



FALL ORIENTATION & WELCOME WEEK

GREETINGS TO OUR NEW FIRST-YEAR AND TRANSFER STUDENTS! On behalf of the Welcome Week planning committee and the university community, we are excited to welcome you to Susquehanna University.

Fall Orientation, Thursday, Aug. 27–Sunday, Aug. 30, and Welcome Week, Sunday, Aug. 30–Saturday, Sept. 5, are annual fall traditions on our campus. The SU community welcomes you with an array of academic and social programs, special campus events and a host of opportunities to explore and experience your new campus environment. The information in this newsletter is designed to prepare you for your arrival later this August, and to give you quick information about your first week on campus. In anticipation of your arrival, please review the articles and notes on fall opening and new student move-in, fall orientation and scheduled events, accessing your residence hall information and other relevant campus resources. Students will receive a more detailed Program of Events and individual schedule for Fall Orientation and Welcome Week programs upon check-in on **Thursday, Aug. 27** in the Charles B. Degenstein Campus Center meeting rooms.

Please note that all students new to campus, including freshmen, transfer and commuting students, are expected to participate fully in Fall Orientation programs and events. Also note that formal academic advising and departmental meetings are required for all students before the start of classes on **Monday, Aug. 31.**

If you have questions, please contact the **Office of First-Year Programs at 570-372-4483.** Once again, welcome to SU, and best wishes for a great start to your college experience and a great year.

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Office of First-Year Programs



PREPARING FOR FALL OPENING AND NEW STUDENT MOVE-IN

Thursday, Aug. 27 7:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

IMAGINE A SEA OF ORANGE AND WHITE WAITING TO GREET YOU AS YOU ARRIVE AT YOUR FIRST-YEAR RESIDENCE HALL FOR FALL MOVE-IN. THE IMAGE IS A FAMILIAR ONE FOR EACH CLASS OF NEW STUDENTS MOVING IN THEIR BELONGINGS DURING FALL OPENING.

FALL OPENING PROCEDURES

Residence Hall Move-In Times

This year's residence hall opening begins **Thursday, Aug. 27**. All new first-year students will move into one of four halls: **Aikens Hall, Hassinger Hall, Reed Hall or Smith Hall**. New transfers will be assigned to upper-class halls. To accommodate all new students moving into the residence halls, our move-in process proceeds on a staggered schedule. New students moving into **Smith and Hassinger halls only** should plan to move in between **7:30 and 9:30 a.m.** New students assigned to **Aikens Hall or Reed Hall** should arrive between **9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.** Transfer students may move into their respective residence halls between **8 a.m. and 1 p.m.**

Commuting students should plan to pick up their fall orientation materials in the Office of Student Life before the start of fall orientation, which begins at **4:30 p.m.**

PLEASE NOTE:

All new residential students may move into their respective halls after **9:30 a.m.**, regardless of hall assignment. Assistance for fall move-in will be available only from **7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Students who arrive after this time will be responsible for moving their belongings into their rooms and locating scheduled events without move-in assistance.

Tagging Personal Items

All personal belongings and boxes should be clearly labeled with the following information prior to arriving on campus:

- **Student name**
- **Student residence hall name**
- **Room assignment number**

Orientation Leaders and move-in helpers will be assisting with move-in and will not be permitted to move any items not labeled with identification information. To avoid delays in moving your packed belongings, please make certain you attend to these details.

Traffic Detail/Public Safety

Drivers are instructed **to remain with their vehicles** at all times and be alert for instructions from Public Safety traffic officers. Please do not leave your vehicle unattended for any reason, as this causes unnecessary delays and interruptions in the unloading process.

Move-In Announcements

The campus radio station, **WQSU-FM 88.9**, will be broadcasting move-in instructions. Drivers are advised to tune in for updates and announcements while listening to our student DJs.



Taking Care of Business

Representatives from the Health Center and the offices of Financial Aid and Business Services will be available in the Shearer dining rooms in the Degenstein Campus Center from **8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** for any student-related business needs. In addition, local banks will be available to open new accounts.

STEP ONE:

Registration and Check-In

Upon arrival, students should report to the **Degenstein Campus Center meeting rooms 1–5** to collect:

Building/room keys

Fall Orientation folder and lunch ticket

Student photo ID

Student Photo ID Cards

Students who **did not** attend one of the Summer Preview Programs will need to complete their ID photo during check-in and should report to the Department of Public Safety in the Degenstein Campus Center to do so.

