Dear Parents and Families,

We are excited to welcome your student to Tufts in just a few short weeks and looking forward to seeing many of you during move in as well. We wanted to share a few details and reminders regarding your student’s arrival/move-in day, parent and family programs, and the Matriculation Ceremony.

You will find the schedule of orientation [programming for parents and families](#) online. While registration is not required to attend these programs on your student’s move-in day or the Matriculation Ceremony on Wednesday, August 30, we hope you’ll take a few minutes to fill out our brief survey and let us know which programs you plan to attend.

**Arrivals**

If your student is participating in a Pre-Orientation program, arrival and move in is Thursday, August 24. For students residing on the Medford/Somerville campus, arrival/check-in is at the Joyce Cummings Center, 177 College Avenue, Medford. Arrival times are based on which program your student is participating in. Visit the Pre-Orientation web page for a [schedule of timed arrivals](#).

For BFA students living in Beacon Street residences, arrival/check-in for Pre-O is 9-11 a.m. at 1047 Beacon Street, Brookline.

If your student is not participating in a Pre-Orientation program, arrival and move in is Tuesday, August 29. For students residing on the Medford/Somerville campus, arrival/check-in is 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Joyce Cummings Center, 177 College Avenue, Medford.

For BFA students living in Beacon Street residences, arrival/check-in is 9-11 a.m. at 1047 Beacon Street, Brookline.

For more information about arrivals/check-in, visit Residential Life & Learning’s Move-In web page. Information about [mailing packages to Medford and Boston campuses](#) is also available online. If you have questions about arrival and check-in, please contact Student Services at [studentservices@tufts.edu](mailto:studentservices@tufts.edu).

**Matriculation - Wednesday, August 30 at 10 a.m. ET**

Parents and families are invited to the official welcome ceremony for new students but are not required to attend. It will also be livestreamed to watch remotely. After the ceremony, there will be a buffet lunch on the lawn near the Academic Quad for all attendees. (If you have dietary questions about the lunch, please contact Tufts Manager of Nutrition and Sustainability Kelly Shaw at [kelly.shaw@tufts.edu](mailto:kelly.shaw@tufts.edu).) Students begin their Undergraduate Orientation at 1 p.m., which is when parents and families should plan to depart campus.
Undergraduate Orientation

Undergraduate Orientation is required for all new students, including new transfer students. Orientation will run from Wednesday, August 30 to Monday, September 4; classes begin on Tuesday, September 5.

During orientation, students participate in a wide range of programs designed to familiarize them with campus resources, build community and connection, and establish skills for independence and responsibility. Goals for orientation are divided into four categories: Intellectual Engagement and Inquiry, Meaningful Inclusion, Community and Belonging, and Health and Wellness. Your student will receive their orientation schedule following the Matriculation Ceremony.

We look forward to student arrivals next month and this year’s Undergraduate Orientation program!

Best Wishes,

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