August 20 (unless they are participating in a Pre-Orientaion or other early arrival program)
- Driving directions: For all students living on the South 40, they will enter campus by turning East onto Shepley Dr. from Big Bend Blvd. If you are navigating to campus with a GPS, use 1 Shepley Dr., Clayton, MO 63105 for the South 40. At the first checkpoint, our staff will direct you to a specific unloading zone for your student's residence hall. At the unloading zone, our student staff and move-in crew will be available to assist your student in bringing belongings to their room. The vehicle must then be moved to long-term parking, located throughout the campus, including the Danforth University Center garage or in front of Brookings Hall.
- Be sure your student is unpacked and ready to go by 5:15 PM. They have a REQUIRED residence floor meeting at that time.
- You can reference Bear Facts for more information about Move-In Day.

Bear Beginnings: New Student Fall Orientation

Your official welcome to Washington University!

Bear Beginnings: New Student Fall Orientation is an event designed by the First Year Center to introduce students, parents, and family members to the various resources available to them on campus.

Both you and your student will be receiving a lot of information on a wide variety of topics, including: academic integrity, academic resources and support, alcohol and drugs, being a positive member of the Washington University campus, dining options, diversity and inclusion, health and counseling services, living in St. Louis, living with a roommate/suitemate, preparing for classes, residential life policies, safety, and sexual violence.

You will receive a copy of the Bear Beginnings schedule when you arrive to campus on Thursday, August 20th. In the meantime, you can preview the schedules on the First Year Center website. Bear Beginnings is designed to provide students and families with distinct orientation experiences. There are times set aside for you
Parent & Family Weekend: 
Friday, October 9 - 
Sunday, October 11, 2015.

Visit the First Year Center website for more information.

Hotels are filling up fast - make your reservations today!

**Explore WUSTL Online**

NonQuery Resources

- WUSTL Homepage
- First Year Center
- Parent Programs
- Support the Parents Fund
- Parent & Family Resource Calendar

**Schools and Divisions**

- College of Arts & Sciences
- School of Engineering and Applied Science
- Olin Business School
- Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts

**Contact Us**

Please continue to share any comments and ideas with us about content for upcoming issues by contacting us at FamilyTies@wustl.edu.

**Join Our Mailing List**

If you were forwarded this email, click here to join the Family Ties mailing list and your student to explore campus and St. Louis together while some events may be for just families or members of the Class of 2019. We encourage you to visit the First Year Center website to preview the Bear Beginnings schedules and additional information about how to best structure the Bear Beginnings experience with your student.

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**Convocation**

**Thursday, August 20**

**7:30 PM - 9:00 PM**

Join students, faculty, and administrators at this memorable event as Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton welcomes all new students to the University. Speakers will include both a faculty member and a Washington University senior.

*Doors will open at 6:45 PM for parent and family seating. Due to construction of the Sumers Recreation Center, seating in the Athletic Complex for families and guests is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note, the majority of seating in the Athletic Complex is limited to bleachers and requires the ability to climb stairs. Alternate seating with a live televised broadcast of the ceremony is available in the Danforth University Center, Graham Chapel, and Mallinckrodt Center's Edison Theatre. Guests with small children or mobility limitations, requiring the use of wheelchairs or chairs with back support, may want to consider these alternate viewing areas. Families in the alternate viewing areas will be closer to the Brookings Quadrangle where all new students will gather with their families to close the Convocation Ceremony.*

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**Parent Programs Information Center**

**Thursday, August 20**

**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Ursa's Fireside, Lien House, South 40

If you have any questions while on campus for Parent and Family Orientation, feel free to stop by the Parent Programs Information Center. Staff from Parent Programs will be available to answer your questions and help clarify information. Directions to local shopping and dining will also be available.
Chancellor's Farewell Reception for Parents and Families

Friday, August 21

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum

Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton invites parents and family members to an informal reception while students attend their own events.