STEP TWO:

College Circle Drop-Off

All vehicles will be directed to queue up along College Circle by entering campus at the intersection of University Avenue and 18th Street. Drivers will be given a **color-coded placard to denote their residence hall destination or transfer student status**. The placard should be placed on the vehicle's dashboard as it will allow traffic officers to direct to the correct queue. Transfer students will be directed to their respective halls. Given the volume of vehicles and traffic anticipated on College Circle during move-in, drivers are asked to be vigilant and conscientious in maneuvering their vehicles while waiting to deposit students' personal items.

Aikens Hall = pink placard

Hassinger Hall= green placard

Reed Hall = yellow placard

Smith Hall = orange placard

Transfer Student Hall = blue placard

On-Campus Parking Lots

Once items are completely removed from your vehicle, you will be directed to designated parking locations around campus. Please follow directions from Public Safety officers, as there is ongoing construction around campus.

SU Parents Executive Board

As part of our traditional welcome to campus, the SU Parents Association will be on hand with coffee and donuts to keep you refreshed and nourished during the move-in process. Please visit their tables in the lobbies of the residence halls.

STEP THREE:

Dining Hall Lunch Schedule

The Evert Dining Hall will provide lunch for families during two lunch periods, **11 a.m. to noon** and **12:15 to 1:15 p.m.**



Students and family members will be assigned a color-coded lunch ticket, designating a lunch period, at check-in. Students will need to present their student ID cards, while guests may purchase their meal at the door for **\$8.25 per person**.

AFTERNOON AGENDA

After move-in and lunch, students and families will be directed to the following afternoon events:

Opening Convocation

All students should report to Kurtz Lane, opposite the Weber Chapel front entrance, no later than **1:30 p.m.** to line up for Opening Convocation. Families are asked to report to Weber Chapel Auditorium by **1:45 p.m.** to be seated for the 2 p.m. ceremony. Please remember to turn off all cell phones and remove head apparel for the ceremony. Overflow seating will be available in Stretansky Concert Hall, located in the Cunningham Center for Music and Art

Entering Class Student Photo

To commemorate the induction of the Class of 2013 and new transfer students, the group will be directed to the lawn in front of Seibert Hall to participate in a class photo following Opening Convocation. Information and directions to the photo location will be provided in the Fall Orientation and Welcome Week program given out at check-in.

Family Farewell Reception

After Opening Convocation, family members are invited to a farewell reception at 3:15 p.m. in Mellon Lounge, located in the Degenstein Campus Center. Families may plan on departing campus by **4:15 p.m.**, as Fall Orientation programs begin promptly at **4:30 p.m.**

Fall Opening Questions

Questions related to move-in may be directed to the Department of Public Safety at 570-372-4444 or the Department of Residence Life and Civic Engagement at 570-372-4133. Fall Orientation program questions should be directed to the Office of First-Year Programs at 570-372-4483.

Your cooperation and attention to this information is critical for a successful and seamless move-in process. Thank you.

Making the Most of Fall Orientation and Welcome Week Events

Fall Orientation and Welcome Week mark the start of your first semester at Susquehanna. Designed as your official entrance to the university community, Fall Orientation picks up where the Summer Preview Programs left off, introducing you to Susquehanna in all its fall glory. It's a time when new students are all interacting together; faculty and campus staff are eager to share our fine campus traditions and legacy of liberal arts education; and of course, exciting community events and activities engage you in campus life and your undergraduate career.

To get ready for the fun, take note of the key activities and highlights scheduled this August. Your official Program of Events will be waiting for you when you check in on **Thursday, Aug. 27!**

Thursday, Aug. 27 Getting Oriented!

After Opening Convocation, your class photo and the Family Farewell Reception, Fall Orientation begins! Starting at 4:30 p.m., you will be introduced to your assigned orientation group and O-Team Leader. After dinner, your first night on campus will be jam-packed with lots of firsts, starting with our evening kick-off event, "Diversity: What's It All About?," presented by the Metamorphosis Performance Company, of hosted by the Office of Diversity and Social Justice and members of the university administration. Afterward, you will head back to your residence hall for an informal ice-cream social and first hall meeting with your Resident Assistant and Head Resident. It will be a great night of getting comfortable, meeting new friends and settling into your new home away from home.



