

Dear Incoming Simmons Student,

As Mother Nature finally decides to give us Summer, it is time to get ready for the start of the Fall semester. We are excited to have you join us on campus very soon for Orientation, which will begin on Sunday, August 30th and continue through Wednesday, September 2nd which is the first day of classes. Orientation is a great time to become acquainted with fellow students, faculty, staff and resources available to you during your time at Simmons. Adapting to college life, balancing academics and co-curricular activities can be daunting, but Simmons has the resources to help you succeed. However, you must also take the initiative to advocate for yourself, as reflected in this year's theme: Simmons: Step Up to Your Future.

Students are expected to participate in all aspects of Orientation, particularly the Orientation Group meetings, the F.A.C.E.S. (First-Year Appreciation of Cultural Experiences at Simmons) program on Monday, August 31, and the mandatory sessions indicated throughout the Orientation program. We encourage you to make the most of your Orientation experience by attending the optional information sessions which are designed to help you acclimate to Simmons and learn about its resources. Please see our website (<http://my.simmons.edu/orientation>) for a detailed schedule of Orientation Events.

Please read below for important information regarding check-in on Saturday August 30th.

Check-in for Orientation and Residence Life will take place from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in Alumnae Hall. Please see the map on the following page (<http://www.simmons.edu/visit/maps/residence.shtml>) for the location of check-in. At Check-in, you will receive your Orientation materials and Simmons ID, and resident students will receive their keys to their residence halls. Orientation Leaders, Resident Advisers, Simmons Staff, and other volunteers will be available throughout the process to answer your questions or concerns!

Sunday, August 30th will also include a **Commuter Student Orientation** for commuter students and their families from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Commuter Student Orientation and Residence Life Move-In will be followed by the **Official College Welcome at 1:00 p.m.** which we encourage all students and families to attend. A College Picnic will immediately follow the College Welcome, which will be a great opportunity to meet new and returning students and staff and bid farewell to your families.

After the picnic, you will be meeting with your Orientation Leader and other students in your Orientation Group and attend either your floor meetings (resident students) or a commuter meeting (commuter students) and then join your new classmates for dinner in Bartol Hall and the evening activity.

Fenway Card

- If you had your photo taken for your Simmons ID at a Summer Preview Day, you will receive your ID with your Orientation materials.
- If you have not had your picture taken, you will have the opportunity to do so from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Alumnae Hall. Please bring a government-issued-identification (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to receive your ID.

Parking and Transportation

- Parking will be available for incoming students and their families on Saturday, August 30th in the Simmons College Garage on the Academic Campus; access to this garage is off of Avenue Louis Pasteur. Limited parking for large vehicles will also be available in the Winsor School parking lot, adjacent to the residence campus. Resident students will be directed to available parking after unloading their car.

- Parking at both of these locations are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Once these parking lots reach capacity, you will be directed to off-campus parking options. More information on these parking options can be found at: <http://my.simmons.edu/services/business/parking/off-campus.shtml>.
- We suggest that Commuter Students plan to park in the Main College Building Parking lot prior to walking over to the Residence Campus for Orientation Check-in. Resident Students will be directed where to park after unloading their vehicles. Please note that the only day we will provide parking for Commuter Students for Orientation is on Sunday. For Monday and Tuesday, Commuter Students should plan to commute to campus in the same way that they will commute during the academic year.
- Please be aware that there is a Red Sox Game on Sunday afternoon, which means that your families may experience heavy traffic when they depart following the College Picnic. We encourage you and your families to consider this when making your travel plans.

Resident Students

- Students living on the residence campus should plan on moving in according to the following schedule sent out by Residence Life.
- In order to keep traffic moving, we encourage you to pick up your Orientation materials and residence hall key while your family stays with your vehicle and unloads it. After you pick up these materials, you will be able to move into your residence hall room.
- When you are ready to move-in, a member of the Simmons community will greet you and direct you where to unload your car. Simmons Street Team (volunteers wearing yellow T-shirts) and Orientation Leaders (blue T-shirts) will *help you* and your family unload your car onto the Quad. There will be bins and dollies available for you to borrow to assist with the move-in process.
- Once your car is completely unloaded, you will be directed where to park.

Commuter Students

- Commuter Students may check-in for Orientation any time between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. If you plan to attend the Commuter Student Orientation, we encourage you to plan to check-in between 11:00 and 11:30 a.m.
- A Commuter Student Orientation will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Quadside Cafe on the ground floor of Smith Hall. We strongly encourage Commuter students and their families to attend this Orientation. This Orientation will offer you a chance to speak with representatives from several offices on campus and returning commuter students, and ask questions that address your specific needs.

Monday Activities

The following Orientation Sessions will take place on Monday, August 31. Please see www.simmons.edu/orientation for a complete schedule.

- Orientation Group Meeting
- Mathematics Competency Exam
- Language Placement Exam
- Honor Code (mandatory session)
- Simmons 101 (mandatory session)
- I Love My Computer (mandatory session)
- Honors Program Welcome Meeting
- Advising for Pre-Med, Pre-Health, and Public Health Students
- Academic Advising and Registration Confirmation
- Academic Open Houses
- Transfer Students Meeting
- All Hall Meeting (mandatory for resident students)
- Movie in Alumnae Hall

Tuesday Activities

The following Orientation Sessions will take place on Tuesday, September 1. Please see www.simmons.edu/orientation for a complete schedule.

- F.A.C.E.S. (First-Year Appreciation of Cultural Experiences at Simmons) – (mandatory session for first-years and transfer students)
- Simmons 101 (mandatory session)
- Finding a Balance: Living a Healthy Life as a Simmons Student
- What's next for you? Discover resources for student employment, resumes, and exploring majors
- Fenway Area Tour
- I Love My Computer (mandatory session)
- College Resource Fair
- Help Wanted: How to Find a job on or off- campus
- So Much to Do, So Little Time: Getting Involved at Simmons College
- Money Matters: Student Financial Services
- Advising for Students Planning on applying for Nursing
- Preparing for a Career in Business
- College Barbecue
- Simmons Pride Night

We look forward to seeing you soon! In the meantime, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by e-mailing orientation@simmons.edu or by calling 617-521-2429.

We look forward to seeing you in # short days. If you have any questions, please email orientation@simmons.edu or call 617-521-2429.

Best wishes,

The Office of Student Leadership and Activities

Dear Incoming First-Year & Transfer Students: