WELCOME TO LEHIGH!

In just a few months you will join the Lehigh Community and we cannot wait to meet you! Our goal is to provide you with information to assist in your transition to Lehigh. Let’s start with a vocabulary lesson:

bLUeprint is a term you will hear throughout your Lehigh experience. We want you to intentionally create your Lehigh experience and make meaning of all your interactions, conversations, lectures, experiences, etc. We want you to discover more about yourself and Lehigh, explore the vast array of ideas and experiences in this community, connect what you learn inside and outside the classroom and apply your understanding and insight to future endeavors. We want you to try new things, step out of your comfort zone, and reflect on who you are and who you want your college experience to help you be in the future. We want you to evolve into the best version of yourself. The Office of the First-Year Experience (OFYE) is just one university office that will be guiding you throughout the next few years. Get ready, it is an exciting journey!

While it is up to you to create your Lehigh experience, we will shape your exposure and learning, using the Five Foundations for Student Success:

- **Creative Curiosity** — Developing a creative and curious outlook to guide and shape every aspect of your life.
- **Identity Development** — Developing into your own unique person, living out your carefully chosen values and beliefs.
- **Collaborative Connections** — Shaping collaborative relationships and communities, utilizing your personal values.
- **Inclusive Leadership** — Developing inclusive leadership skills that guide your decisions, actions and contributions to a diverse community.
- **Professional Growth and Success** — Creating and living out a personal definition of success based on your interests, who you are, and what you want to contribute to the world.

We know you have a lot on your mind as you prepare to start your Lehigh career, so the information in this welcome letter is designed to help make this a smooth transition. Be sure to read everything on these pages and then complete the necessary tasks. It’s your experience and you need to know what is on these pages.

GETTING STARTED...

As a new student, there are a few things you need to complete before you get started. We call it your Spring Checklist. Make sure you complete these items (and not your mom, brother or cousin, even though they may be tempted to help you out). Finishing these tasks on your own, or with a little guidance from us, will help you in the event you have a question when you arrive on campus.

Log into the Campus Portal

The Campus Portal (portal.lehigh.edu) is your one-stop shop for Lehigh Information. The campus portal credentials are your six-character username (e.g., abc123) and the password you established after you were admitted. Note that this portal is different from the applicant portal— which you accessed by using your personal email address. When you were admitted to Lehigh, you should have clicked on a link to open your Lehigh computing account, where you created credentials to access the Campus Portal.

If you haven’t opened your Lehigh computing account, go to the Applicant Student Portal and complete that process now! If you need assistance, please contact the Lehigh Help Desk at 610-758-HELP (4357).

You should now have access to the Spring Orientation tab on the Portal. This tab is just for you and has been created to help you keep everything organized using the Spring Checklist.

Lehigh Email

You should have access to your Lehigh Gmail account which is available via the portal and at lehigh.edu/google. All official university communication will ONLY be sent to your Lehigh email after December 9, 2019.
Register for Courses
You should contact your college of enrollment to advise and assist you with the registration process. Their contact information can be found on the postcard with contact information included in this mailer.

Move-In
On-campus students move in Saturday, January 18, 2020. Check-in is from 9:00am – 4:00pm at Housing Services, Rathbone Hall. You will be receiving more information no later than the week of January 6 through your Lehigh email address. Please call 610.758.3500 for more information.

Housing
Welcome Home! Every student who lives on campus Lives Lehigh. The residence halls are not only a place where you sleep, study and hang out, but also where you begin to put the pieces together—the intersections of your education, identity and society. Each residential building cultivates that sense of community through spaces on campus where students can meet and mingle. Think of it as one of the aspects of Lehigh that turns a campus into a community. Your community. So, meet your neighbors. Talk to your Gryphon. Grab a cup of coffee or a bite to eat and engage with us. Choose to Live Lehigh.

Complete the Housing Contract by going to your Spring Checklist no later than January 3, 2020. First and second year students are required to live on campus. For more information: lehigh.edu/housing

Meals
At Lehigh, students have three methods to purchase food. All of these options are loaded onto your Lehigh ID Card.

Meal Plans - Accepted at all on-campus dining halls, information about specific meal plans can be found at: lehigh.sodexomyway.com/my-meal-plan

Dining Dollars - This declining balance is accepted at all Lehigh dining locations. Dining dollars are non-refundable, non-transferable and carry over from Fall Semester to Spring Semester only.

