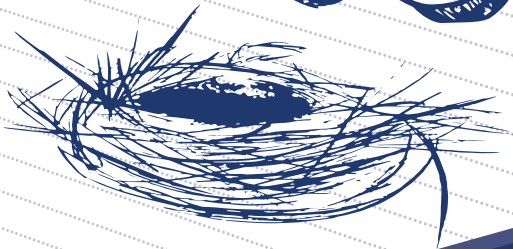


# Welcome to the Nest



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Student Affairs  
Student Transitions &  
Family Engagement

# To our newest Blue Jays and Blue Jay families,

On behalf of the students, faculty, staff, and alumni of Johns Hopkins University—we are so honored to **share our warm welcome to The Nest!** Just as you are preparing for your first year as members of the Hopkins community, we are busy in Baltimore preparing for your arrival in August. As important new members of our community, we want to share some key resources and event information to support your transition to Hopkins.

## KEY RESOURCES

- **STUDENT TRANSITIONS AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**, comprised of New Student Orientation, First-Year Experience, and Family Engagement, exists to facilitate a smooth and successful transitional experience for all students and their families to the Homewood campus. To learn more visit [studentaffairs.jhu.edu/stfe](https://studentaffairs.jhu.edu/stfe).
- **FAMILY ENGAGEMENT** is here to provide resources and support as our families navigate the university and the new, dynamic experiences that occur in the college environment. Learn more at [jhu.edu/families](https://jhu.edu/families).
- **STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT** assists with questions related to student accounts, registration, and financial aid. You can find more information about SEAM at [seam.jhu.edu](https://seam.jhu.edu).

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Over the summer months, we will be hosting **HOP ON BOARD WEBINARS** to provide students and families with information about how Hopkins supports our students and their families. Recordings will be available for those unable to attend or to revisit later. A complete listing of the Hop on Board webinars is available at [studentaffairs.jhu.edu/stfe/summer-webinars](https://studentaffairs.jhu.edu/stfe/summer-webinars).
- New student **MOVE-IN** is scheduled for Sunday, August 18, 2024. More information will be sent by email from our On-Campus Living team in mid-July.

- Our required **NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION (NSO)** program will begin at the end of Move-In on Sunday, August 18, 2024. NSO formally introduces new students to our Blue Jay community and the academic and social resources available to support them on their path to success. *Please note that this program is mandatory for all new students.* Learn more at [studentaffairs.jhu.edu/stfe/orientation](https://studentaffairs.jhu.edu/stfe/orientation).

During NSO, students will have an opportunity to explore their academic interests, get to know more about their intended major, and learn about Hopkins' signature flexible curriculum, which allows students to combine their interests into a meaningful educational experience. Before attending NSO, we encourage Blue Jays to access [registrar.jhu.edu](https://registrar.jhu.edu) to become familiar with the academic calendar for 2024–25.

Students will also learn more about our organizations and communities at Hopkins, including programming offered through Student Engagement, the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, and the Center for Social Concern. Our newest Blue Jays will begin building community and making meaningful connections within the First-Year Mentor group as they navigate Orientation.

- We invite Blue Jay families to campus for **FAMILY WEEKEND**, September 27–29, 2024. This Hopkins tradition is an excellent opportunity for families to spend time together, explore and learn more about the Homewood campus, and discover Baltimore. We will share registration details in early fall; for now, more information is available at [studentaffairs.jhu.edu/familyweekend](https://studentaffairs.jhu.edu/familyweekend).

Lastly, know that our community is made up of caring and supporting staff and faculty who are focused on creating a campus environment that helps students explore academic interests, engage in student leadership opportunities, and grow into the influential minds and impact makers they are meant to be. We are thrilled and honored to welcome you to Hopkins!

## Go Hop!



**Rachelle Hernandez**  
Vice Provost for Student Affairs



**Emily Calderone**  
Executive Director for Student Transitions and Family Engagement

# This Summer

To help prepare our students for their arrival at Johns Hopkins University, a **SUMMER 2024 TO-DO LIST** has been created in the university's learning management platform, Canvas. Visit [canvas.jhu.edu](https://canvas.jhu.edu) to access the New Student Summer To-Do List via the New First-Year Students or New Transfer Students course.

Here's a sample of Canvas assignments by due date. This list is not inclusive of all requirements. All items listed are required unless indicated.



