ORIENTATION SUMMER GUIDEBOOK

2024-2025





DeSales University
Student Engagement and Leadership


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GREETINGS & WELCOME BULLDOGS!

On behalf of the Office of Student Engagement and Leadership, I would like to welcome you to DeSales University! In a few weeks, you will be embarking on one of the most memorable experiences of your life.

Starting college is exciting, but it can also be somewhat overwhelming. The DeSales University Orientation Team has created a vibrant and comprehensive program that will help with your transition to life on campus. **This program is a fundamental requirement for all incoming resident and commuter students.** Orientation spans three days (August 18, 19, 20) and is filled with essential information and fun activities that will guide you through a successful beginning. You will have time during these three days to discover campus resources, meet faculty from your major, make new friends and have fun!

On Sunday, August 18, 2024, all students **must** report to the DeSales University Center to complete check-in.

The check-in process for resident students will run from 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. To find your specific check-in time, please visit: ***www.desales.edu/orientation*** under the Class of 2028 August Program blue tab. **Please go to the DeSales University Center before moving into your residence hall.** For commuter students, the check-in process will run from 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. The Class of 2028 and their immediate family members are welcome to enjoy lunch during the afternoon. *(*Please note if you moved in early due to athletics, the Salesian Honors program or the Outreach DeSales service experience, you may pick up all your Orientation materials from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the DeSales University Center.)*

Sunday's program for commuter students will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Gambet Auditorium 153/155. For resident students, the program will begin at 2:00 p.m. in your residence halls.

The afternoon will culminate with Mass at 3:30 p.m. in Billera Hall. After Mass, families will have the opportunity to say goodbye to their students before departing. Many fun-filled events will take place starting that evening, and over the course of the next few days. You will be given a complete schedule upon arrival to campus.

All members of the Class of 2028 will participate in the Character U program. Higher education is a time to begin the process of developing who you are and who you will ultimately become. Character U was developed to help students adapt to the transition from high school to college. The program also introduces and explores the DeSales University core values of wisdom, humility, gentleness, hospitality and gratitude.

In addition, each first-year student will be partnered with an upper-class student mentor. This mentor will be your resource and personal aide throughout the academic year. If you have any questions before August 18, please do not hesitate to contact your mentor.

Finally, if you have not followed the DeSales University Character U and Orientation Instagram page **@dsucharacteru**, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please visit ***www.desales.edu/orientation*** or email the office at **dsuorientation@desales.edu.**
All events are subject to change.

We look forward to meeting you in August!

Sincerely,

Nicholas J. Luchko
Associate Dean of Students for Engagement and Leadership



FIRST-YEAR STUDENT CHECKLIST

Please review the following checklist, which can also be found at ***www.desales.edu/orientation***. Please make sure everything on the following checklist is completed to avoid delays at the check-in process during Orientation in August.

- ☐ Begin checking your DeSales University email every day and get familiar with MyDSU and Brightspace. If you have not received your DSU login information, please visit ***desales.teamdynamix.com/TDClient/51/Portal/Home***
- ☐ Please note, your fall 2024 class schedule and academic advisor for the upcoming year will be available on August 7, 2024
- ☐ Consider reaching out to your roommate after Housing Selection
- ☐ If you require of any kind accommodation in the area of academics, dietary, or housing, please contact the Office of Student Accessibility at **accessibility@desales.edu**
- ☐ Student Athletes only: Student athletes must complete additional health forms for the athletic department *(under medical clearance procedures)*
- ☐ Your Master Promissory Note *(MPN)* and Entrance Counseling were completed at studentaid.gov for your federal student loans to be applied to your bill. Questions, please email **finaid@desales.edu**
- ☐ Any loans you are using to cover all or a portion of your balance due should be applied for, approved and processed through the Office of Financial Aid. Questions, please email **finaid@desales.edu**
- ☐ If you are bringing a vehicle to campus, you can begin to register online to obtain a parking permit. Please register online at ***desales.edu/parking***
- ☐ All Parent Plus loan, Private student loans, or monthly payment plans to cover your remaining balance are FINALIZED. Questions, please email **finaid@desales.edu**



- ☐ Required Health Forms completed by your physician and returned to the Wellness Center. The Health Forms Online Portal can be found on the Orientation webpage under Important Items. Questions, please email **healthcenter@desales.edu**

- ☐ Please take a picture and upload it to the Paws Pass Office either through the login email, eAccounts Online, or eAccounts Mobile app. Please follow the directions that were sent to you in July. If you do not receive the email to upload your photo, please check your "Junk Mail" folder first. Questions, please email **pawpass@desales.edu**

