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 2022! 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 or your gap year, we want to let you know how you’ll be able to learn about and keep track of everything you will need to complete this summer.

1. Prefer paper? You’ll receive the Purple Prep booklet in the mail in the next week or two; it provides you with all of the info and action items you need for the summer in a single place.

2. Prefer digital? Purple Prep Checklist is the online way to manage the task items you see in Purple Prep, but it will only show you the tasks that are relevant to you. Once you log in, you’ll be prompted to answer a few questions that will then populate your personal checklist! You can also sign up for weekly text reminders.

3. Checklist/Purple Prep updates? The March to the Arch emails are sent the first Tuesday of each month to bring you timely, need-to-know updates along with supplemental information.

Welcome to our community; welcome home!

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This is everything you need to act on, at the moment. You can find items you’ll be completing in later months in your online Purple Prep Checklist or in Purple Prep.

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Follow us on Spotify, and our main Wildcat Welcome Music Mondays playlist, to see a new list of bops we’re listening to each week. SPOTIFY.COM

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

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

Class of 2022 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 2022. FACEBOOK.COM/NUWILDCATWELCOME
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 2022 & 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 to the Wildcat pack for you. 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 have a new listicle (aka a Buzzfeed) for you each Monday with tips and insight to Northwestern brought to you by current students!

• 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 posting a new vlog each Wednesday featuring current students talking about and showing you how to prepare for life at Northwestern.

• 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
We’ll be journeying through different parts of Chicago on our Snap story every Friday; see what we find and how we got there!
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 on June 1. 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 #NU2022 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 21: 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 (POP) before they then participate in Wildcat Welcome, the weeklong orientation program. Visit the POP WEBSITE to find detailed descriptions of each program and the registration form (now open!), which is due on June 10 at 11:59 p.m. CDT. Space in each program is limited and placement is not guaranteed.

**TRIP FEE WAIVERS**
Students who receive Northwestern need-based aid qualify for a fee waiver that will completely, or partially, cover trip fees.

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**ALTERNATIVE STUDENT BREAKS (ASB)**
Get involved in real-world civic engagement projects on an ASB-POP service-learning trip in the Midwest.

**COST:** $325
**DATE:** 9/15–9/21

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**CATALYST**
Build confidence and leadership skills through small and large group activities at a campground in Ingleside, Illinois.

**COST:** $350
**DATE:** 9/17–9/21

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**CHICAGO UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM (CUP)**
Visit neighborhoods, serve the community, and engage in group discussions focusing on Chicago.

**COST:** $325
**DATE:** 9/16–9/21

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**PROJECT WILDCAT (PWILD)**
Experience the northern Minnesota wilderness on this backpacking trip for all skill levels.

**COST:** $450 + OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT RENTALS (UP TO $85)
**DATE:** 9/15–9/21

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**POP DATES**
- **JUNE 10:** Deadline to submit POP registration form
- **JUNE 20:** Applicants receive trip placement notification and fee waiver update (if applicable)
- **JULY 1:** Trip fee due, or confirmation for those receiving a fee waiver

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

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**NOTE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**
International students are expected to participate in International Student Orientation, which overlaps with POP. If you have questions about International Student Orientation, please contact the International Office at INTOFF@NORTHWESTERN.EDU.
SUMMER ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
Northwestern hosts five different ACADEMIC PROGRAMS throughout the summer to jump start your readiness for first year course work, especially for students who are the first in their family to attend college, come from low-income backgrounds, and/or if AP/IB-level preparation was unavailable at your high school. Bio&ChemEXCEL, Bridge, and EXCEL programs have an application deadline of May 15; SESP’s Leadership Institute and the Summer Academic Workshop have a deadline of May 31.

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.

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.MCCORMICK.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 21 immediately followed by programs that afternoon through Wednesday, September 26. 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 Thursday, September 27.

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 the Monday of Wildcat Welcome so you will be more than prepared to register. Later in the summer, we’ll send some tips on how to go ahead and start window shopping available classes, if you would like.

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 2022” (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. Visit OUR WEBSITE to register now, or to view a more detailed schedule when it is posted in July. Please note students will be participating in orientation meetings. Their available time is Friday before 4 p.m. and after 9 p.m. and during Saturday’s Kiss’n’Bye.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
- 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.: Move-in Day
- 4:00–8:00 p.m.: President Schapiro’s Welcome, Academic Deans’ Welcome, and Reception for Families

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
- 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