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**Welcome!**

**Class of 2014, Transfer Students, and Dix Scholars**

By participating in Orientation at Simmons College, you will have the opportunity to build friendships, meet important members of the college community, and explore the city of Boston. Immerse yourself in campus life and discover the variety of services and co-curricular activities that await you.

As you begin your journey, The Office of Student Leadership and Activities and Orientation Leaders are ready to guide you—please do not hesitate to ask questions. Discovering the Spirit of Simmons may be the most memorable part of orientation, and we are committed to making this time in your life a positive experience!



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## Wednesday, June 23

### Orientation Check-In

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

First Floor Lobby, Main College Building

Welcome to Simmons! Pick up your Orientation folder with your schedule for the day, including your academic advising appointment.

### Campus Card Photos

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

E007, Ground Floor, Main College Building

Smile! Make sure that you have your photo taken for your Fenway Card, which will serve as your student ID. You will receive your Fenway Card in the fall, but should have your photo taken TODAY! Please bring a form of government-issued ID (e.g. driver's license) with you.

### Math Competency Assessment

9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

L003 and L012, Ground Floor, Lefavour Hall

Every student must demonstrate competency in basic mathematics by the end of her first year at Simmons. You can do this by successfully passing the Math Competency Exam during orientation, which also determines the level of math you should begin with if you decide to take a math course. Students who received a score of 600 or above on their math SAT's, or a score of 24 or above on their math ACT are exempt from taking the exam. *Passing the Math Competency Exam does not exempt students from Mode 3: Quantitative Reasoning and Analysis.*

### Language Placement Exams (French, Spanish, & Italian)

9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

S251A, Second Floor, Park Science Center

All Simmons students, with the exception of Dix Scholars and international students from non-English speaking countries are required to demonstrate language proficiency at the intermediate level. Language Exams are administered to place you in the appropriate course level based on your competency in a particular language. These exams are for students interested in fulfilling the language requirement or



placing in a level higher than 101. You are not required to take a language exam if you are going to register for the 101 course level of a language. *Any student who would like to be tested in a language not offered at Simmons may contact the Center for Academic Achievement before August 1, 2010 at [caa@simmons.edu](mailto:caa@simmons.edu) or 617-521-2474 to request that a specific language exam be ordered.*

### **Orientation Welcome**

10:15 - 10:30 a.m.

C103, First Floor, Main College Building

Gather with other incoming Dix Scholars and Transfer students as Sarah Neill, the Dean for Student Life, welcomes you to Simmons.

### **Meeting with Your Orientation Leader**

10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

See your Orientation packet for your assigned location

Meet with your Orientation Leader and the rest of your Orientation Group. Your Orientation Leader will help you meet others in your group and to become familiar with the Simmons Community. During your group meeting, your Orientation Leader will review the complete Orientation schedule and be available to answer questions. Please have your Orientation folder with you.

### **Simmons and You: Requirements from Advising to Zoology**

11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Kotzen Meeting Room, Ground Floor, Lefavour Hall

During this interactive session you will learn about the Simmons academic requirements from A to Z, how to make the most of your relationship with your academic adviser, and the resources available to support you throughout your time at Simmons. You will also learn about academic deadlines, the add/drop period, the pass/fail grading option, grades and Dean's List, and Credit for Prior Learning. You will complete your registration form in preparation with the meeting with your adviser. This session is mandatory.

### **Community Lunch**

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Linda K. Paresky Conference Center, Third Floor, Main College Building

Join your fellow students, faculty, and staff at a Community Lunch where departments from around the college will present about what they offer and how to best utilize their services.

### **Academic Advising and Registration**

2:00 - 5:30 p.m. See Orientation Packet for Appointment Time

Lefavour Lobby, Ground Floor

At Simmons, advising is an extension of teaching, which means that faculty and students work together in a partnership to achieve academic and life goals. The more you invest in this relationship, the more you will reap its benefits. During this session, you will have an individual meeting with your academic adviser to select your classes, discuss your interests, and begin thinking about how Simmons can help you become the person you most aspire to become. Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your advising appointment. Your appointment is a priority in the Orientation schedule and takes precedence over the following sessions.

### **Residence Campus Tours**

2:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Depart from MCB Lobby every half hour

Whether you're planning to live on campus or commute, the Residence Campus has many resources for you. Take a tour of the Residence Campus and learn where Bartol, the Holmes Sports Center, the Health Center, Quadside, and more!

### **Your Home Away from Home: Resident Student Information Session**

2:00 - 2:45 p.m.

Kotzen Meeting Room, Ground Floor, Lefavour Hall

Living on the Residence Campus is an exciting opportunity for you to extend your learning beyond the classroom and interact with a community of your peers every day. Students can find a place to call home that is completely unique to Simmons College. Resident students have opportunities to participate in a wide variety of educational and social programming, to lead in Hall Council, and to make lifelong friendships. This session will help all Resident Students learn about what to expect while living in the residence halls. From roommates and RA's to laundry and meal plans, learn what the Simmons residence halls have to offer.



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## **Involvement, Service, Athletics . . . Oh My!: Getting Involved at Simmons**

2:45 - 3:30 p.m., 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

Kotzen Meeting Room, Ground Floor, Lefavour Hall

There are a multitude of opportunities to get involved at Simmons for Dix Scholars and Transfer students. Led by current student leaders, this session will tell you more about the ways to get involved in student organizations, community service, and leadership during your time at Simmons. Learn about resources such as Shark Link, the Office of Leadership and Activities, and the Dix Scholars Liaison.

## **Simmons on a Shoestring**

3:30 - 4:15 p.m., 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

L005, Ground Floor, Lefavour Hall

Learn about the resources and support available through Student Financial Services, and how to avoid financial mistakes during your time at Simmons. Also, learn some tricks about how to have fun in Boston without spending a lot of money.

## **Explore, Prepare, Succeed: The Career Education Center**

2:00 - 2:45 p.m., 2:45 - 3:30 p.m.

L005, Ground Floor, Lefavour Hall

Get a jump start now! Take the first step toward maximizing your career learning at Simmons. Learn how the Career Education Center (CEC) alongside academic departments play a key role in preparing you for career readiness. Get inside tips on smart approaches to your search for student employment and internships, and learn how to build on your interests to make the most out of your college experience.

### **Transfer Student Social**

5:30 p.m.

Depart from Lefavour Lobby, Ground Floor, Lefavour Hall

Join other Transfer students and the Transfer Student Orientation Leaders for an outing off-campus. Have fun, get to know one another better, and explore the Fenway area.

### **Dix Scholar Social**

5:30 p.m.

Depart from Dix Scholars Lounge, Ground Floor, Main College Building

Join other Dix Scholars students and the Dix Scholar Orientation Leaders for an outing off-campus. Have fun, get to know one another better, and explore the Fenway area.

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## Save the Date! Important Fall Dates

### **Fall Orientation**

Sunday, August 29 - Wednesday, September 1, 2010

All students are expected to attend Fall Orientation, which builds upon what you experienced at Summer Orientation. During Fall Orientation,

### **Student Organization Fair and Barbecue**

Wednesday, September 1, 2010

Learn about various student organizations and other ways to get involved during your time at Simmons. Enjoy a beautiful evening on the Quad with your fellow students.

### **Family Weekend**

Friday, October 22 - Saturday, October 23, 2010

Mark your calendars now for our annual Family Weekend. This is a great opportunity to show your family around Boston and to share with them your experiences at Simmons. You will have more chances to explore and experience Boston, to meet members of your class and other Simmons students, to learn more about Simmons and its resources, and to meet members of the Simmons faculty and staff.

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