Hi.

Class of 2020, are you ready? (re: we are!)

Hold on just a bit longer while we solidify the rest of your class.

This is *March to the Arch*, all the information you need at the moment.

*Welcome to Northwestern.*

__March to the Arch__ is the most important monthly email you’ll receive over the summer, to keep you connected with everything you need to do before you arrive in September. But, we’ve made a special edition just for you, the early decision students; it includes the “need-to-knows.” Read through, transfer important dates to your calendar, enjoy prom, and let us know the questions you have.
We’re social. You’re social.
Chat with Wildcat Welcome.

#NU2020
“In history, purple represented royalty. However, to me, Northwestern purple isn’t pretentious; it’s humble and homely. It’s the color of fall football: tailgates and Go ‘Cats, and it’s the color of 1am conversations with good friends in the res hall. Purple reminds me of intellectual discussions that push me to be more. Purple is the color of beautiful sunsets on the Lakefill and evening bike rides along the beach. Purple is the color of Northwestern—purple is the color of home.”

-Allan Wang, ’17 (Beijing, China)

“Purple represents holistic learning. The Northwestern community is unique in its willingness to support each other, even when faced with divisive topics, and my peers have shown me how to question, challenge, and learn about the world with grace and eagerness. I have been stained purple by the radiant enthusiasm of my peers.”

-Elisabeth Lusche, ’17 (Auburn, AL)
The items below are the only items you should be thinking about at the moment. On May 3, you will receive the first official March to the Arch email to the entire Class of 2020 with more of your important action items; Purple Prep will arrive to you via snail mail in mid-May and is your go-to guide for everything you need to know/do in the summer.

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<td>Submit housing deposit (Early Decision) Click: “Student Financial Services” → “Make Deposit (Housing)”</td>
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<td>Submit housing contract *more info on page 8</td>
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<td>Submit final high school transcript at the end of senior year</td>
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What is Purple Prep?

*Purple Prep* is the official startup guide produced specifically for the Class of 2020 and will be mailed to you in May. It is packed with all of the information you need to know during the summer months (including an organized list of To Do items). Once you receive it, we suggest to always keep it close; you will not need to worry about missing a deadline if you have this handy guide.

Your WildCARD

The WildCARD is the official identification card for every student at Northwestern. You will be prompted to upload a photo during the summer months to the WildCARD website so your card is ready for pick-up when you arrive to campus for Wildcat Welcome on September 12. That upload process will start June 1 and will be explained in full detail in *Purple Prep* (arriving in May).

Course Registration

You may hear your friends who are attending other institutions talk about registering for courses over the summer when they are required to travel to their campus for a few days. You have no registration worries over the summer! You’ll meet with your academic advisor to discuss a plan and register for fall courses in September during Wildcat Welcome, Northwestern’s orientation program.
May 3
Receive first March to the Arch email announcing summer action items; Purple Prep arrives via snail mail shortly after with comprehensive, central list of all summer action items.

May 3—June 1
POP Registration: For those interested, registration for Pre-Orientation Programs (POP) is open; about a quarter of the class will participate in 1 of the 6 programs.

September 4-12
POP Experiences: For those participating, Pre-Orientation Programs occur in various lengths during this time.

September 8-12
International Student Orientation: Highly encouraged for all international students (F-1 and J-1 visa holders).

September 12
Move-In Day: Students will be able to begin moving into their residence hall at 8 a.m.; you will learn more about your living assignment in July and about move-in day logistics by August.

September 12-13
Parent and Family Orientation: Programming begins around 4 p.m. CDT on Monday, September 12 and ends around 4 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13; registration for this family orientation will open in May.

September 12-19
Wildcat Welcome: No other arrangements should be scheduled during this required, weeklong new student orientation; among a host of other programs, academic advising and course registration occurs during this time.

September 20
First Day of Fall Quarter Classes

November 4-6
Family Weekend: Information and registration will be released in June.
Living on campus is simply the best. As an early decision student, you can now submit your housing deposit and then complete your housing contract. Take a look below to learn a bit more about the housing process.

### Housing Timeline

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<td>Up to 72 hours after deposit submission</td>
<td>Receive access to Housing Contract</td>
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<td>June 1</td>
<td>Deadline to Submit Housing Contract (list 3 housing preferences &amp; complete lifestyle questions to be intentionally matched with a roommate, unless you decided to room with someone you know from home)</td>
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<td>July 1</td>
<td>Receive housing assignment via email</td>
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**LIVING at Northwestern**

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**Updates for 2016-2017!**

- Willard Residential College will be located at 1835 Hinman; if you’re interested in Willard Residential College, select 1835 Hinman as your 1st building preference in the housing contract.
- The 1838 Chicago building is newly renovated for this year; it will join Elder as the only 2 all first-year student buildings on campus.
- There are 2 new Residential Communities opening this year; the 1st will comprise of Goodrich House, Bobb Hall, and McCulloch Hall while the 2nd will consist of 1838 Chicago and Shepard Hall.

View all housing options and learn more about the housing contract on the [Residential Services website](https://www.northwestern.edu/residential-services).

