

Summer 2009
Family Orientation
August 20-21

COLLEGE of CHARLESTON

NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS

Important Dates

Housing assignments posted on Cougar Trail	6/1
Alcohol.edu survey information arrives the mail	July
Organized Chaos (on campus housing move in) information mailed	August
On Campus Move-in <u>only for students attending orientation session 10</u>	Evening of 8/19
Orientation Session 10	8/20-8/21
Convocation	8/24
Fall 2009 classes begin	8/25



Welcome to the College of Charleston

We are excited to welcome you and your student to the College of Charleston community. Please review the enclosed information booklet.

This newsletter includes information specific to students and families attending orientation on August 20-21.

If you have any questions before you attend orientation, please feel free to email parents@cofc.edu or call 843-953-2017. We look forward to meeting you in August!

Stephanie Auwaerter
Director of Orientation



Residence Hall Move In

Early move in is available only to new students attending orientation on August 20 & 21. Since your student is attending this orientation, he or she may move in to the assigned residence hall on the **evening** of August 19. Specific early move-in information will be emailed to students' College of Charleston email accounts in August.

Since only students attending orientation August 20 & 21 will be moving in on

August 19, it is important to note that your student's roommate and suitemates may not be moving in until the weekend (August 22, 23, or 24). There are no evening activities scheduled through the Office of New Student Programs on the evenings of August 20-22.

You can view important information regarding room floor plans, sizes, room colors, as well as what to bring and what not to bring, and other

residence life information at <http://reslife.cofc.edu>. Go to "Living on Campus."

Please note that student meal plans do not officially begin until breakfast on Saturday, August 21. Campus dining facilities will be open during limited hours for cash customers, and there are a number of restaurants within walking distance.

Additional Information

If you plan to ship items to the college, please contact mail services at 843-953-5534 to set up a student mailbox. Please note that packages are not sent directly to the residence halls but to the mail services office where students pick Please note that pack-

ages are not sent directly to the residence halls but to the mail services office where students pick up boxes so make sure the box can be carried by the student.

Hint: Current students found that purchasing their housing

and school supplies in the area was easier than packing them for the trip to Charleston.

View a list of businesses we have in the area at http://www.cofc.edu/~orientat/documents/need_stuff.pdf

Orientation Check In

Family members and students attending orientation, should check-in on Thursday, August 20, 2009 between 7:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. in the Cougar Mall. There will be student interns on

campus throughout the morning to direct you to the check-in location.

At check-in, students and families will receive a schedule of orientation activities. If any family members who have not

previously signed up for family orientation are interested in attending, they pay the \$25 fee and check-in between 7:30-8:15am.



Advising and Registration

On the second day of Orientation, your student will meet with an academic advisor. Before each orientation, the College of Charleston opens additional seats in courses that now appear closed on Cougar Trail. This allows new students **at all orientations** to

build successful schedules.

The "perfect" schedule may not be available, but all students should be able to register for a full load of classes that will fulfill their core curriculum and degree requirements.

New students should be

prepared to be flexible and should not rule out registering for classes that begin as early as 8 a.m. or late in the afternoon. Students who are not satisfied with their schedule can change it on Cougar Trail after their orientation session until the end of the drop/add period for the semester.

Tuition Payment

All billing is done electronically. Student's tuition bills will be created after they have registered for classes at orientation.

The College does not mail paper bills.

The Treasurer will send an E-Bill notification to your student's CofC

e-mail address and to any e-mail accounts* that the student has authorized.

For information regarding tuition and fees and the College's tuition payment policy, visit <http://treasurer.cofc.edu> or call the Treasurer's Of-

fice at 843-953-5572.

*Note: Students are responsible for setting up the authorized users for their account and/or for forwarding their billing statement to the responsible payer.

"Orientation was great. I made so many new friends.

All of the interns were really nice and full of energy."

— current CofC student

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