Your Peer Adviser (a current NU student who will be going through this next year with you) has most likely already been in contact with you (Weinberg and Transfer students, you’ll hear next week!). They’ll be a fantastic resource for you; but with just over a month to go until Wildcat Welcome begins, let them reminisce about their own Wildcat Welcome experience as a new student.

Just going through Wildcat Welcome has been my favorite Northwestern memory. The whole week went by so fast, but it was a great time. I met my roommate, the guys on my floor, my PA group, and some of those people became my closest friends here. I felt comfortable here, and knew right away that Northwestern was going to be a second home for me. -- Esteban Doyle | NU 2017 | Binghamton, NY

I liked being busy during Wildcat Welcome; it helped me to not be sad that I was leaving my parents and everything that I knew. The programming during Wildcat Welcome helped me to feel closer to the people in my PA group, who I am still close with today! -- Shelbie Bostedt | NU 2016 | Oak Grove Village, IL

I most remember the breakout sessions after some of the ENUs with my group and the powerful atmosphere those sessions created. I also distinctly remember the first Wildcat football game and getting to run onto the field which was an extremely exciting introduction into “purple pride” and Northwestern’s amazing school spirit. -- Will Frolich | NU 2017 | Rye, NY

My favorite Wildcat Welcome memory would have to be the day the WW Board of Directors called me and said that I would be a Peer Adviser for the incoming class of 2018. I was SUPER excited, but it did not stop there. I walked outside and saw my face on the We Will Campaign poster which is hanging up all over campus!! #BestDayEver #Memories -- Jazz Jenkins | NU 2017 | Frankfort, IL

I remember it being exhausting and wonderful. Millennium Park was a great introduction, the ENUs were unexpectedly interesting, and the people/friends I made have stayed with me for this long. It was one of the most memorable experiences of my Northwestern career thus far. -- Britt Jordan | NU 2017 | Dublin, OH

Last year’s Target run, and when a lot of the PA’s went to Six Flags in one bus. It was an awesome experience and the best bus ride ever. -- Magan Omar | NU 2016 | Greeley, CO
Hi new students!

Alright, so this countdown to your Northwestern move is quickly shrinking (we’re already at 42 days); how does it feel knowing you’ll be surrounded by 2,100 of your new besties next month? Before that can happen, there are some things we want you to know so you’re ready to go (you can’t say we never told ya!).

Many of you are asking about Move-in Day, your new residence, what to pack, etc. We’ve got the answers to your most frequently asked questions regarding housing on page 7, so take a gander. Otherwise, jump right over to the Residential Services website and you should find the answer to your question.

You received Whistling Vivaldi, the One Book One Northwestern selection for 2014-2015. I can honestly say this is a great read; it is quick, thought provoking, and will help to set the stage for discussions you’ll be having during Wildcat Welcome and your first year on campus. You can read more about this selection on the One Book website.

We have got so many great things in store for you once you arrive for Move-in Day and Wildcat Welcome on September 15; you can see an overview of the Wildcat Welcome schedule on page 6. Keep in mind, you should plan to be on campus for the complete duration of the program. Oh, and go ahead and start practicing your roller coaster arm flailing for the night we shut down Six Flags (theme park) just for you. #nolinesmorerides

If you are confused on what to expect during your first year at Northwestern or not sure what all you should be paying attention to once you get to campus, you’ll be introduced to True Northwestern during Wildcat Welcome. This is a suggested road map for first years that will help to ensure you are experiencing as much as you can throughout the year. You’ll also have Wildcat Weekends, programming for you during the first four weekends of the fall quarter, to give you opportunities to meet even more students and learn about all things Northwestern.

We cannot wait to see you in 42 days; the excitement is real!

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The complete master checklist can be seen on the [Class of 2018 website](https://example.com). You can even subscribe to our online calendar; link it to your @u.northwestern email account (powered by Google) and then to your iCal or your mobile device for a seamless experience!
ESSENTIAL NU's:

**Summer Requirements**
As an incoming Wildcat, you noticed on page 43 of *Purple Prep* the discussion of Essential NU's (we call them ENUs) and what you need to complete during the summer months. You've already completed one summer ENU (Agent of Change); the final two are due this month and are detailed below.

**AlcoholEdu**
Just like on other college campuses around the country, there is one issue that stands out because it regularly puts students in a position to make choices that will affect their own well-being and that of the community. That issue is alcohol. NU is concerned with making sure that drinking – your own or somebody else’s – does not interfere with your health, safety, academic success, and other things that are important to you.

