KEY DATE: JULY 31

This is a big month for you! You have a good number of items that you must complete by July 31. Take a look at the following page to see everything you need to complete in the next few weeks.

Class of 2021 Facebook Group: Connect with others in your class
FACEBOOK.COM

Like Wildcat Welcome on Facebook to find reminders for you and content we've created just for the Class of 2021
FACEBOOK.COM/NUWILDCATWELCOME

Of course we'll be showing some stunning campus photos throughout the summer along with some classic #TBTs
INSTAGRAM.COM/WILDCATWELCOME

Add us to get insider pics and videos throughout the summer; we'll even be highlighting 'Cats across the globe every Friday
SNAPCHAT.COM/ADD/WILDCATWELCOME

Follow, and interact, with us on Twitter for info, fun facts, and photos galore.
TWITTER.COM/WILDCATWELCOME

YOU CAN ALSO FIND THE MASTER LIST OF ACTION ITEMS ON THE NEW STUDENT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS WEBSITE: WWW.NORTHWESTERN.EDU/ORIENTATION/INCOMING-STUDENTS/SUMMER-CHECKLIST.
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Find the full list of action items (and any academic-specific action items by school) in Purple Prep and on the **NEW STUDENT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS WEBSITE**.
Health Insurance Requirements

As an incoming student, you are required to be covered by a comprehensive health insurance plan. Consequently, all degree-seeking students are defaulted each year into Northwestern’s Student Health Insurance Plan (NU-SHIP, provided by Aetna Student Health).

International students (F-1 and J-1 US visa holders) are required to maintain enrollment in the NU-SHIP for the entire time they are studying at Northwestern; therefore, international students are encouraged to confirm their NU-SHIP enrollment online in CAESAR by mid-August to ensure that enrollment is active for your arrival in September. All other students must either confirm or waive their NU-SHIP enrollment by completing the 2017-2018 Coverage Selection Form in CAESAR. The Coverage Selection Form is now available and insurance selections must be completed October 1, 2017. Learn more about NU-SHIP AND OPEN ENROLLMENT ON THE STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE WEBSITE.

If you intend to remain covered under your parents’ insurance, you’ll first need to evaluate if their coverage qualifies to waive the NU-SHIP by reviewing Purple Prep or reviewing Northwestern’s comparable coverage requirements on the STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE WEBSITE.

NOTE: If you signed up for the 9PAY payment plan and indicated that you do not plan to enroll in NU-SHIP you still must complete the online Coverage Selection Form online. Students who fail to make any insurance selection by the October 1 deadline will remain enrolled in the NU-SHIP for the 2017-2018 academic year and will be responsible for the annual premium.

Contact the Student Health Insurance Office by emailing STUDENT.INSURANCE@NORTHWESTERN.EDU or calling 847.491.3621.

NAVIGATING THE ONLINE COVERAGE SELECTION FORM

1. Log into your CAESAR ACCOUNT.
2. Scroll down to the Quick Links section and click on the Health Coverage Plan link. This will take you to the 2017-2018 Coverage Selection Form.
3. Select either “Confirm my enrollment in the NU-SHIP” or “Apply for a Waiver”
4. Complete your insurance selection! (The Enrollment/Waiver Process page on the Student Health Insurance website links to detailed screenshots that will guide you through either option.)

You will receive a confirmation sent to your Northwestern email account after you submit your completed Coverage Selection Form. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please contact the Student Health Insurance Office; keep this confirmation email for your records.

**COMPARABLE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS**

Students may waive enrollment in the NU-SHIP if their alternate insurance meets all of Northwestern’s comparable coverage requirements. Detailed information is available on the Student Health Insurance website. Briefly, all alternate plans must provide the following to qualify to waive the NU-SHIP:

- Coverage for routine, non-emergency care – in addition to emergency care – in the Evanston/Chicago area.
- No exclusions or waiting periods for pre-existing conditions.
- Coverage for all “essential health benefits,” as defined by the Affordable Care Act (ACA).
- U.S. address and phone number, and U.S.-based office for all claims administration and processing.
- Active coverage from the day the student arrives on campus through **August 31, 2018**.
- Annual out-of-pocket maximum limit of $7,150 for individual plans or $14,300 for family plans.
- Coverage for medical evacuation / repatriation – required for all F-1/J-1 students; otherwise, only required if the student will be studying/traveling out of the U.S. during the academic year.
- If your coverage does not meet Northwestern’s requirements, you will remain enrolled in the NU-SHIP for the 2017-2018 academic year.

**QUESTIONS**

Contact the Student Health Insurance Office by calling 847.491.3621.
What’s On Your Mind

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS AND REQUIRED FORM

A few of you have asked about the immunization records and the form you must send in. July 1 is the deadline to do so; if you have not done it we encourage you to get that submitted as soon as you can. All you need to do is complete the “Admission health record for students in non-healthcare academic programs” form and submit it to UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICE. That’s it, that is the form you have been asking about!

WORK STUDY

We’ve seen a question or two pop-up in the Facebook group about work-study job opportunities. Work-study is something you do not really need to worry about yet. These types of jobs are only available to those students who receive financial aid. The Work-Study office will host a work-study job fair during Wildcat Welcome to help you learn of the various positions and meet employers; there will also be a mandatory orientation meeting for work-study students during Wildcat Welcome.

