MARCH TO THE ARCH
MAY 2017
CLASS OF 2021
Hi New Students!

(also, a “hello” to the family members ensuring their students have all the correct info!)

The wait is over; you are in and we finally have the complete Class of 2021! Many of you are in the midst of graduation, end-of-year celebrations, and beginning your summer plans as we move into the final half of spring quarter here in Evanston.

As you celebrate the ending of your high school career, we would like to provide you with important information for your next chapter: Northwestern! You will receive your Purple Prep book in the mail during the next few weeks that you will love from cover-to-cover. In addition to Purple Prep, you will receive this March to the Arch email the first Tuesday of each month with important updates and reminders, and a few other fun facts to tide you over until you arrive to Wildcat country in September. To say it will be important for you to read each of the emails from our office this summer is an understatement; we’ll be providing you with the info you need to know to get ready for Northwestern.

The Office of New Student and Family Programs is your go-to resource for anything and everything Northwestern-related so feel free to contact us with any questions you have or even if you are just unsure of where to start. You have a fantastic journey ahead of you, and we are here to help catapult you into it with ease.

Welcome to our community; welcome home!

THE OFFICE OF NEW STUDENT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS
(aka the people that bring you Wildcat Welcome & support your first year)
Northwestern University
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This is Purple Prep! This is your go-to book as a new student this summer. Purple Prep is filled with action items you need to complete over the summer along with the info you need to know before September. You will be receiving this in the mail shortly, so keep an eye on your mailbox! All immediate deadlines included in Purple Prep are also included in this issue of March to the Arch and on our WEBSITE.
This is everything you need to be acting on, at the moment. You can find items you’ll be completing in later months on our [WEBSITE](#) or in Purple Prep.

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**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
[SNA PACHT.COM/ADD/WILDCATWELCOME](#)

Follow and interact with us on Twitter for info, fun facts, and photos galore.
[TWITTER.COM/WILDCATWELCOME](#)
WELCOME LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WELCOME TO THE NORTHWESTERN FAMILY!
First off, congratulations on getting here! We’ve been waiting for you, the Class of 2021 & Transfer Students, for a long time, and we are excited for the wild ride that you’re about to embark on. We have loved meeting you and sharing in your excitement through the Facebook group, your heartwarming Instagram posts, and fun Snapchats. But that’s just the beginning. Northwestern is a place where you will grow, find your passion, and write your own narrative. You will meet peers who will inspire you every day as you inspire those around you. The people and the community that you find here are truly what make Northwestern special. We know this time is one of anticipation and eagerness -- for you and us! We’ve been in your shoes before and know that you’re probably counting down the days until move-in!

Later in the summer, you will get a friendly welcome from a fellow Wildcat known as a Peer Adviser (PA). Your PA is a current Northwestern student (with a similar academic concentration) who will guide you throughout the summer, remind you of deadlines, teach you the fight song, answer all your questions, and help support you during Wildcat Welcome and your entire first year. Though they wish they could meet you sooner, expect to hear from them in July (arts & sciences majors have to wait until August)!

We have been working non-stop to plan the best welcome for you to the Wildcat pack. We can’t say it enough, but we are so excited to meet you all, and for you to finally find your home at Northwestern. We’ll see you in a few months, but until then, you know where to find us on Facebook and Snapchat. Don’t hesitate to reach out!

GO 'CATS!
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR NEW STUDENT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

KEEP AN EYE ON OUR SUMMER POSTINGS

• MONDAYS
We’ll introduce a handful of Peer Advisers (current students who will work with you throughout your first year), along with their pro tips, each Monday in our PA Boomerang series.

• FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
You’ll want to check your email inbox for the latest March to the Arch email; it is the official place that we will keep you updated on the items you need to know.

• WEDNESDAYS
We’ll be 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’ll be digging through the archives to share some old photos and videos of Northwestern or Wildcat Welcome to give you an idea of just what it’s like to be a Wildcat. #TBT

• PURPLE FRIDAYS
Each Friday we’ll post a new Snapchat story from campus or purple-related stories from around the globe; be sure to ADD US.
Living at Northwestern

THE HOUSING CONTRACT

The contract is available for you to complete 72 hours after you pay your housing deposit on the RESIDENTIAL SERVICES WEBSITE. You may modify your contract anytime prior to officially submitting it. By submitting the contract, you agree to abide by the Residence and Board Contract Policies and Procedures posted on the Residential Services website.

The housing contract includes a section for you to answer some lifestyle-type questions so that Residential Services can match you with a roommate. The majority of incoming students go through this roommate matching process within the housing contract. (Insider tip: this is so much easier and less stressful.) You’ll learn of your roommate matching in August along with your housing assignment. Of course, if you already have someone identified, you will be able to list them as a roommate within the contract.

The contract also includes space to list a few building preferences. You can find info on buildings- including photos, floorplans, amenities, and rates- on the RESIDENTIAL SERVICES WEBSITE. No need to stress too much on the buildings you list; it is ultimately about the people you meet as opposed to the physical space...and we think the entirety of #NU2021 is incredible! :) In August, you’ll learn your building and room assignment.

IMPORTANT LIVING DATES

- May 1: Housing deposit deadline
- June 1: Deadline to sign housing contract at 5:00 p.m. CDT
- August: Residential Services emails housing assignments
- September 11: Move-in Day

CONTACT INFORMATION:

- Residential Services
- NORTHWESTERN.EDU/LIVING
- 847.467.4663
- HOUSING@NORTHWESTERN.EDU
Pre-Orientation Program (POP)

Each year, about 280 students choose to participate in a Pre-Orientation Program to learn through service- or wilderness-based experiences. Go to the [POP WEBSITE](#) to find program descriptions and to register by the June 1 deadline. Applicants who receive Northwestern need-based aid will be considered for a trip fee waiver. Please note that space in each program is limited and placement is not guaranteed. REGISTER NOW, and find more information about each POP on the [NEW STUDENT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS WEBSITE](#).

