

# ORIENTATION UPDATE

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION PROGRAM

MARCH 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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**Orientation 2009**  
September 2-7

Have a question or suggestion to share?

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## LEADERS OF THE PACK

*NINETY WILL SERVE ON '09 ORIENTATION STAFF*

Student leaders came out in record numbers to take part in Orientation Leader Selection this February. With more than 250 freshmen, sophomores and juniors vying for 85 leadership positions on the staff, the decision-making process was more difficult for the selection committee than ever before.

The spike in applicants (nearly triple that of past years) could be due to many factors. With the new format of Orientation immediately preceding the academic year, leaders will have the opportunity to work or intern at home or elsewhere throughout the summer. In addition, the increased number of positions (up from just 26 last year) means leaders will have the possibility of making significantly more connections with other students. Unlike previous years, students studying abroad this spring were also able to participate in the selection process through interviews held in early December. Finally, although the Orientation Leader position is voluntary, some of the perks - including early move-in, complimentary meals and PC apparel - seemed to appeal to applicants.

Unfortunately, the change of dates did affect participation for two specific groups of student leaders: Resident Assistants, and those students leading the Urban Action Program (both of whom would be unable to participate in Orientation Leader training due to conflicts). The SAIL Office, Office of Residence Life, and New Student Orientation Committee are confident that both groups of student leaders will have ample opportunity to interact with the new students through

activities affiliated with the 6-day Orientation program.

All in all, the 85 leaders and 14 alternates selected (in addition to the 5 Orientation Coordinators) bring a range of experiences and interests to which all new students should be able to relate. Of the group:

- 35 are juniors
- 44 are sophomores
- 25 are freshmen
- 8 have not declared a major
- 4 transferred to PC from other institutions

Members of the 2009 Orientation Staff will participate in two weekend trainings this spring, as well as a week of training held on campus in late August. During training, leaders will learn about campus resources, teamwork, group leadership, transition issues, and problem solving, among other things.



Thank you to all of the students who participated in Orientation Leader Selection, their nominators, and the members of our Selection Committee. Congratulations to the 2009 staff!

## MEET & GREET

*SUMMER RECEPTIONS PLANNED ACROSS THE US*

Each summer, the Office of Alumni Relations coordinates a series of Freshman Receptions to welcome the newest members of the Providence College Community.



Summer 2008 Hartford Reception

These receptions are hosted by alumni clubs across the country and the Parents for Providence program. This year, the receptions will serve as a wonderful bridge between the time students and families are on campus for Family Day in April, and New Student Orientation in September.

A team of representatives from Alumni Relations, Admissions, Academic Affairs, and Student Affairs Administration - as well as members of the 2009 Orientation staff - will attend each of the events to share up to the minute information from the College and to answer any specific questions that students and parents may have.

Sixteen receptions are currently confirmed and will span the country from Chicago to Washington D.C.; from Boston to New York City; from Cape Cod to Philadelphia.

## IN THE LOOP

### ADMISSIONS LAUNCHES '13 NETWORK

Over Spring Break, the Office of Admission launched the "official" Class of 2013 online network. The site, set up on Ning - an online social networking platform - gives invitation-only access to students accepted into PC's class of 2013. Approximately 300 early action students have recently joined the network. Invitations will go out to all regular decision members from the class of 2013 on March 27th.

According to Scott Seseske, Assistant Dean of Admission, the network was created to, "allow (new students) to get a better sense of Providence College, and provide them with the information they need as they make the decision about where to spend the next four years."

The network serves as another avenue for students to receive information from the Office of Admission

and various other sources on campus. Staff members from Admissions and the SAIL Office, and approximately 25 current undergraduates affiliated with Admissions and the Orientation program, have joined to act as resources for the students.



Included on the network is a forum section where students can post questions, an events section with information about deadlines and upcoming programs, links to student and staff blogs, campus news, and updates on the Slavin Center construction project. Student groups have recently formed for those planning to participate in various athletic activities, and several current students and staff have posted photos of campus sites and student activities programming.

## Announcing the 2009 Orientation Staff:

Ryan Alescio '10  
Lauren Andersen '11  
Kealan Bakke '10  
Jessica Beauregard '11  
Tim Bergeron '12  
Becca Brendli '10  
Caroline Brown '12  
Emma Brown '11  
Sam Burr '11  
Paul Calle '12  
Marc Capuano '12  
Patricia Carroll '11  
Ashley Chuha '11  
Matt Cunningham '12  
Rich Dell'Isola '11  
Greg DiCiancia '12  
Hollis Dunlop '12  
Kathleen Durkin '10  
Caitlin Durkin '10  
Jennie Eckilson '11  
Susie Foote '12  
Anna Fox '11  
Matt Frederick '10  
Victoria Fruh '10  
Kristen Fusco '10  
Kelli Gassert '11  
Matt Gendron '12  
Steve Giampiccolo '10  
Katie Gilseman '11  
Kathleen Glatthaar '12

Katie Gaudy '10  
Dana Harencak '11  
Kyle Heaney '11  
Maura Hickey '10  
Kelly Hughes '11  
Sean Jones '10  
Nicole Kenny '11  
Beth Killian '11  
Larissa Kunes '11  
Conor Leary '11  
Brock Leiendecker '10  
Jamie Luedtke '10  
Craig MacDonald '11  
Jillian MacKinnon '11  
Mike Maggio '12  
Lauren Magrane '11  
Kristen Maietta '12  
John Maleri '10  
Mackenzie Mango '10  
Erin McCarty '10  
Brittany McHale '11  
Lindsay McHugh '11  
Shannon McNamara '10  
Annie Melia '12  
Nick Mikula '11  
Colleen Murray '12  
Cordelia Nagle '10  
Mike Nagle '11  
Tom Nailor '12  
Jill Neidermire '10

Mike O'Connor '10  
Tim O'Mara '11  
Heather Pakstis '11  
Preston Pero '12  
Sean Phillips '11  
Nate Pinches '10  
Emily Powers '10  
Marie Putko '10  
Caitlin Robison '11  
Jaimie Scambio '10  
Elian Seidel '10  
Alexandra Sexton '12  
Andy Shea '10  
Rachel Sheehan '11  
Julie Smith '10  
Lauren Spicer '10  
Katy Sullivan '11  
Colleen Thompson '12  
Sal Tripoli '11  
Nhung Truong '12  
Julia Tully '12  
Mike Vaudo '10  
Beth Walker '10  
Hannah Wallis '12  
Laura Walsh '11  
Katelyn Ward '11  
Emily Wheeler '11  
Nicole Williams '11  
Heather Wyskiel '10  
Emilyann Zotz '11

## ORIENTATION 2009

*at a glance*

(Subject to change)

### Wednesday, September 2nd

Residence Halls Open  
Orientation Registration  
Campus Open Houses  
Official "Welcome"

Student Orientation Group Meetings  
Opening Mass  
Residence Hall Meetings

### Thursday, September 3rd

Transfer Student Programming  
Parent Workshops & Resource Fair  
Undeclared and Declared Advising  
Student Affairs Workshops  
Parent & Student Academic Socials  
Parent Departure

### Friday, September 4th

Student Resource Fair  
Course Adjustment  
Student Affairs Workshops  
Reality 101 Program

### Saturday, September 5th

Day of Service

### Sunday, September 6th

Downcity and Neighborhood Tours  
Campus Open Houses  
Student Affairs Workshops  
Sunday Mass

### Monday, September 7th

Trip to Newport  
Class of 2013 Photo

### Throughout the program:

Residence Hall Activities  
Evening Social Events  
and much more!