GoldPLUS - GoldPLUS functions as an optional debit card and is accepted at all Lehigh dining locations as well as many local off-campus restaurants and services. More information about GoldPLUS can be found at: financeadmin.lehigh.edu/goldplus.

ID Cards
New students living on campus will receive their Lehigh Student ID Card upon arrival and check-in to their Residence Hall on Saturday, January 18. Students not living on campus will receive their Lehigh ID Card from the IDEAL Office on Sunday, January 19. Log into the Campus Portal and follow the instructions for submitting an ID photo. If you lose your ID Card, a new one can be obtained at the IDEAL Card Office for a fee.

Libraries and Technology at Lehigh
Library & Technology Services (LTS) supports the technology and library needs of students. LTS offers help and support, networking, computing labs, a myriad of library databases, ejournals, ebooks, free software, printing (up to 1500 pages), and more! The LTS Help Desk and the Student Technology and Repair Services (STARS) help students with all kinds of technology issues. To find out more visit go.lehigh.edu/ltsintro

Parking & Transportation
First-year residential students are ineligible to have a car on campus for the first two semesters. Incoming transfer students with sophomore standing and living in upper-class housing are eligible to purchase a parking permit. Please see parking regulations for additional specifications at go.lehigh.edu/parkingregulations. For those commuting to campus you must have a valid Lehigh parking permit. For more Information and to purchase a parking permit visit: financeadmin.lehigh.edu/parking. If you have questions or need special accommodations, please contact Parking Services at 610.758.7275. Lehigh offers bus and shuttle services to help students get around campus. You can also track the buses live at bus.lehigh.edu. Learn more at: financeadmin.lehigh.edu/content/bus-services
ORIENTATION

Orientation will take place on Sunday, January 19, 2019 from 10:00am-5:00pm. It is required of all incoming students. A detailed schedule will be emailed to you in mid-January, but here are a few things to look forward to:

• Group meetings with your Orientation Leaders
• Roundtable discussions with various campus offices/resources
• Lunch in South Bethlehem (on the OFYE!)

Arriving to Campus

Whether you’re traveling from far away or you’re a Bethlehem native, we are happy to invite all new students to dinner the evening before Orientation so that you have an opportunity to begin building relationships with your new peers in a casual setting. Our OFYE Welcome Dinner will take place on Saturday, January 18, 2020 beginning at 6pm. If you plan to attend, please RSVP via the link on the portal by Wednesday, January 15.

Student Orientation

At Orientation you can expect to meet other newly admitted students, interact with upper-class students to learn about Lehigh and how to get involved, and learn about campus resources to jumpstart your success. You’ll also have the opportunity to learn how to make your way around campus, and to hear about the expectations of being a Lehigh student.

Orientation Leaders

Orientation Leaders are upper-class students whose role is to help with your transition to campus. They will serve as a resource throughout your first semester at Lehigh. Your Orientation Leaders are eager to meet you and welcome you to campus, and they will be reaching out to you before and during your transition.

Family Welcome

Welcome Lehigh parents and family members to the community! We will host a reception with light refreshments on Saturday, January 18 from 4:30 – 5:30pm. All are welcome. Members of the Lehigh staff will be available to answer your family’s questions and provide resources and information. We ask that students RSVP via a link in their portal by Wednesday, January 15 to give us an approximate guest count.

NavigateLU

Being a Lehigh student means you are an involved, engaged, and active participant in your learning experiences. In NavigateLU, students will discuss their transitions to the university environment, enhance their knowledge of academic and campus resources, and reflect on their experiences joining the Lehigh community. You will complete:

• Two one-on-one meetings with a faculty/staff member
• One individual or group meeting with your Orientation Leader
• Attend various campus programming with peers and an Orientation Leader

Camp Hawk: Snowed In

This exciting one-day program on Saturday, February 8, is designed to bring together students to build meaningful connections with their peers. Student leaders will facilitate fun activities for students to get to know each other and lead thoughtful discussions about their Lehigh experience. The student leaders will serve as a resource for first-year students as they navigate their transition. Registration will be available on Wednesday, January 29 at 7pm at go.lehigh.edu/camphawk.

Office of the First-Year Experience Newsletter

The OFYE produces a monthly newsletter sent over email that features important information, helpful tips, upcoming events, and much more! Check your email daily to view our newsletter as well as other important information about campus life.

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