- ☐ The Financial Aid Checklist should be completed *(located under "Financial Aid" on WebAdvisor Self-Service on the MyDSU portal).* Questions, please email **finaid@desales.edu**

- ☐ Residents only:
  - Review "What to Bring to College" on the Orientation webpage
  - If you have not yet contacted your roommate, be sure to do so as soon as possible

- ☐ Enroll in e2campus, the University's emergency alert system

- ☐ If you haven't received your Orientation mailing from the Office of Student Engagement and Leadership, please email **dsuorientation@desales.edu**

- ☐ If you have changed your home address, please email **dsuorientation@desales.edu**

- ☐ Payment of your bill, payment plans, and balance reconciliation form completed and mailed to the Treasurer's Office. Questions, please contact **treasurer@desales.edu**

- ☐ Review and update information through MyDSU under "Self Service," then "User Options"

- ☐ Sign up for electronic loan notifications

- ☐ If you are seeking on campus employment *(work study)* be sure to activate your Handshake account through MYDSU. Positions will be posted on Handshake by the first week of classes. Resumes may be required for some positions, reach out to the Career Center for assistance. Questions, please email **career@desales.edu**

- ☐ Complete Title IX, Alcohol, Respect, and Safety trainings online. Instructions on completing this will be sent to your DeSales email this summer.

ARRIVING TO CAMPUS

WHAT TO EXPECT ON MOVE-IN DAY

Welcome to the DeSales family! This letter will provide you with important information to make your move to campus a smooth one.

Residence hall move-in for first-year students will take place throughout the day of Sunday, August 18, 2024, following the schedule below. We ask that all families make their arrival plans according to this schedule. Fall athletes and those students participating in the Outreach DeSales Service and Salesian Honors program will receive special instructions upon arrival to campus.

TOCIK HALL

- Tocik Floor 3: 8:00am-8:45am
- Tocik Floor 2: 8:45am-9:30am
- Tocik Floor 1: 9:30am-10:15am

CONMY HALL

- Conmy Floor 3: 10:30am-11:15am
- Conmy Floor 2: 11:15am-12:00pm
- Conmy Floor 1: 12:00pm-12:45pm

AVIAT HALL

- Aviat Floor 2: 11:15am-12:00pm
- Aviat Floor 1: 12:00pm-12:45pm

As you approach campus on Preston Lane, you will be required to check in at the DeSales University Center. Before leaving your vehicle, please be sure to have a form of photo ID with you to receive your room key. Representatives from Financial Aid, Campus Police, the Treasurer's Office, and the Health Center will be on hand to assist you with incomplete medical/emergency records and/or outstanding student account balances. You must be cleared by these offices before you can move into your residence hall room.

After completing check-in and receiving a clearance ticket at the DeSales University Center, you will proceed directly to your assigned residence hall. Vehicles will follow a specific traffic pattern, which will allow student belongings to be unloaded directly at the entrance of their building. You will be instructed on when to exit your vehicles, as University staff and a student move-in crew will be waiting to help you unload your vehicle and carry belongings directly to your room. ***All student belongings must be clearly labeled in advance with your name and room number to ensure safe delivery.*** Be sure to pack belongings *(especially electronics)* appropriately for safe handling in case of inclement weather. Once unloaded, all vehicles will be directed to a designated parking area.

Upon arrival at your residence hall room, you will have time to unpack, organize your room, and meet your roommate before the start of Orientation that afternoon. Lunch will be provided for students and their families from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the DeSales University Center (DUC). Families are welcome to remain throughout the Opening Mass. All programs after that are for students only.

Feel free to contact us at **reslife@desales.edu** or 610.282.1100, ext. 1442. If you have housing questions, please contact **housing@desales.edu** or at extension 1425. **We are excited that in just a few weeks, you will be a member of our residential community!**

Sincerely,
Residence Life & Housing

FIRST-YEAR MOVE IN

DRIVING DIRECTIONS & PARKING INFORMATION

DeSales University is located at **2755 Station Avenue in Center Valley, Pennsylvania:** 1 mile south of Route 378; a mile from where Route 309 meets Route 378. At the intersection of Route 309 and Route 378, follow route 378 North to Preston Lane. Make a right on Preston Lane and follow the directions to the DeSales University Center.

We ask that you approach campus via Preston Lane at your designated move-in. **You will not be permitted to move in early.** Vehicles will be routed by University Police and staff. All students are required to check-in at the DeSales University Center (DUC) prior to proceeding to their designated residence hall.

