WHAT’S NEXT?

YOUR PENN STATE STORY IS JUST BEGINNING

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YOU ARE NOW PART OF THE PENN STATE FAMILY

So, you may wonder, why is it that nothing seems to be happening right now?

Don’t let this momentary silence fool you. It’s just the pause before your Penn State story begins, and a great deal is going on to make sure everything goes just the way it should.

Right now, a number of people are setting things up for you — people who work on advising, placement, academic planning, faculty schedules, course materials, campus activities, athletics, financial aid, orientation, and registration. And before long, you’ll be hearing from some of them.

In the meantime, we thought you might appreciate a look at what to expect over the next few months. We’re just as excited as you to get your story started.

Helpful contacts

Whether you need to buy books, figure out how to connect to wireless, or pay your bill, our staff is available to help. Here’s a list of phone numbers and email address of people who can help.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS 724-773-3571
nmw5051@psu.edu

ATHLETICS 724-773-3857
rbb5512@psu.edu
psubeaverathletics.com

BOOKSTORE 724-773-3651
psubeaver.bncollege.com

FINANCE/BUSINESS 724-773-3519
jr613@psu.edu

HOUSING 724-773-3778
housingbr@psu.edu
liveon.psu.edu/beaver

IT HELP DESK 724-773-3830
software.psu.edu

tlf15@psu.edu

UNIVERSITY POLICE 724-773-3840

REGISTRAR 724-773-3959
jak344@psu.edu

RESIDENCE LIFE 724-773-3803
geg6@psu.edu

SECRETARY 724-773-3951
jmt226@psu.edu

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Other links

AFTER ADMISSION: beaver.psu.edu/admissions/after

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SCHEDULE YOUR ORIENTATION DATE

Beginning in March, Penn State will email invitations to participate in New Student Orientation. The invitation will include a link to your Pre-Orientation Task List that will tell you the steps you need to complete before participating in orientation. At the top of the list is registering for an in-person orientation date in June or July. You can easily schedule your date online (and even reschedule online if your plans change).

At New Student Orientation, you will meet with counselors and advisors, schedule your classes, meet other students, and explore Penn State. At the end of orientation, you’ll know what classes you’ll be taking. Parents and guardians are encouraged to participate, too. Call 724-773-3789 if you have any questions, or visit orientation.psu.edu/participate for more information.

TESTING ... ONE, TWO

All first-year students who have not taken calculus in high school are required to take the ALEKS Math Assessment. This helps you and your advisor decide which math course suits you best. Here’s how it goes:

ONE: Beginning in March, check your Pre-Orientation Task List to see if you need to complete ALEKS. Even if it’s not required, you can still take it to confirm your readiness.

TWO: If you need to complete ALEKS, you’ll take the assessment online by following the instructions in your Pre-Orientation Task List. Be sure to complete ALEKS as soon as you can, but no later than a week before your orientation date.

Test results have no bearing on your Penn State admission, and if you don’t like the results you receive, you’ll have the opportunity to complete a review module and take it again. Learn more about ALEKS at orientation.psu.edu/testing.

WHAT ABOUT BOOKS?

The on-campus Penn State Bookstore recommends that you purchase your textbooks a week prior to the start of the semester, though you can reserve your books online as soon as you get your schedule.

For many courses, you even have the option of renting your textbooks instead of buying them, thereby further reducing the cost of books.

How do you know which books to buy? It’s easy. Just take your class schedule to the bookstore, and they’ll know which books are required. Or, go to your student schedule on LionPath (lionpath.psu.edu) and click on “View Books.”

WHEN DO CLASSES START?

Remember to mark your calendar, because the first day of classes will be here before you know it! This fall’s classes begin on Monday, August 22. Plan to arrive about five minutes before each class is scheduled, and bring a pen, notebook, and your textbook.

WHAT ABOUT WELCOME WEEK?

Welcome Week starts the Friday before classes begin and continues through the first week of classes. This year, new students will come together on Friday, August 19, to kick off their Penn State experience. The new student program, which is required, prepares you for the academic challenges that lie ahead and offers resources that will enhance your success at Penn State. You’ll receive information about it during the summer New Student Orientation programs and through the mail. Call 724-773-3969 for additional information.

WHERE’S MY ROOM?

If you are interested in living on campus, you should have submitted a request for a housing contract when you accepted your offer of admission. Housing-contract offers are sent electronically and must be submitted online via LiveOn Beaver (liveon.psu.edu/beaver) before the deadline. If you submitted it on time, you’re guaranteed on-campus housing. Not sure of your status? Call 724-773-3775 or log on to Beaver Campus Living. Move-in week is Monday, August 15, through Thursday, August 18. Students will be assigned a move-in date in advance. More information will be provided at New Student Orientation and via email.

WHEN DO I PAY?

Did you have to bring that up? Yes, it’s inevitable. Penn State no longer sends paper bills. Bill notices are sent to your Penn State email address on the first of each month beginning in August and are due on the 22nd of that month. Payment options are explained online, and any financial aid awards received are shown as a credit.

Bottom line: A minimum 25% payment on your balance will be due three weeks after the billing date.

YOU’RE NOT IN THIS ALONE

Here at Penn State Beaver, there’s help for any problem, question, or confusion you may have. Once you’re on campus, you’ll become familiar with all the resources available to you. In the meantime, it’s our job to help you make a smooth transition to Penn State.

If you have a question or concern that doesn’t fit the resources listed here, call us in the Admission Office at 724-773-3800. If we don’t know the answer, we’ll know where to find it. You can also search our website at beaver.psu.edu.

See you on campus!