**Housing and Dining Application Opens Register for Pre-Orientation** (optional)

## ★ June

**Housing and Dining Application Due**  
**Upload J-Card Photo**  
**Voter Registration Survey** (optional)

## July ★★

**Submit Final Transcripts**  
**Complete Pre-Entrance Health Forms**  
**Class Registration Opens**  
**Register with Student**  
**Disability Services** (optional)

## ★ August

**Fall Semester Bill Due**  
**University Health Insurance Waiver Due**  
**Financial Aid Documents Due**  
**Online Course: Preventing and Addressing Sexual Misconduct**  
**Video: Opioids Epidemic and Awareness Online Course**  
**Video: Academic Integrity Training**  
**Video: Student Code of Conduct**

# Information for Families

Family Engagement ([jhu.edu/families](https://jhu.edu/families)) offers resources and support to families throughout their student's time at Hopkins. Helpful information and links can be found on our website, and we provide virtual programming throughout the academic year with topics of interest to all Blue Jay families.

**FAMILY ORIENTATION** – Family Engagement hosts Family Orientation in the form of webinars with topics relevant to new students and families throughout the summer leading up to Move-In.

Students and families are encouraged to join the webinars. For registration and details, please visit the Orientation section at [studentaffairs.jhu.edu/stfe/summer-webinars](https://studentaffairs.jhu.edu/stfe/summer-webinars). Webinars will be recorded and posted within a few days of completion.

### **FAMILY ORIENTATION SESSION**

**AT MOVE-IN** – August 18, 6:15–7:15 p.m. Shriver Hall

Join us for a review of campus resources that were presented during the summer Orientation webinars.

**PIES AFTER THE GOODBYES** – August 18, 7:30 p.m. on Wyman Quad

After you've said "goodbye for now" to your student, we invite you to join the Office of Family Engagement on the Wyman Quad for a message from Rachelle Hernandez, Vice Provost for Student Affairs, and to enjoy a special treat to take with you on your journey home. Please note, your student will begin the required New Student Orientation program at 6 p.m., which continues until classes start on Monday, August 26. They will likely not be available to reconnect with you in person after New Student Orientation begins.

All webinars are scheduled for 7–8 p.m. EDT.

- **MAY 29** – Course Registration
- **JUNE 12** – On-Campus Living and Dining
- **JUNE 26** – Health and Well-Being
- **JULY 10** – Safety and Transportation
- **JULY 24** – Understanding the Tuition Bill
- **AUGUST 7** – Welcome to FLI (a webinar designed for families of first-generation and limited-income students)

**FOR A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF TO-DO ITEMS, PLEASE REFER TO YOUR NEW STUDENT PAGE ON CANVAS**



# UNFOLD TO EXPERIENCE THE JOURNEYS YOU CAN TAKE DURING YOUR FIRST YEAR IN THE NEST!

## Information for First-Year Students

There are a number of required and optional items for new students to review prior to the start of classes. These include the items listed in Canvas, webinars designed for our incoming students, and the required week-long New Student Orientation.

**HOP ON BOARD WEBINAR SERIES FOR STUDENTS** – First-Year Engagement will offer webinars with topics of interest to our incoming students. Students and families are welcome to attend. For registration, please visit [studentaffairs.jhu.edu/stfe/summer-webinars](http://studentaffairs.jhu.edu/stfe/summer-webinars).



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- **JULY 11 – Getting Started in Undergraduate Research:** Campus offices will share resources on getting involved and finding research opportunities.
- **JULY 18 – Ask Us Anything:** Current JHU students will be on call to answer questions about NSO, residence hall life, and what to expect at Hopkins.
- **JULY 25 – Pre-Law:** Pre-Professional Advising will share the resources and services available to pre-law students at JHU.
- **AUGUST 1 – Pre-Med:** Pre-Professional Advising will share the resources and services available to pre-med students at JHU.

**NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION** – All incoming students are required to participate in New Student Orientation, which begins at 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 18. In addition to the sessions listed on page 7, students will connect with their First-Year Mentors each day. Students will also have some free time throughout the week to prepare for classes and continue to get settled.