We require all first-year and transfer students – whether you choose to consume alcohol or not - to complete an online alcohol education course, AlcoholEdu© for College. This experience will provide you with harm reduction strategies and help you make a plan for how – or if – alcohol will play a role during your time at NU.

Access to AlcoholEdu© for College opens on August 18 and is available until September 5. Follow the registration instructions on the New Student and Family Programs website. If you choose not to complete AlcoholEdu, you will be assigned to an on-campus Alcohol Education workshop held in the first two weeks of the fall quarter, though it is far easier to complete now before you get into the hustle of the academic year.

**For the Record**
Just like any place you go, you should always have an understanding of the community. *For the Record* provides some insight into what it means to be a Wildcat and expectations from the University; it will discuss the student handbook, code of conduct, etc. Hey, there are even portions of it that are narrated by the Wildcat Welcome Board of Directors and Peer Advisers! *For the Record* must be completed by September 5; it does not become available for you until August 18. The assessment is 20-questions based on the videos and text provided; you must correctly answer 80% of the questions to complete *For the Record*. Visit our [For the Record page](#) for more information.

Those who do not complete the above online ENUs by September 5 will have access denied to register for winter quarter classes until the process has been properly completed.
We know you are itching to get your hands on the Wildcat Welcome schedule. Stay calm; you’ll receive your very own personalized schedule book when you check into a Wildcat Welcome Center on September 15, but we have included a very brief overview of the BEST WEEK EVER. NOTE: Students should not plan to travel off-campus during orientation week.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**
For students living off-campus, you have a mandatory orientation meeting from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the Norris University Center. You will receive more information by email in September.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**
You will be moving into your residence hall (if you are living on campus) on Monday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., while making any necessary trips to Target, Office Max, etc. You will receive information about move-in day (including specific move-in time and logistics) from Residential Services this month. Students living in Residential Colleges have a Residential College Masters’ Welcome at 4 p.m.; all on-campus students will have required residence-based meetings (including dinner) from 5 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Families can attend the President’s Welcome and Reception during this time.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**
The day will begin at 7:30 a.m. as you participate in March Through the Arch, a campus tradition (not to be confused with this newsletter), with all new students. Directly following will be a class photo (yay!) and then Kiss’n’Bye from 10-10:30 a.m.; this will be the time to say goodbye to your family on Deering Meadow. Students will then head to busses with their PA for “Purple Pride!,” our day-long event at Millennium Park in Chicago! Parent and Family Orientation runs until 6 p.m.; students will arrive back to campus for dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by evening social programs (who doesn’t love watching Mean Girls on a giant screen near the lake #fetch).

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**
Today is all about preparing for academics. Students will attend school-specific convocations and advising sessions throughout the day. The evening will be host to your first round of Essential NUs (ENUs), mandatory sessions, followed by athletics-sponsored events.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**
Students will go through individual advising. You’ll have some good quality time with your PA and your faculty/academic adviser so you are more than ready for course registration. That evening will include your second round of ENUs followed by student performances: A Cappella Fest and Rhythm Nation (dance).

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**
Today is the day: fall quarter course registration. You’ll also be attending a new student resource fair, touring the library, and a few sessions to get you ready for the upcoming year! Friday evening is packed: your third round of ENUs, Norris at Night (#giveaways), and Chris Charter the Mentalist.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**
You have all that NU spirit to let out, so we’ll do it as a class at the Tailgate lunch and NU football game (versus Western Illinois)! New students will even get to run on the field for the Wildcat Dash. We’ll then give you a bit of time to rest before we take you to the biggest WW tradition of all: NU Takes Six Flags. The park is shut down just for Wildcat Welcome (new students do not need to purchase tickets).

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**
No mandatory programming will be held until 1:30 p.m.; learn more about services and events occurring that morning on the Religious Life website. The afternoon is packed with the Involvement Expo and a campus tour. That evening, you’ll attend the fourth and final ENU on Mental Health; afterward we’ll be hosting the second annual, insanely popular Night at Target (we’ve got it shut down just for us with games, DJs, and a lot of purple).