**POL DATES**

- **JUNE 1:** Deadline to submit POP registration form
- **JUNE 12:** Applicants receive trip placement notification and fee waiver update (if applicable)
- **JUNE 26:** Deadline for POP participants to pay trip fee

**POP VIDEO**

- **SEE WHAT POP is all about.**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

- New Student and Family Programs
- 847.467.3988
- ORIENTATION@NORTHWESTERN.EDU
- WWW.NORTHWESTERN.EDU/ORIENTATION/INCOMING-STUDENTS/POP

**NOTE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

If you wish to participate in POP, you must first consult with the International Office as it would preclude your ISO attendance. You can contact the International Office at INTOFF@NORTHWESTERN.EDU.

### ALTERNATIVE STUDENT BREAKS (ASB)

ASB’s service-learning experiences at sites across the country give you an education in civic engagement and heighten social awareness.

**COST:** $225 + SPENDING MONEY FOR THREE MEALS

**DATE:** 9/2–9/11

### CATALYST

Set in Michigan’s great outdoors, CATalyst’s “challenge by choice” activities build confidence and leadership skills.

**COST:** $315 + SPENDING MONEY FOR ONE MEAL

**DATE:** 9/7–9/11

### FRESHMAN URBAN PROGRAM (FUP)

Neighborhood visits, cultural discovery, and group discussions punctuate a week of exploring Chicago and its people.

**COST:** $250 + SPENDING MONEY FOR INCIDENTALS

**DATE:** 9/5–9/11

### PROJECT WILDCAT (PWILD)

Reflect by a river, cook your own food, and sleep under the Northern Minnesota stars on this backpacking trip for all skill levels.

**COST:** $400 + OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT RENTALS (UP TO $85)

**DATE:** 9/4–9/12
FAITH-BASED ONE-NIGHT PROGRAMS
Two faith-based organizations—the Sheil Catholic Center and Fiedler Hillel—host non-Northwestern sponsored one-night programs for incoming students on the eve of move in day. To learn more and to register with them before September, visit bit.ly/nu-pop.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY MARCHING BAND
If you performed in your high school band, involvement with the Northwestern University Wildcat Marching Band is a great way to keep up your music, no matter what your major. Go to northwesternbands.org/numb or call 847.491.7521 to learn more and sign up for the Big Ten band experience. By signing up early this summer, you can plan to arrive for the August 20 start of Drumline Camp or the August 26 kickoff of Band Camp.

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT BUYING A NEW COMPUTER?
For those planning to purchase a computer/laptop* before arriving to Northwestern, Northwestern Information Technology has a few recommendations as you are out shopping.
- Hardware recommendations: www.it.northwestern.edu/hardware
- Student Discounts Available through Northwestern: www.it.northwestern.edu/software/students/
- 6 Steps to Getting Connected: www.it.northwestern.edu/students/getstarted.html

SCHOOL-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS
Students with majors in the Bienen School of Music, School of Communication, School of Education and Social Policy, and Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences should meet the Northwestern Information Technology guidelines listed above in “Hardware Recommendations.”
- Journalism Students: Review the medill information technology page before purchasing hardware/software
- Engineering Students: Northwestern IT guidelines are sufficient for hardware; however you will need to secure Matlab software before the fall it.mcormick.northwestern.edu/matlab/

*Financial support may be available for purchasing a laptop or required electronic technology if you have applied for aid; find information on the student enrichment services website
A FEW IMPORTANT NOTES TO HELP YOU PLAN

WILDCAT WELCOME
Wildcat Welcome is Northwestern’s week-long required orientation program for all incoming undergraduate students. It begins with your residence hall move-in on September 11 immediately followed by programs that afternoon through Monday, September 18. You should not make any plans away from campus during that time period as you go through a host of programs, academic meetings, and have opportunities to meet fellow new Wildcats! Class begins on Tuesday, September 19.

You will be required to complete the Wildcat Welcome Information Form in June to prepare you for orientation; you’ll be prompted to complete this in the June issue of *March to the Arch*.

FALL COURSE REGISTRATION
All incoming students will register for fall courses during Wildcat Welcome. You will first meet with your academic advisor to chat about a plan on Day 2 of Wildcat Welcome so you will be more than prepared to register. You do not need to worry about reviewing class options or class registration during the summer months.

AP SCORES AND PLACEMENT/ASSESSMENT EXAMS
You’ll see info about placement/assessment exams in *Purple Prep*, but you can also find information on the [NEW STUDENT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS WEBSITE](#). *Purple Prep* will outline if you need to worry about taking these exams in the summer based on your academic concentration.

If you are thinking about AP/IB scores, [VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#) to also get a sense for what scores mean by your academic concentration.

INFO FOR YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS

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
Parent and Family Orientation runs concurrent with your student’s orientation schedule. You can visit [OUR WEBSITE](#) for more information (a detailed schedule will be provided in July) or see the overview time period below. Please note students will be participating in orientation meetings. Their available time is Monday before 4 p.m. and after 9 p.m. and during Tuesday’s Kiss’n’Bye.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
- 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.: Move-in Day
- 4:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.: President Schapiro’s Welcome, Academic Deans’ Welcome, and Reception for Families

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
- 9:00 a.m.–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