After checking in at the DeSales University Center (DUC) you'll be directed to your residence hall. Please be prepared to unload belongings as soon as you arrive at your assigned residence hall, as there will be staff assisting with moving your belongings into your room. Once your vehicle is unloaded, you will be directed to a designated parking area.

Please be sure all belongings are clearly marked with your first name, last name, residence hall, and room number.

Please note all fall athletics, the Salesian Honors program, and participants in pre-orientation program Outreach DeSales who are on campus already will check in at the DeSales University Center from 12:30pm – 1:30pm. Parents, families, and supporters of these three groups are welcome back on campus for Opening Day!

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COMMUTER STUDENT
WELCOME LETTER

Welcome to DeSales University!

I am so excited that you've decided to join our DeSales family. The fall semester is fast approaching, and I wanted to share with you and your families, parents, and supporters some important information you will need to know as an incoming commuter student.

My name is Jennifer Bunting, and I am the point person for commuter students. My office is located in the Dorothy Day Student Union, room 125. I can be reached by email at **jennifer.bunting@desales.edu** or by phone at 610-282-1100, ext. 1886. Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions and/or concerns.

HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES FOR YOU TO BE AWARE OF

Sunday, August 18

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Commuters begin arriving on campus and checking in at the DeSales University Center (DUC).
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Lunch at the DeSales University Center (DUC). **Students and their parents, families, and supporters*
2:00 p.m.	Official commuter welcome for students in the Gambet Center Auditorium (Room 153/155) **Students only*

Sunday, August 18 - Tuesday, August 20

Orientation Program - A full and detailed schedule will be handed out at check-in. All residential and commuting students are required to attend Orientation, so please plan accordingly with work schedules and other potential conflicts.

- Students, parents, families, and supporters may want to drive separately on Sunday, August 18. Student programming will run into the evening hours. Parents, families, and supporters will be leaving campus after the opening Mass.
- Meals will be provided at no cost to commuter students during the Orientation program.

Last, but not least, I want to remind you that all students are encouraged to get involved and participate in student activities and programs. All resources on campus are available to students who live on or off campus. Orientation is a great opportunity to start making connections and to learn about all that DeSales has to offer. It is the start of a new chapter in your lives...make the most of it!

I hope you are enjoying your summer, and we look forward to seeing you in August!

Best Wishes,

Jennifer Bunting
Associate Dean of Students for Campus Life & Student Conduct

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DINING AT DESALES

desales.sodexomyway.com/my-meal-plan

First-year resident students will choose from the **meal plan options** described below when completing their housing application.

COMPONENTS OF A DESALES MEAL PLAN

1. **DeSales Meal Swipe:** One swipe consists of 1 entrée, 3 sides, 2 fountain beverages or a bottled water, and 1 dessert.
2. **Dining Dollars:** Dining Dollars are part of the Meal Plan and work as a declining balance account to make purchases at your discretion. Dining Dollars are designed to give you the ala carte experience and it is suggested students use them for breakfast and lunch and save the DeSales Meal for dinner as that is the most expensive meal of the day.
    - Dining Dollars add flexibility and convenience to the meal plans and are accepted at all food venues on campus
    - $100 of your Dining Dollars roll over from Fall to the Spring semester as long as the student is enrolled in a meal plan for the Spring Semester.
    - All Dining Dollars not spent by the end of the Spring Semester will be forfeited

MEAL PLAN OPTIONS FOR RESIDENT STUDENTS

7-meal plan: Includes $1,550 in dining dollars to be spent at any of our four dining venues. In addition, this meal plan includes the convenience of 7 meal swipes per week in the UC Food Court.

$3,700 per semester

5-meal plan: Includes $1,000 in dining dollars to be spent at any of our four dining venues. In addition, this meal plan includes the convenience of 5 meal swipes per week in the UC Food Court

$2,800 per semester

7-meal plan PLUS: Includes $1,550 in dining dollars to be spent at any of our four dining venues. In addition, this meal plan includes the convenience of 7 meal swipes per week in the UC Food Court. This plan also includes $150 Paw Bucks that can be used on campus or at off-campus locations.

$3,850 per semester

5-meal plan PLUS: Includes $1,000 in dining dollars to be spent at any of our four dining venues. In addition, this meal plan includes the convenience of 5 meal swipes per week in the UC Food Court. This plan also includes $150 Paw Bucks that can be used on campus or at off-campus locations.

$2,950 per semester

Commuter Students are eligible for any of our meal plan options including the Commuter Meal Plan which is $500 Dining Dollars per semester with an added $50 signup bonus.



ADDITIONAL DINING QUESTIONS

DINING@DESALES.EDU



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SUGGESTED ITEMS
TO BRING TO CAMPUS

The list below are suggested items to bring to campus if you are a resident student. Please review the list and coordinate with your roommate as there is no need to bring multiple appliances like refrigerators, microwaves, televisions, and coffee pots.

