

The Office of the First-Year Experience provides support and resources for the academic and social transition of new students and their families.

676
53% → **FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE SURVEY**

2015 ORIENTATION HIGHLIGHTS

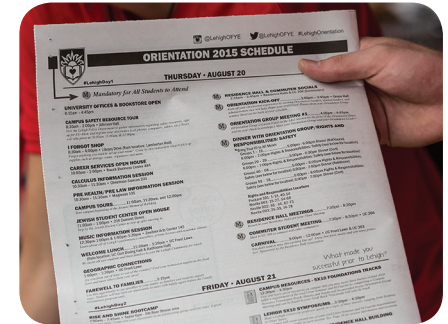
- First year that all first-year students participated in Orientation
- Introduced **Guidebook**, our second smartphone application to supplement a printed Orientation schedule



9,937 total page views
1,162 app installs



- **Lehigh Faux Friday** added additional dining options which totaled **14** off-campus restaurants, a Hillel Shabbat dinner, and an on-campus option. **783** first-year students ate off campus in addition to **80** Orientation Leaders and **79** Gryphons for a total of **942** students.
- Added a Faux Friday ticket exchange program so students could trade tickets with other students in order to eat at a different location



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- Introduced a **Rise and Shine Bootcamp**, a group exercise program hosted by Recreation from 7am-8am on Friday and Saturday, which had approximately **40** total participants
- Added an Orientation Leader led **campus tour** on Saturday to introduce students to the classroom buildings



Created the **Geographic Connections Lunch**, an initiative that allows students to meet others from their home region

Involved the
Office of Multicultural Affairs,
Women's Center,
Pride Center, and
Psychological Services
in the updating and
implementation of **Lehigh Life**



Included a Lehigh
Women's Soccer game,
discounted ice cream at
the Cup, and the
FUD truck as
social options for Friday
evening

Scheduled the safety portion of
the Rights and Responsibilities
session on Thursday and the
academic integrity portion on
Sunday in order to introduce
the topics to the students at the
most relevant time

THOUGHTS ABOUT OLs

95%

Indicated their Orientation
Leader is extremely or very
knowledgeable about Lehigh



84%

Indicated their
Orientation Leader
was able to facilitate
extremely or very
productive discussions

blueprint

84.79%

Could correctly identify the
Five Foundations
for Student Success

CAMPUS RESOURCE KNOWLEDGE

3 offices that students learned the most and least about



5x
10

CAMPUS RESOURCE TOUR

453 Student Participants



"I became a lot more comfortable with where resources are actually located on campus. The various presenters throughout orientation did a good job at discussing the roles of various offices, but actually visiting them helped me feel more comfortable with the idea of seeking out these resources."

ACADEMICS

87% met with an academic advisor or college representative during Orientation

93% indicated that their advising conversations were very or moderately helpful

Out of the 80 students (13%) who did not meet with an advisor:

51 students had a schedule they were happy with for the fall semester

20 students stated that their advisor/representative was not available

12 students did not know where to find their advisor/college representative

7 students indicated another reason

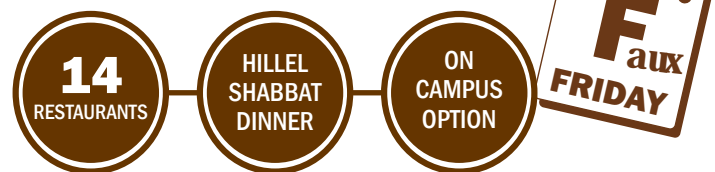
SUMMER READING



87%
Read all or most of their book



FAUX FRIDAY



94% of students surveyed indicated that they received enough food and the service was timely

"It was a great idea to introduce First Years to some of Bethlehem's dining places."

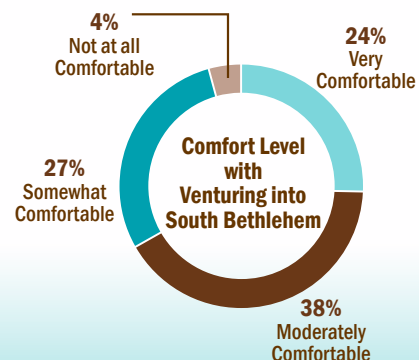
"Great program, I hope it is continued!"

CONNECTION TO FACULTY/STAFF AND LEHIGH

87% of students strongly or moderately agree that they know at least one person (faculty or staff) that they can turn to if they have a question or concern

77% of students indicated that they strongly or moderately agree that Orientation helped them to feel connected to Lehigh

SOUTH BETHLEHEM



RECOMMENDATIONS/MOVING FORWARD

- Continue to work with the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Women's Center, and the Pride Center to improve **Lehigh Life** and conversations surrounding **diversity**
- Make eating off campus during **Faux Friday** mandatory for all students
- Enhance programming for **special populations** such as commuters, transfer students, international students, and parents and families
- Create ways to more clearly explain **5x10 program** and the **evolution Seminar** to students

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