Friday, Aug. 28
Academic Day

To prepare you for your first week of classes, **Friday, Aug. 27** is dedicated to all things academic! Kicking off the day will be a discussion of the **university Common Reading** text you received at your preview day, ***Will This Be On the Test?: An Anthology***. Exploring the book with student leaders, you will get to meet with your Perspectives, Music Perspectives or Global Business Perspectives class, along with your instructor, and participate in a genuine, distinctive college class discussion. Immediately thereafter, you will begin your formal academic introduction with your **school and departmental meetings**. You will meet with your faculty adviser to confirm your fall class schedule and learn more about future academic opportunities at Susquehanna. Following your individual advising appointments, the faculty will welcome you at a campus picnic with your O-Team Leaders and student advisers. End the evening with the hypnotic talents of **Justin James**, followed by the opportunity to join fellow classmates at a Susquehanna orientation "must-do," **Casino Night**, where the winning is big and the prizes are even bigger! Vegas has nothing on our annual event.

Saturday, Aug. 29
Service Day

Saturday dawns bright and early with your O-Team group. We'll be getting to know you better through our annual **freshmen survey** and introduction to first-year programs in Weber Chapel Auditorium. You will also have another opportunity to meet with advisers to finalize your fall schedule and complete the Foreign Language Placement exam and Common Student Data form. Along with your O-Team group and Perspectives or Global Business Perspectives class, you will then engage in a Fall Orientation tradition, the **SU GIVE service event**, where you will be partnered with a local community agency in a team-oriented service-learning experience.

The evening brings yet more fun and community building in Nicholas J. Lopardo Stadium with **Simon Says**, our largest campus mixer and competition, hosted by caller extraordinaire Steven Rosen from Admire Entertainment. Introduced in 2007, Simon Says has become a student favorite and is now considered a Susquehanna rite of passage. Mark will try his best to tag you out in this massive round of the classic game. Tickets for free T-shirts will be given out to the first 500 participants to arrive, and the top three remaining contestants will win great prizes and coverage in our campus newspaper, **The Crusader**. If **Simon Says** doesn't get you in the campus spirit, then head over to TRAX, our student nightclub, for the **S.U.per Hero Spirit Party**. We'll party the night away to the pulsating sounds of popular Philly-area cover band, **Cavashawn**.

Sunday, Aug. 30
Welcome Week Kick-Off

Fall Orientation closes out with a final O-Team meeting; optional religious services at Weber Chapel; and **SU Day @ the Susquehanna Valley Mall and Wal-Mart** on Routes 11/15, "the strip," where you can purchase any last-minute needs or pick up items that were too big to pack.

As Fall Orientation winds down, get ready for more fun and excitement as we kick off Welcome Week programs, starting with our back-to-campus barbecue and spinning from our very own DJs at **WQSU 88.9FM**. After dinner, complete your weekend with two great options. See the Department of Theatre's production of *I Hate Hamlet*, in the Degenstein Center Theater at 7 p.m. Or finish your retail therapy at Monroe Marketplace with **SU Nite@Target**, exclusive-for-you shopping hours from 8 to 11 p.m. Make the most of your orientation week, and savor the start of your college life. Enjoy!

- **Welcome Week Planning Committee and the Office of First-Year Programs**



WHERE AM I LIVING?: HOUSING ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

Wondering where you'll be living this year? How about with whom you'll be living?

Well, the wait is over. Follow the easy instructions below, and you will have access to your building, room number and name(s) of your roommate(s). We strongly encourage you to contact your room-mate(s) and get to know one another. It's also important to discuss who might be bringing what, so you don't end up with two or three stereos, TVs, refrigerators or other such items.

Instructions

To access your housing and roommate information, go to www.susqu.edu. At the top of the page, select the **Current Students link**. On the next page, under Web Services, please select WebSU. On the main WebSU page, in the upper right-hand tab, click the Log In link. At the prompt, you will enter the username and password given to you during your Summer Preview Day. If you weren't able to attend a Preview Day, the username and password were sent to you in the mail. Make sure you access the **Student** section of the login screen. Finally, under **Communications** on the WebSU screen, click on Housing and Roommate Lookup. Your building and room assignment will be provided, as well as your room-mate(s) name, address and e-mail address.

Quick Steps:

1. Go to www.susqu.edu.
2. Click on "Current Students" at the top of the page.
3. Click on "Web SU" under Web Services in the right column.
4. Enter the assigned username and password you received during your Summer Preview Program.
5. Access the Student section of the login screen.
6. Click on the link to Housing and Roommate Lookup.
7. Meet your room-mate(s)!