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**
The final day of Wildcat Welcome includes the President’s Convocation, a final meeting with your PA group, and a few optional events in the afternoon. This is a day to rest before your first day of class.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**
First day of fall quarter class!
For those interested in shipping your move-in items to campus, Residential Services partners with University and Student Services (USS) to provide Ship-to-School package service; this is only meant to be used during the move-in process. View instructions on the USS website; you’ll simply receive shipping labels from USS and will begin shipping items to them. The items you ship will be placed in your res hall room and waiting for you before you arrive on September 15. Note that the charge of $35 per box does not include the shipping cost; USS must receive your boxes by September 10 (USS recommends shipping items to them the week of September 1).

Let me tell ya, move-in day is one of the most exciting times of the year. But, we know there is a good bit of work on your end from packing, to traveling, to unpacking, to purchasing new items. We want to be sure all of your questions and concerns are answered; be sure to contact Residential Services with any questions at freshman-housing@northwestern.edu or by calling 847-467-4663. This month, you will receive an email to sign up for a move-in time. Your move-in time will be a 45 minute block of time in which you will park near your residence hall and unload your vehicle. Be sure to take a look at the Move-in Guide from Residential Services; this is an extremely helpful go-to guide on the entire move process.

On Move-in Day you may have a bit of time to run to area businesses (Target, Office Max, Best Buy) to pick-up some last minute items, but remember that students have must-attend programming beginning at 5 p.m. (note: Target is shut down just for us on the Sunday of Wildcat Welcome for students to pick-up any particular items). Ensure you review the list of items to bring, and prohibited items, for your room. Visit the Residential Services website to read up on everything you need to know about moving-in and living at Northwestern.

If you are thinking of purchasing a Residential Services-approved fridge for your room, consider student-run Rez Essentials. If you order through Rez Essentials, they’ll ensure your fridge is sitting in your room once you arrive on September 15 (#whoa). Don’t want to buy a fridge? We have that covered, too; the Residence Hall Association (RHA) has partnered with Bedloft to provide a fridge rental program. Rent the fridge from Bedloft and it will be in your room when you arrive.

DID SOMEONE SAY “FREE LAUNDRY”? Yep, it is true. Residential students will have access to free laundry, so no need to move your piggy bank of quarters! We hear that Res Services is working on a few other sweet deals for you, so stay tuned! #anticipation
From the Desk of the Associated Student Government

Hello New Wildcats!

In just a few short weeks, you’ll begin the next chapter of your lives as you set foot in Evanston and spend your first weeks at Northwestern! It’s a big transition from high school, but you won’t be doing this alone. You’re about to enter a wonderful community of Wildcats from around the world. Our student body is rich with a variety of backgrounds and experiences, and we’re so excited for you to meet your new Northwestern family.

Your Associated Student Government (ASG) is here to help you out as you begin your undergraduate career. We represent the student body and improve the student experience so that your college years are the best years possible. In short, we’re here to benefit you and make sure your voice is heard.

We’ll be around throughout Wildcat Welcome (and the entire year), but here are some of the events that we will be putting on:

- **T-Shirt Exchange** – Let’s be honest, you don’t need any of those t-shirts you got on your college tours anymore. We’ll take them off your hands, and in exchange, we’ll give you a purple Northwestern shirt (because purple is a universally flattering color), absolutely free (during Wildcat Welcome).

- **Fall Activities Fair** – ASG allocates almost $1.4 million dollars to student groups every year. We have over 480 active student groups on campus, and the activities fair is the best place to learn about them all! Feel free to explore new activities, even ones you’ve never tried before; this takes place on Saturday, September 27 (during Wildcat Weekends).

- **Deering Days BBQ** – What could be a better way to enjoy a beautiful fall day on Deering Meadow than with a Wildcat Weekends BBQ with not only your class, but the entire NU community? This takes place on Friday, September 26, a kick-off to Wildcat Weekends!

So, let’s be honest, you’re probably wondering, “ASG sounds amazing. How can I learn more?” We have 14 committees that work in various areas, from academics to dining and student groups to sustainability. We have open student Senate meetings every week. We offer a variety of online resources, including several student guides that provide tips and tricks for navigating your time here. For information about all these resources (and plenty more), head on over to our website, [asg.northwestern.edu](http://asg.northwestern.edu), find us on Facebook ([facebook.com/nugasg](http://facebook.com/nugasg)), or tweet us @NorthwesternASG. We’ll be happy to answer any and all of your questions.

We’re so excited to have you join this wonderful community! We’ll see you in Evanston before you know it.

Best,

Julia Watson, ASG President
Erik Zorn, ASG Executive Vice President