PERSONAL
- ☐ Clothing appropriate for the season
- ☐ Identification (license/photo ID)
- ☐ Checkbook/debit/credit card
- ☐ Insurance card
- ☐ Room safe
- ☐ Sports equipment/bicycle/bike lock

ACADEMIC *(All items available in the campus store)*
- ☐ Notebooks
- ☐ Binders
- ☐ Folders
- ☐ Pens/pencils
- ☐ Highlighters/markers
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Tape
- ☐ Stapler
- ☐ Planner/calendar
- ☐ Dictionary/Thesaurus

BEDDING & BATH
- ☐ Pillows/pillowcases
- ☐ XL twin sheets
- ☐ Comforter
- ☐ Egg crate or mattress pad
- ☐ Blanket
- ☐ Bath towels
- ☐ Washcloths
- ☐ Shower caddy
- ☐ Flip-flops
- ☐ Bathrobe
- ☐ First-aid kit/medications
- ☐ Hygiene products as needed

HOUSEHOLD
- ☐ Flashlight/batteries
- ☐ Erasable message board
- ☐ Desk lamp or approved torch lamp
- ☐ Reusable dishes (microwave safe), glassware, utensils, storage containers
- ☐ Refillable water filter pitcher
- ☐ Can opener
- ☐ Dishwashing liquid/Sponge
- ☐ Cleaning supplies
- ☐ Paper towels/napkins
- ☐ Trash can
- ☐ Fan
- ☐ Umbrella
- ☐ Storage crates
- ☐ Area rug (6' x 9' or 8' x 10' suggested)
- ☐ Coffee pot (single brew w/auto-shutoff only)
- ☐ Refrigerator (4.7 cubic feet or less)**
- ☐ Microwave (700 watts or less)**
- ☐ Collapsible snow shovel and window scraper (if bringing a vehicle)

LAUNDRY
- ☐ Laundry bag/hamper
- ☐ Detergent/fabric softener
- ☐ Drying rack
- ☐ Clothes hangers
- ☐ Iron w/auto shut-off (used only in laundry room)

ELECTRONICS
- ☐ Computer, charger, laptop lock
- ☐ Ethernet cable (min. 25' in length)
- ☐ Music player/speakers (stereo, MP3)
- ☐ TV/coaxial cable (min. 10' in length)
- ☐ DVD/Blu-ray player
- ☐ Video game system
- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Alarm clock
- ☐ Cell phone/charger
- ☐ Power strip(s) with surge protection
- ☐ UL approved extension cord(s)

DECORATIONS
- ☐ Photos/pictures/posters
- ☐ Removable hanging strips/hooks (3M)
- ☐ Poster tack putty (white only)***
- ☐ Blue painter's tape

Energy efficient combination microwave/refrigerator units and room safes can be rented at **mymicrofridge.com

***Nails, thumb tacks, hooks, and duct tape are discouraged. Students are responsible for holes/marks on walls at end of the year. | **PLEASE LEAVE AT HOME:** Pets (other than fish in 10-gallon or smaller tank), candles, incense, halogen lamps, hot plates, Foreman grills, toasters, space heaters, or any other appliances with exposed heating elements, bed risers, over-the-door hangers, alcohol and drugs, guns, weapons, drones, hoverboards and personal bathroom wipes (even if branded "flushable"). A full list of prohibited items is available at **desales.edu/studenthandbook** (page 70).

IMPORTANT INFO

CONTACTS & RESOURCES

Academics	*advising@desales.edu*
Accommodations	*accessibility@desales.edu*
Admissions	*admiss@desales.edu*
Billing	*treasurer@desales.edu*
Character U	*characteru@desales.edu*
Dining Services	*dining@desales.edu*
Financial Aid	*finaid@desales.edu*
Housing	*housing@desales.edu*
Information Technology	*helpdesk@desales.edu*
Office of Civil Rights Compliance	*ocr@desales.edu*
Orientation	*dsuorientation@desales.edu*
Parking	*parking.authority@desales.edu*
Wellness	*healthcenter@desales.edu*

VISIT OUR ORIENTATION WEBPAGE

CHECK OUT OUR INSTAGRAM

LEARN ABOUT BARK

Bark is our student engagement platform where you can see campus events, join student organizations, find leadership and service opportunities, interact with campus offices and engage with fellow bulldogs!

HOW TO ACCESS BARK:

1. Go to desales.edu/bark **2.** Log in with your DSU credentials **3.** Explore!



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