Courtesy of the Department of Residence Life and Civic Engagement. If you have questions, please contact Erica Stephenson, associate director for operations, Department of Residence Life and Civic Engagement, at 570-372-4133.

SU ALERT: MANDATORY EMERGENCY TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE

During the academic year, all Susquehanna students, faculty and staff must sign up for the SU Alert system before receiving a parking permit. This system is a short message service (SMS) that allows university officials to send subscribers a text message and e-mail with instructions in an emergency.

Subscribe today at www.susqu.edu/sms.

Subscribers must receive and acknowledge the validation code that will be sent during the test to their cell phones, or e-mail address if they have no cell phone. Subscribers should also request that the message be sent to their e-mail accounts regardless of whether or not they have cell phones. Please check with your individual cell phone carrier to determine if text message fees will be incurred.

For more information, please contact Thomas A. Rambo, assistant vice president and director of public safety, at rambo@susqu.edu.



RECOMMENDED BACK-TO-COLLEGE CHECKLIST

Clothing:

- Seasonal clothing
- "Must-have" SU sweatshirt*
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Flip-flops for use in shower

Entertainment:

- Radio/stereo
- Small television
- Cable coaxial cord
- VCR/DVD player
- DVD/CD rack/holder
- Head phones

Academic Necessities:

- Computer/laptop*
- Pens
- Printer*
- Pencils
- Backpack
- Tape
- Notebooks
- Stapler
- Binders
- Scissors
- Dictionary
- Hole-puncher
- Thesaurus
- Highlighters

Bedding:

- Twin-size comforter
- Twin-size extra-long sheets
- Bed pillows
- Extra blanket
- Mattress cover*
- Foam pad*

Safety:

- UL-approved extension cord(s)
- Flashlight*
- Batteries*
- Surge protector/power strip(s)

Bathing/Hygiene Necessities

- Hair care products
- Bath towels
- Washcloths
- Shower caddy
- Bathrobe
- First-aid kit*
- Bathing essentials (soap, gel)
- Dental care products
- Hygiene products
- Hair dryer*
- Shaving items
- Over-the-door hook*

Decorations:

- Poster tack/putty
- Posters (can be purchased on campus at vendor fair)
- Photos/pictures*
- Tack board
- Thumbtacks/push pins

Laundry Needs:

- Laundry basket/hamper
- Drying rack*
- Travel iron*
- Tabletop ironing board
- Laundry supplies (detergent, fabric softener, color-safe bleach)
- Quarters for coin-operated machines (\$1.25 washer; \$1 dryer)

Room Necessities:

- Alarm clock
- Small bookcase*
- Cinder blocks — permitted for the use of lifting beds
- Hangers
- Mop/broom*
- Under-bed containers
- Desk lamp
- Hand vacuum*
- Refrigerator* (less than 5 cubic feet)
- Trash can
- Plastic plates*
- Erasable memo board
- Storage crates
- Plastic cups*
- Area rug*
- Plastic flatware*
- Desk hutch*
- Storage containers

** Recommended but not required*

Please note: CAT 5e network station cable for computers will be provided to all students



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University Common Reading Program *Will This Be on the Test?: An Anthology*

Friday, Aug. 28, 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.

Since 2005, Susquehanna University has celebrated each academic year with a shared experience for the incoming class and the campus community, **the Common Reading program**. The Common Reading program provides new students with an opportunity to engage in intellectual discourse on relevant and emerging topics that stimulate critical thinking, learning and exploration in and out of the classroom. The text traditionally revolves around the annual university theme, which is nominated by a university community member and chosen by a select body of students, faculty and administrators. All new students and members of the university community receive a copy of the text to read in advance of the upcoming fall semester.

The 2009-10 Common Reading text, *Will This Be on The Test?: An Anthology*, is a stimulating compilation of essays, short stories, poems and journal articles that explores the question, "What does it mean to be educated?"—this year's university theme. Students will have several opportunities to gain insight into this topic and explore their notions of a liberal arts education.

