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NEWS TIPS

AUG. 19-22: STUDENTS GET COMFORTABLE, ACQUAINTED AT UD ORIENTATION, UD WELCOMES ANOTHER BIG FIRST-YEAR CLASS

The University of Dayton will roll out the welcome mat for 1,778 new students with a variety of orientation activities to help them settle in and get acquainted with campus, staff and one another. Activities will be held Saturday through Tuesday, Aug. 19-22, and feature a number of informative and fun programs for students and their parents.

For the third straight year UD received a record number of applications for its first-year class, which will officially start the new academic year on Wednesday, Aug. 23.

Dozens of University faculty, staff and students — dressed in green "orientation staff" t-shirts and sporting "ask me" buttons — have volunteered to make orientation weekend a pleasant experience for students and parents.

Highlight events include:

Saturday, Aug. 19

Moving in: Golf cart "shuttles" will transport students and their belongings to the residence halls on campus from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers will help students move into their dorm rooms — all equipped with computers fully loaded with the same software their professors use.

Pride of Dayton: The University of Dayton marching band will practice for the public in Reichard Hall from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tips from alumni: University alumni will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the alumni tent on Kennedy Union field to share tips about campus life and area amenities such as restaurants, shops and more.

Campus tours: Guided walking tours will begin every hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. from the Orientation Center in the lobby of Gosiger Hall.

Athletics open house: Information on UD's athletics programs will be available during a reception and open house from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Frericks Convocation Center.

Parents orientation: Bill Schuerman, vice president of student development and dean of students, will address parents' last-minute questions during an open forum from 7 to 7:45 p.m. at the Frericks Convocation Center.

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Sunday, Aug. 20

From the president: Brother Raymond Fitz, S.M., president of UD, will officially welcome new students and their families at 10 a.m. in UD Arena.

Backyard games and picnic: Students can relax and enjoy softball, volleyball, badminton and other "backyard" games from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Founder's Field. A picnic dinner will follow from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the Kennedy Union field.

Comic relief: Nationally known entertainer Michael John will bring his comedy and music to campus at 7 p.m. on the Humanities Plaza.

Monday, Aug. 21

Ice cream social: Students can get acquainted with the campus ministry staff while enjoying sweet frozen treats from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the Kennedy Union field.

Hypnotic: Hypnotist Mike Spremulli will bring his entertaining and even educational brand of hypnotism to the Kennedy Union Ballroom from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 22

Convocation: New students will be presented during a convocation, a formal event to symbolically mark the beginning of their academic careers, from 8:45 to 10 a.m. in the Frericks Convocation Center. Faculty will wear academic robes, and Gerald Kerns, professor of political science, will address the "Relevance of Intellectual Depth" as an academic challenge to students.

For more information, call **Jolly Janson**, director of educational and special programs, at (937) 229-2229.