Carnegie Mellon University
Dear Class of 2023+

As your Head Orientation Counselors (HOCs), we’re excited for you to join us at Carnegie Mellon University! The Orientation staff has been working all year for your arrival and we’re ready to help you explore the amazing opportunities that await you.

This year’s orientation theme is Breakthrough. During your time at CMU, you’ll have breakthroughs of all kinds — from taking part in groundbreaking research, to starting a new campus initiative or listening to a friend who is having a hard day. We encourage you to celebrate wins both large and small.

From pursuing interdisciplinary academics, to studying abroad, to participating in CMU traditions — building a booth or driving a buggy — there are countless chances for you to break through and try new things. In addition, Pittsburgh has a wide variety of unique experiences to offer — biking along the rivers, exploring unique neighborhoods and visiting the city’s museums. We hope Pittsburgh quickly becomes your second home. Carnegie Mellon University and the Pittsburgh community are places where you can be yourself, pursue your passions and expand your horizons.

During Orientation week, you’ll be introduced to Carnegie Mellon’s supportive and diverse community. Orientation counselors, resident assistants, academic advisors and other students, staff and faculty are ready to help you with whatever you need. When challenges arise, you’ll receive support to break through, persevere and meet your goals.

We hope that as you begin this new chapter, you’ll achieve your own breakthroughs and explore endless possibilities.

We’re excited to have you join us in August!

Izzy, Chris, Rosie, Pankaj, Lexi, Conlon and Emma

Plan Your Arrival

Visit the First-Year Orientation website for a list of tasks to complete prior to arriving on campus:

cmu.edu/orientation
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Sunday, August 18
- First-Year Family Orientation
- Presidents’ Welcome and academic sessions
- Breakout sessions, open houses, campus resource fair
- Familial department campus tours
- Floor meetings and residential neighborhood block parties

Monday, August 19
- House Day: Get to know students in your residential community
- Community College: Performance to showcase O&M’s diversity of experience
-パイオニシー: Group activities to get to know the whole first-year class

Tuesday, August 20
- Making Your Mark: Learn about campus initiatives started by O&M students
- Campus sampler: Learn about co-curricular opportunities
- Academic breakfasts with your academic program
- Class Photo

Wednesday, August 21
- Academic orientation with your college
- Convocation: The formal academic ceremony marking the start of your college experience
- Casino Night: Dress up for Orientation’s biggest social event featuring live entertainment, cabaret performances, ballroom dancing, casino games and more! Food, drinks, and prizes will be awarded.

Friday, August 23
- Orientation Day of Service
- Student organization events, campus office presentations, religious services and open houses
- Housewarming: Quiet outdoor competition between housing communities

Saturday, August 24
- Pittsburgh Connections: Explore off-campus activities
- Student organization events and religious services
- Craig Street Crawl: University business district block party
- First-Year Showcase: Talent show featuring this year’s students

Sunday, August 25
- Religious and spiritual events
- Student organization events
- Alumni panel
- Floor meetings
### REQUIRED TASKS for all First-Year Undergraduate Students
- Dates vary
  - Immunization Form
  - Fall Semester Student Account Payment (invoice available 6/30)
  - Alcohol/EDU + Sexual Assault Prevention (available 7/22)
  - Prior to arrival
    - Set up Your Personal Technology

### REQUIRED TASKS for First-Year Undergraduate International Students
- Dates vary
  - International Student Information Form
  - International Student Instructions Form (I-20)
  - Prior to arrival
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      - Send AP/IB/Cambridge Scores or Transfer Credit

### RECOMMENDED TASKS for all First-Year Undergraduate Students
- Dates vary
  - Academic Registration
  - Fall Semester Placement Test
  - Pet Adoption — Get to know your new campus and community!

### WHAT TO PACK
- Dates vary
  - Computer
  - Bicycle and bike lock
  - Backpack
  - Desk lamp
  - Alarm clock
  - Umbrella

### WHAT'S IN MY ROOM?
- Dates vary
  - Bed with extra-long mattress
  - Desk and chair
  - Refrigerator (110/120 VAC and under 700 watts)
  - Laptop (39" x 80")

### PROHIBITED ITEMS
- Dates vary
  - Hoverboards
  - Alcohol
  - Pets (except fish in an aquarium or service animals)
  - Space heaters

### In-Room Delivery!
- Dates vary
  - Bed Bath & Beyond Orders at bedbathandbeyond.com