Something pretty important to know for all students planning to work: You must bring either your US Passport OR your social security card and legal photo ID OR your birth certificate and legal photo ID; none of these items can be photocopies! You’ll need this in order to get paid...and we think that is pretty important! Visit the WORK-STUDY PROGRAM WEBSITE for more information.

THE OPEN ACCESS MEAL PLAN

Food is always on our mind! For your first year, you do not need to worry about selecting a meal plan as all first years will have the Open Access meal plan. This meal plan allows you unlimited access to the residential dining halls throughout the day. You’ll also have $125 Dining Dollars per quarter on your Wildcard to use when purchasing snacks, additional guest meals (other than the 3 per quarter you have), laundry supplies, or anything else at any on-campus retail or dining location, including the Starbucks at Norris University Center. Find more info on the meal plan on page 9 of Purple Prep or on the NORTHWESTERN DINING WEBSITE.

MOVE-IN DAY ITEMS AND SHIPPING

In mid-August, you’ll receive an email from Residential Services that allows you to request an Unloading Permit. This is for those who plan to arrive by car; you may check in and park/unload your car only at the time issued on your permit (there are only so many spots directly in front of each residence hall!). If you are not arriving by car, and have hand luggage only, you do not need to request an Unloading Permit and can move in anytime after 8 a.m.

For those who will be traveling a long ways, many students in the past have considered shipping larger items to campus. UNIVERSITY AND STUDENT SERVICES (USS) is a vendor that works closely with Residential Services that will deliver your shipped items directly to your residence hall room so it is there waiting for you on September 11. You will need to ship items by the end of August. Shipping via USS is the only method you can use to get your items to campus for move-in day.
HEARING FROM YOUR PEER ADVISER
At the middle of this month, you’ll hear from your Peer Adviser (PA)! Your PA is a current student with a similar academic concentration as you; they’ll be with you throughout your first year to support you and help you navigate this place. And, your PA Group will be 8-14 other first years you’ll get to know during Wildcat Welcome and meet with throughout the year. For students with a major in Weinberg College, you’ll have to wait until August for your PA.

PLACEMENT EXAMS
Placement Exams must be completed by July 31. Confused if you need to worry about taking one? We created a pretty easy-to-understand exam guide based on the school of your major! Take a look on our website for the guide relevant to you to see why you should, or shouldn’t, take an exam by the end of this month!

WILDCAT WELCOME (NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION)
You may be wondering what September 11-18 will look like for you. Wildcat Welcome isn’t like the orientation your friends at other schools attend over the summer; it is truly the best way to kick-off your time under the Arch with your entire class, along with our new transfer students. But, before you attend, you MUST complete the WILDCAT WELCOME INFORMATION FORM by July 7 at 11:59 p.m. CDT.

ATTENDANCE
Attendance for the entirety of Wildcat Welcome is mandatory. If you believe you have an extenuating circumstance during this period, you can request approval within the appropriate section of the Wildcat Welcome Information Form. The office will notify you of the request status in August.
Keep Up With Us Throughout The Summer

**FAMILY MAILING LIST**
Be sure your family members are subscribed to our family mailing list to receive updates from our office not only this summer, but throughout your tenure at Northwestern. Visit the [EMAIL REGISTRATION FORM](#) and select “Class of 2021” (even if you are in a 5-year program).

**PARENT AND FAMILY ORIENTATION**
You'll arrive on campus **September 11** to move into your residence hall and to begin Wildcat Welcome. New Student and Family Programs concurrently hosts programming for your family members called Parent and Family Orientation. You can visit [OUR WEBSITE](#) for more information (a detailed schedule will be provided in July) and to complete the Parent and Family Orientation Registration form. An overview of programming can be found below.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**
- 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.: Move-in Day
- 4:00–8:00 p.m.: Family Welcomes and a Reception hosted by Academic Deans and President Schapiro

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**
- 9:00–10:00 a.m.: March Through the Arch (a Northwestern tradition families are invited to view)
- 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.: Dean of Students Session for Families
- 1:30–5:00 p.m.: Parent & Family Orientation Programming

**FAITH-BASED PROGRAMS BEFORE MOVE IN**
For those interested in participating in a [FAITH-BASED OVERNIGHT PROGRAM](#) the evening before move in, there are two wonderful programs hosted by current students in conjunction with Evanston partners. Visit the website to learn more about First Night at Sheil Catholic Center or Hillel's Freshman Fest.

**NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY MARCHING BAND (NUMB)**
The Northwestern Marching Band is a phenomenal way to continue music (open to all majors) throughout your time at Northwestern and to get a jumpstart on meeting people through the band's programming prior to Wildcat Welcome. There is still time to [SIGN UP FOR NUMB](#)!

**KEEP AN EYE ON OUR SUMMER POSTINGS**

- **MONDAYS**
  We’re introducing a handful of Peer Advisers (current students that will be working with you throughout your first year) each Monday in our Boomerang series on Facebook.

- **FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH**
  Keep checking your email inbox for the latest *March to the Arch* email; it is the official place where we will keep you updated on the items you need to know.

- **WEDNESDAYS**
  We’re sharing something new and exciting with you every Wednesday, whether that be a new Northwestern video, hosting a Facebook Live with current students, or content that we just can’t help but share with you!

- **THURSDAYS**
  On Instagram, we’re digging through the archives to share some old photos and videos of Northwestern or past Wildcat Welcomes to give you an idea of just what its like to be a Wildcat. #TBT

- **PURPLE FRIDAYS**
  Each Friday Facebook Live; be sure to [ADD US](#).