

July 14, 2008

Dear New Student:

Welcome to American University! We are looking forward to meeting you in August. Because some students were unable to attend an orientation session this summer, New Student Programs and the staff of the AU Freshman Service Experience (FSE) have designed a program that will help you to get settled before classes begin. We **strongly** recommend that you attend this program on Monday, August 18, 2008.

During this orientation, you will have the opportunity to meet new students, get your student ID, take your math placement exam, meet with your academic advisor, confirm your class schedule, purchase your books, and more. You will be finished with the program in time to attend FSE Opening Ceremonies at **4:00 p.m.** To attend this orientation program, you will need to:

- Move into your residence hall room **no later than Sunday, August 17.** You will be able to pick up your room keys at the front desk of your residence hall.
- Check in to **both** the orientation program **and** FSE between **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 18 in the Mary Graydon Center Lobby.** You will receive your orientation materials and your FSE schedule, t-shirt, and nametag.
- Bring money for your lunch.

#### **Parent and Family Orientation Program**

Your parent and/or family member is also invited to participate in our Parent and Family Orientation Program. The program will occur on Monday, August 18 and Tuesday, August 19.

There is a fee of \$55.00 per person to participate in the Parent and Family Orientation Program, which covers meals during the program as well as program materials and activities. Please register your parent and or family member using the enclosed registration form or by calling our office at 202-885-3303. Please note that we do not offer special programs for younger siblings.

A sample Parent and Family Orientation schedule can be found by visiting the New Student Programs website at [www.american.edu/ocl/orientation](http://www.american.edu/ocl/orientation). Click on the Parent and Family Members link on the left hand side of the page and then click on the Orientation Schedule link at the top of the page.

#### **Welcome Weeks**

Please visit our Welcome Weeks website at [www.american.edu/welcomeweeks](http://www.american.edu/welcomeweeks) for a schedule of all the exciting events planned from August 16 – September 3.

If you have additional questions, please call New Student Programs at (202) 885-3303 or the Freshman Service Experience at (202) 885-7378. We are looking forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

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