Contact Residential Services
Email: housing@northwestern.edu
Phone: 847.467.4663
You’ve been asking questions in the official Class of 2020 Facebook group; we’ve done our best to answer questions as they pop-up, but below are a few topics that seem to be on your mind at the moment. Have more questions? Give us a shout and let us know!

**Finding a Roommate**

About 94% of the Class of 2019 was matched with a roommate by Residential Services rather than finding one on their own online.

**Choosing a place to live**

When looking at the Residential Services website, you’ll notice there are 3 types of residences; review the site to see which 3 buildings you would like to include as preferences on your housing contract (tbh, you can’t go wrong with any choice, you’ll find out the people you meet are what make the space incredible).

**Residential College:** If you list one of these buildings on your contract, you will be prompted to complete a short statement for living in a residential college within the contract.

**Residence Hall & Residential Community:** No additional steps are required within the contract when listing these buildings as a preference.

**Financial Aid**

Submitting Financial Aid Applications: Take a look at the Financial Aid site to see all tasks and due dates. Didn’t submit your CSS (College Scholarship Service) profile by December 1? You are still able to submit, though the decision will be pending; expect to receive your notification in the coming months (some may have already heard back).

**Financial Aid After First Year:** You have the ability to apply for financial aid each year, even if you did not receive an award the prior year.

**AP Exams**

If you’re in AP, then you may be thinking about exams. Each undergraduate school counts AP/IB credits differently so visit our page for more information.
If you have joined the Class of 2020 Facebook group, you may have chatted already with some current students, this is the student Board of Directors for New Student and Family Programs. The Board works throughout the year and is responsible for ensuring you have a fantastic first-year experience! The Board consists of 10 students who have previously served as a Peer Adviser (PA); PAs work directly with you beginning in the summer to help you have a wonderful transition.

**Allan Wang**
From Beijing, China, Allan serves as the Director for the Transfer Student Experience and majors in Neuroscience. He works as an EMT, enjoys making and eating food, and Netflix binging.

**Chris Rozolis**
From Cary, IL, Chris serves as the Director for Staff Training and Design and majors in industrial engineering. He spends most of his time outside of class on the lakefill and discovering new music.

**Elisabeth Lusche**
A trumpet performance major from Auburn, AL, Elisabeth is the Director for the Bienen School of Music. She is an avid attendee of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (duh, music) and enjoys a good cup of coffee.

**Wendy Roldan**
With a major in mechanical engineering, Wendy is from Chicago and serves as the Director for the McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science. She loves polar graphing (everyone should have a favorite).

**Ben Hwang**
Coming from Franklin, TN, Ben majors in Learning and Organizational Change and serves as the Director of the School of Education and Social Policy. You can find him singing, eating, or making music (maybe all at once).

**Isaac Sims**
From Westchester, NY, Isaac is a junior majoring in Radio/Television/Film and serves as the Director for the School of Communication. When not on film sets, you’ll probably find Isaac at Fran’s late night dining.

**Miles Kurtz**
A material science major, Miles hails from Port Washington, NY and serves as the Director for First-Year Initiatives. He attempts to solve the New York Times mini crossword puzzles on a consistent basis.

**Amakie Amattey**
All the way from Chicago, IL, Amakie serves as the Director for Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences and majors in Sociology. When she isn’t performing with NU’s gospel choir, she can be found napping at the lake.

**Rocio Mendez-Rozo**
From Chicago, Rocio majors in Latinx Studies and serves as the Director for Staff Training and Curriculum. She loves finding good eats, live salsa bands in the city, and spending time with her family.

**Elana Ross**
Elana hails from Los Angeles, CA and serves as the Director for the Medill School of Journalism. Aside from being a journalism major, Elana loves reading, hiking, and driving endlessly in search for a good donut.
Welcome to the Northwestern community; we believe this is the start of a beautiful relationship! The Office of New Student and Family Programs is your go-to for questions, concerns, and even more questions. You are an important part of this educational journey as we work to support your student, so do not hesitate to ask those burning questions.

Starting in May, you’ll hear monthly from our office (New Student and Family Programs). We will share information with you that your student has also seen; much of it requires no action on your end, it is simply to keep you in the loop of what your student may be up to in order to prepare for the start of their Northwestern tenure.

We do invite you to attend Parent and Family Orientation, which overlaps with your student’s orientation schedule beginning the late afternoon of Monday, September 12 and running through 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13. You will receive an email from our office in May to register for this free programming; however, follow the link below to learn more about Parent and Family Orientation.

We’re thrilled to welcome you and your family to Northwestern. When questions arise and you just are not sure where to go, feel free to start with our office.

Go ’Cats!
New Student and Family Programs
847.467.3998
family@northwestern.edu

Sign-up for the family email list
If you didn’t receive this email directly from New Student and Family Programs, sign-up for the family email list.

Parent and Family Orientation
Learn more about the schedule and timing; the complete schedule will be released on May 3, 2016.

Important Dates for 2016–2017
You saw important dates on page 7 of this publication; find the entire University calendar for 2016-2017 on our website.