

ORIENTATION UPDATE

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION PROGRAM

JANUARY 2009

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION is designed to both acquaint students with Providence College and to welcome them to their new community. During the program, students participate in a variety of workshops and activities, giving them the opportunity to meet and get to know their classmates, faculty, and college administrators.

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Have a question or suggestion to share?

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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Committee for New Student Orientation, I am pleased to share with you the first of our Orientation Update newsletters detailing the Committee's progress in planning and implementing the College's new orientation model. Our Committee, including student and staff representatives from across the College community, has embraced both the challenges and opportunities presented by the College's decision to pilot an enhanced Fall orientation program for incoming students. While the logistics of assembling a team of over 80 Orientation Leaders, devising an effective pre-registration process, and ensuring that over 1,100 new students and their parents successfully navigate through information sessions and events will keep the Committee, faculty, staff and student leaders busy throughout the upcoming nine months, we are excited and inspired by the possibilities and rewards of these shared efforts.

For the first time ever, the entire freshmen class will be able to join together in a Day of Service event, supporting community partners and reinforcing a tradition and commitment to service starting in their first days as PC students. The Day of Service offers all of us the opportunity to come together as a College community in a uniquely powerful and meaningful way, and we ask and invite all staff, faculty and administration to consider participating in this new tradition. In addition, the expanded and enhanced orientation schedule will provide new occasions for faculty, staff and peers to build important connections with and provide important information to incoming students.

Helping students become informed and connected to the PC community has always been the cornerstone of New Student Orientation at PC. With your input, involvement and support, we will build on the successes and traditions of the program to provide the class of 2013 with the introduction to the Providence College experience they deserve. We will continue to update the PC community regularly throughout the planning process in part through this monthly newsletter. During that time, we invite and welcome your questions, suggestions and feedback and look forward to hearing from you. All the best.

Chris Fortunato
Committee Chair
Associate VP for Student Affairs/Dean of Students

COMING BACK FOR MORE

FIVE RETURNERS TO LEAD '09 LEADERS

Five members of the 2008 Orientation staff have been selected to return and work with the fall 2009 program as Orientation Coordinators. The Coordinators - who will replace the past "Senior Orientation Leader" role - will have an opportunity for leadership development and specialized experience in individual interest areas of the new program.

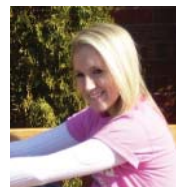
Of the 13 eligible and uniquely talented candidates, the five students selected show great promise in their ability to lead the anticipated team of more than 80 student leaders.

"We are very excited that the coordinators will be involved with so many aspects of the program from the very beginning," said Sharon Hay, Director of Orientation. "One of their first responsibilities will be to assist with the recruitment, selection, and training of the Orientation Leaders. Their excitement and enthusiasm is contagious, and we know they will play a pivotal role in this fall's program."

Congratulations to the 2009 Orientation Coordinators:



Kathleen Durkin '10
Specialization: Service Programming



Katie Gilsenan '11
Specialization: Parent Programming



Sean Jones '10
Specialization: Academic Programming



Mike Nagle '11
Specialization: Media & Technology



Jaimie Scambio '10
Specialization: Social Programming

BEING A PART FROM THE START

URBAN ACTION & THE DAY OF SERVICE

The incoming class of 2013 will have more opportunities than previous classes before them to get involved immediately with the College and the surrounding community.

As in years past, first-year students will have the opportunity to participate in Urban Action, the College's oldest student-run service program. The program, which has been approved to continue as is for the upcoming academic year, will be led by 25 returning students. In addition to their duties with the program, 2009 UA leaders and coordinators will also support and participate in select pieces of Orientation, including the classwide Day of Service.

The Day of Service is a program currently being developed by the college's standing New Student Orientation Committee. In speaking recently with colleagues from other colleges and universities, members of the committee found that several other campuses host service projects for their incoming classes. The committee agrees that a Day of Service would not only benefit the local community, but would also help bond the incoming class, help them to immediately learn more about the surrounding area, and provide additional opportunities for student, faculty, and administrator interactions.



Students will work at a variety of local sites during the Day of Service, planned for Saturday, September 5th

Members of the class of 2013 will be expected to participate in the program, scheduled for Saturday, September 5th. Students will travel by bus to service sites across the state, led by their Orientation leaders, UA leaders, and site leaders from within the college community. Upon completion of the day's activities, groups will return to campus and reflect upon the experience with students and leaders from their sites.

Suggestions regarding service sites should be directed to Leslie Heller in the SAIL Office (lheller@providence.edu). Faculty, staff, or administrators interested in participating in the Day of Service should look for more information this spring and summer.

The SAIL Office would like to thank those who nominated potential candidates for the 2009 Orientation Leader position:

Rich Dell'Isola '11
Rhonda Gemma
Meg Griffiths
Christine Halkett '09
Sharon Hay
Christine Hickey
Todd Incantalupo
Dr. Deborah Johnson
Sean Jones '10
Fr. Augustine Judd, O.P.
Cordelia Nagle '10
Dr. Wendy Oliver
Anthony Politelli
Caroline Rende '11
Colleen Rost-Banik
Jaimie Scambio '10
Rachel Sheehan '11
Sue Viau
Jack Wallace '10
Kylie Waltz '11



my life, my campus.

"I am so thankful for the opportunities Orientation offered me, for the people I met, and for all I learned about this beautiful campus.

So, why did I want to become an OL? Because I realized that for each and every student here, PC really IS our life... our campus."

-KEALAN BAKKE '10

ORIENTATION LEADER INFO SESSIONS

Monday, 1/26 @ 5:00pm

Tuesday, 1/27 @ 4:00pm

Wednesday, 1/28 @ 3:30pm

Thursday, 1/29 @ 6:30pm

Friday, 1/30 @ 4:30pm

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Applicants must attend ONE of the information sessions listed above

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