As you prepare for your return to campus, please note that you will participate in a Common Reading discussion as part of Fall Orientation and continue to use *Will This Be On the Test?* as part of your first-year seminar course: Perspectives, Music Perspectives or Global Business Perspectives. Also note that A.J. Jacobs, author of *The Know-It-All: One Humble Man's Quest to Become the Smartest Person in the World*, will be on campus **Sept. 3 at 8 p.m. in Weber Chapel Auditorium** as the keynote speaker for the Common Reading program. He will discuss his book and share his experience of reading the entire Encyclopedia Britannica. Students will have the opportunity to interact with him during the presentation and meet him at a special reception following the event.

As a reminder, please note that the following required assignment will be collected during your Common Reading discussion. You may also choose to send it in advance, via e-mail, to your assigned Perspectives, Music Perspectives or Global Business Perspectives professor, whose name is available in your WebSU course information. So sit back and start reading your first college text!

Required assignment:

Before arriving on campus this fall, write a letter to your Perspectives instructor. In this letter, you should introduce yourself to your professor. (Consider what you would like to tell your professor about yourself, your life, your background, your experiences.)

In addition to introducing yourself, share with your professor some of your thoughts on education. For instance, you could write about why being educated matters to you, why you decided to attend college, what you are hoping to gain from the education process, or how you think you'll benefit from your college education. If you prefer, you could share an experience that influenced your view of what it means to be educated (for example, reading a book, taking a class, watching a movie, or something similar).

The main requirement for the letter is that you make connections between your ideas and experiences and those presented in the Common Reading. Therefore, we ask that your letter reference ideas from at least three of the readings in the anthology.

This writing should be a personal letter rather than an academic essay. Write in your own voice. This is our chance to get to know you better and to hear your thoughts on the university theme, "What does it mean to be educated?"

Your letter should be typed, double-spaced and one to two pages in length. This assignment "will not be on the test" (i.e., it will not be graded), but it will be collected. We look forward to getting to know you and to hearing your thoughts on education.



E-Chug Reminder for All New Students

All first-year and transfer students are expected to complete the online college e-CHUG questionnaire prior to arrival on campus in August. The e-CHUG campus initiative assists Susquehanna in evaluating students' alcohol consumption on a campus level. This assessment can then be compared to national data that other universities and colleges collect to understand drinking behavior and provide campus resources that address issues and needs.

Completing the e-CHUG Questionnaire

It will take you about 20 minutes to complete the questionnaire and review your personalized feedback report. The program is self-guided, and your responses are completely confidential.

Visit e-CHUG on the Web at <http://interwork.sdsu.edu/echug2/SUSQU> to begin your self-exploration and assessment of your personal alcohol consumption and risk.

Thank you for assisting us with this very important campus initiative. Your Fall Orientation Team Leader will follow up with you regarding your completion of the questionnaire. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Jenna Fredericks, coordinator of residence life for student conduct, at fredericks@susqu.edu, or Cheryl Stumpf, coordinator for health education and outreach, at stumpf@susqu.edu. We look forward to seeing you this fall in your first-year seminar class and reviewing with you the e-CHUG questionnaire results for our campus.

Health Center Notice: No Medical Records, No Keys!

Policy Statement: Key Holds When Medical Records Are Incomplete

Health Center records were due in July. Accurate and current health records enable the Health Center to provide appropriate medical care to students. Immunizations are required to protect the health of the community. Therefore, students who have not returned completed health records, including immunizations, will not be able to pick up their room keys when they check in during Fall Orientation. Students who may need last-minute immunizations **must contact** Margie Briskey, interim administrative director of the Health Center, at briskey@susqu.edu, or call the Health Center at **570-374-9164** to make arrangements locally. There will be a fee for the immunization, and due to limited resources at the Health Center, a local doctor's visit may be necessary. Students should contact Margie Briskey with any questions or concerns.

Procedures

1. When a student with incomplete health records attempts to register for their key on Aug. 27, they will be referred to a member of the Health Center staff to review their missing records.
2. Employees of the Health Center will be in the Shearer Dining Rooms in the Degenstein Campus Center. Students can complete their health records by bringing all required forms on Aug. 27 or by scheduling an immunization either on-campus with the Health Center or off-campus with a private physician.
3. The Health Center will provide a clearance form for students to return to Residence Life and secure their keys.

On another important note, the Health Center will be forwarding information to you regarding the campus' response plan to the H1N1 virus, more commonly referred to as the swine flu. Your well-being and welfare are of primary concern, and the university is undertaking all precautions to preserve your health and safety once you arrive on campus. Below you will find some important links to help you stay informed and be prepared in the event of a medical emergency.