## Blue Jay Family Connection

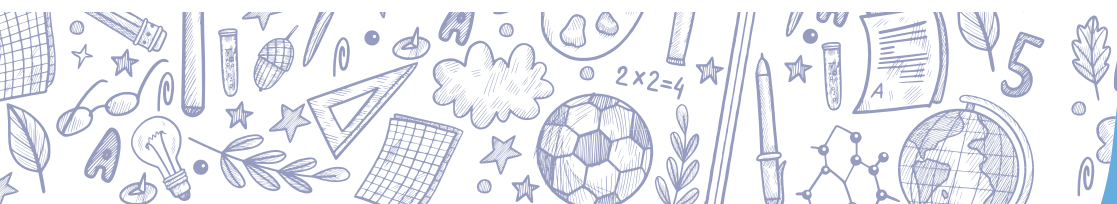
Family engagement plays a key role in supporting our students' academic and personal journey. We now offer an interactive platform, dedicated to staying connected with all things Hopkins, the **BLUE JAY FAMILY CONNECTION**.

With this tool, you will have the ability to customize your experience. Whether you're interested in academic resources for your student, campus events, or important deadlines, you can curate your preferences to receive information that matters most to you and your family.

Visit our website for details or to sign up: [jhu.edu/families](http://jhu.edu/families).

### FIRST-YEAR MENTORS

First-Year Mentors, better known as FYMs, are a critical component of the First-Year experience at Hopkins. FYMs provide peer-to-peer support to ensure the successful transition of all new students into the Homewood community during the fall semester. They are responsible for orienting and mentoring a group of approximately 16 students during their first year at Hopkins. FYMs are trained to provide guidance and support on a range of topics including, but not limited to, academic support, health and well-being, student clubs and organizations, and campus resources. Our FYMs were new students only a year or so ago, and they're ready to answer any question you may have about coming to campus for the first time!





# THE FIRST-YEAR STUDENT JOURNEY

## ACCEPTED



## GET PREPARED

From Canvas to the New Student Resource Guide, it's important to read up.



## SUBMIT HEALTH FORMS



## GET REQUIRED VACCINATIONS

## BEGIN THE ACADEMIC JOURNEY

Each student's academic advisor is a key guide during the first year.

# START!

## WELCOME TO JHU

Move-In and New Student Orientation



## GET CONNECTED

Summer or Pre-O programs.



## COURSE REGISTRATION

In July and includes First-Year Seminar Options



## MEET THE FYMs

All first-year students have a First-Year Mentor (FYM) during Orientation and the entire first year.



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## MEET YOUR RESIDENT ADVISOR



## LIGHTING OF THE QUADS



## HOUSING ASSIGNMENT

## CULTURE SHOW



## B'MORE INTERSESSION

## HOPTOBERFEST



WSE STUDENTS

## STUDENT INVOLVEMENT FAIR

## BLUE JAY OPENING DAY AND O-SHOWS

## SPRING FAIR

## SECOND YEAR

KSAS STUDENTS

## STUDENTS MEET WHITING SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING FACULTY ADVISOR



## WORK WITH A LIFE DESIGN EDUCATOR



## KRIEGER MAJOR DECLARATION

## STUDENTS MEET KRIEGER SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES FACULTY ADVISOR





# Move-In and Orientation Information

## MOVE-IN DATES

- 3.5-Day Pre-Orientation Early Move-In: **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14**
- New Student Move-In: **SUNDAY, AUGUST 18** (appointment required)
- Fall Athlete Move-In: **VARIES BY SPORT**; please confirm details with your coach
- New Student Orientation: **SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 THROUGH SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**

## PLANNING FOR MOVE-IN

Move-In day will be August 18 for all first-year students. In July, On-Campus Living will email students information about how to sign up for specific Move-In appointment times. Students will need to have completed all medical forms prior to receiving their room key. On Move-In days, keys will be distributed by the housing staff in Mason Hall. Items can be mailed to a student's on-campus address one week prior to their Move-In date. For additional information about Move-In appointments, what to bring, and residence hall amenities visit [studentaffairs.jhu.edu/housing](http://studentaffairs.jhu.edu/housing).

## ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

This is an abbreviated schedule and subject to change.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 -

Focus: Welcome Home  
Residence Hall Floor Meetings  
Orientation Kick Off:  
Opening FYM Meeting

### MONDAY, AUGUST 19 -

Focus: Becoming a Blue Jay  
Blue Jay T-Shirt Giveaway  
Campus Discovery Game  
Baltimore 101  
Social Programming:  
Jay's Carnival

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 20 -

Focus: Health and Wellness  
Blue Jays in the Blue Zone  
(alcohol education)  
Class Photo  
Social Programming:  
A Night at the Rec Center

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21 -

Focus: Class Connections  
KSAS Dean's Assembly and Academic Advising  
WSE Meet the Flock  
Welcome to SCAA  
(Success Coaching and Academic Advising)  
Failing Forward:  
Panel Discussion with President Daniels  
Social Programming:  
Residential Life Event

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 -

Focus: Civic Engagement  
Hop 101 Information Sessions  
Democracy Day - Opening, Seminars and Fair  
Social Programming:  
Double Feature Movie Night

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 -

Focus: Academic Onboarding  
WSE Department Meetings  
Departmental Open Houses  
Social Programming: Drag Bingo

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 -

Focus: Elective Activities  
ALEKS Math Placement Exam  
(Required for students participating in the ALEKS project)  
Target or Ikea Run  
(Registration required on Hopkins Groups)

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 -

Focus: Ready to Soar  
Convocation  
Post-Convocation Desserts

### MONDAY, AUGUST 26 -

First Day of Classes



# ASPIRATIONS FOR STUDENT LEARNING

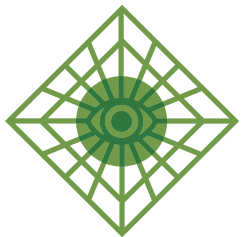


Learning happens everywhere at Hopkins! In classrooms and laboratories, of course, but also in residence halls, on the playing field, in dining spaces, throughout participation in student organizations, and much more. Our Aspirations for Student Learning reflect what we want students to gain as they explore everything Hopkins has to offer. Learn more at [studentaffairs.jhu.edu/aspirations](https://studentaffairs.jhu.edu/aspirations).



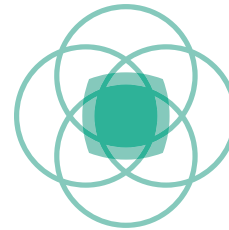
## CURIOSITY

Asking questions and exploring new ideas, new relationships, and new possibilities is central to the Student Affairs experience. Learners of all kinds are encouraged to dream big and develop their talents to support community well-being where everyone thrives. As integrative thinkers and lifelong learners, students' curiosity is harnessed and honed for the benefit of all.



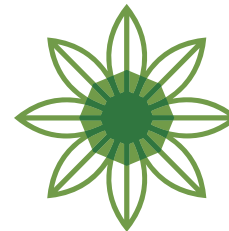
## SELF-AWARENESS

Discovery begins within. Student Affairs helps students identify and strengthen their individual values in order to live with greater purpose. Students gain a deeper understanding of themselves and in turn identify their strengths, weaknesses, and ways to employ self-understanding as a powerful tool for academic, professional, and interpersonal success.



## COLLABORATION

Relationships and partnerships are vital to individual and collective success. Student Affairs help students expand their local and global consciousness and discover ways to build understanding through inclusive and intentional connections. Embracing diverse perspectives and differing viewpoints fosters compassion and inspires action on behalf of others.



## CONFIDENCE

Developing character along with competency leads to confidence. Student Affairs instills values that promote personal growth and emotional strength. Navigating life's many challenges requires not just intellectual fortitude but also healthy self-esteem. Helping students grow both academically and emotionally builds tenacity, determination, and resilience.



## RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP

Ethical decision making, socially responsible action, and impactful change are realized with great leadership skills. Student Affairs prepares students to become visionary leaders who address complex issues and make the world a better place.

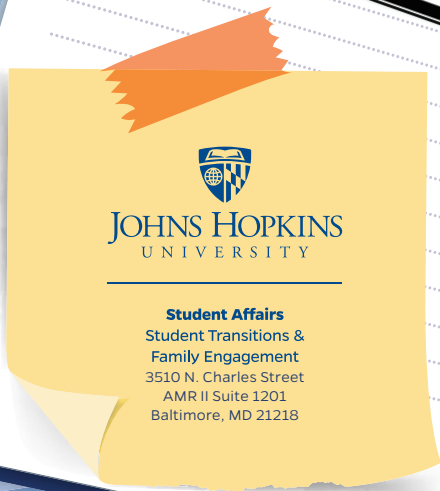



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