



New Student Orientation

July 22, 2011

Dear New Student:

Welcome to Niagara University! My name is Bill Newton and I will be one of many members of the university community working with you as you begin your experience at Niagara. To begin, we have prepared two important programs for you to participate in: Collegiate Advisement and Registration Experience (CARE) and New Student Orientation (NSO).

You will need to participate in the **CARE** program that will be held on **Wednesday, August 31st – Thursday, September 1st** as it includes two very important components: skills assessment testing* and a meeting with the dean of your college to outline your academic career. Details of the CARE program including online registration information and a campus map can be found at www.niagara.edu/care.

Immediately following CARE, you will be participating in the New Student Orientation program. The goal of NSO is to provide you the opportunity to truly experience what it means to be a NU student. Through NSO you will develop an abundant sense of Niagara's core values, be charged with school spirit aka PurplePride, and overall become acquainted with your surroundings and meet your classmates and other members of the Niagara University community. NSO continues through Monday, September 5th and classes begin on Tuesday, September 6th. The schedule of NSO will also be available online on the New Student Orientation website at www.niagara.edu/cao in the coming weeks leading up to September 1st.

In anticipation of your arrival to campus, I would encourage you to "Like" Niagara University on Facebook (www.facebook.com/niagarau). Not only can you stay in touch with what is happening on campus, but you can also check out recent photos from our first three CARE sessions! You are also encouraged to join the Niagara University Class of 2015 Facebook group. It is a great place to meet other new students and ask questions about your upcoming NU college experience. Do you tweet? Niagara does! Follow Niagara University on Twitter at www.twitter.com/niagarauniv.

I ask you to please RSVP your attendance to the CARE program. Again, welcome to Niagara University! I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Sincerely,

Bill Newton
Assistant Director of Campus Activities

****The skills assessment testing (required for all first-year students---not for transfer students) will also be offered on Monday, August 1st and Monday, August 8th from 9:00am until approximately 12:00pm. If you choose to complete these assessments on one of the alternate dates, arrangements will be made for you to meet with an advisor who will assist you with registering for courses for the fall 2011 semester. It is highly recommended you take advantage of one of the alternative testing dates prior to CARE if you live within close proximity to campus.***

If you are able to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact the Office of Academic Support (OAS) either by phone at (716) 286-8072 or via email at academicsupport@niagara.edu. Please RSVP as soon as possible, and no later than one day before the date you wish to take the tests. The OAS office is located on the first floor of Seton Hall.



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CARE Schedule – Freshmen Students (Collegiate Advisement & Registration)

Wednesday, August 31st & Thursday, September 1st

Wednesday, August 31st

8:30am – 9:30am

On Campus Resident check-in for all CARE eligible resident students in your individual residence hall. Resident students will also be able to get their room key and other important information from the Office of Residence Life regarding living on campus.

10:00am – 1:00pm

Required skills assessment testing for all (*resident and commuter*) incoming first-time freshmen that have not previously tested. (*Commuters and residents who are within close proximity to campus are encouraged to take advantage of an earlier testing date.*) Tests will be administered by the Office of Academic Support in St. Vincent's Hall room 206. Testing begins promptly at 10:00am.

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Lunch for all resident students and families in Clet Dining Hall.

2:30pm – 3:30pm

Required Academic Deans meeting for all students (resident & commuter) and families. Each of the four colleges and the Academic Exploration Program will hold this critical meeting. The five meeting locations are:

Academic Exploration Program – St. Vincent's Hall Room 309

College of Arts & Science – St. Vincent's Hall Room 306

College of Business – St. Vincent's Hall Room 305

College of Education – St. Vincent's Hall Room 311

College of Hospitality & Tourism Management – St. Vincent's Hall Room 307

Thursday, September 1st

12:00pm – 12:30pm

Lunch for all resident students only in Clet Dining Hall.

12:30pm – 3:00pm

Advisement & Registration for all new students. Locations will be announced the day previous during the Academic Deans meetings.

3:30pm

Students begin to assemble for the New Student Convocation. Family members are encouraged to attend and can be seated in the Gallagher Center gymnasium for the ceremony.

From this point and for the rest of New Student Orientation, all students will be engaged in schedule of events and activities of NSO so that you can become acclimated to your NU surroundings.

This schedule will be forthcoming in the coming weeks and will be available online at www.niagara.edu/cao.

RSVP for this CARE program online at www.niagara.edu/care

Welcome to Niagara University!