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With more than 1,800 first-year students flocking to the University of Dayton and Marianist Hall and ArtStreet welcoming its first residents, the mood on campus this weekend will be decidedly upbeat.

The "Blue Crew" will swing into gear to welcome 1,828 new students after UD received record applications for its first-year class. Dressed in royal blue shirts with buttons that say "Ask Me" and driving golf carts, more than 100 upperclass students will help first-year students move into residence halls on Saturday, Aug. 21. Classes start on Wednesday, Aug. 25.

The class of 2008 will attend their first lecture before the fall semester officially kicks off. Over the summer, all first-year students were required to read Eric Schlosser's New York Times bestseller Fast Food Nation in preparation for the author's talk at 3 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 23, in the Frericks Center. More than 100 faculty from disciplines across campus will analyze the book in small discussion groups after Schlosser's talk. Schlosser and John Heitmann, professor of history, will meet with one small group at 4 p.m. in room 109 in the Jesse Philips Humanities Center.

Some other highlights of orientation:

Saturday, Aug. 21

9 a.m.-7 p.m. Students pick up laptop computers in O'Reilly Hall. The University of Dayton requires all students to own notebook computers.

9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Marianist Hospitality Photo Shoot, Kennedy Union Field. In an effort to capture the excitement of the first day of college, photographers will shoot candid photos of families. The photos will be available later in the day.

Sunday, Aug. 22

10 -10:30 a.m. University of Dayton President Daniel J. Curran will address the first-year class, University of Dayton Arena.

10:30-noon Welcome Mass, University of Dayton Arena.

Noon-4 p.m. Students pick up laptop computers in O'Reilly Hall.
Monday, Aug. 23

Over the course of two days, first-year students will attend a number of mandatory sessions that cover such issues as diversity, responsible alcohol use, and healthy dating and sexual assault awareness.

9-10 a.m., 10:15-11:15 a.m., 12:30-1:30 p.m. and 1:45-2:45 p.m. “Can I Kiss You?” Kennedy Union Ballroom. Presentation by Mike Domitrz, a nationally known speaker and author who tours college campuses to talk to students about dating, communication, respect and sexual assault awareness. When his sister was raped in 1989, Domitrz began researching various aspects of healthy dating and how to avoid sexual assault.

9-10 a.m., 10:15-11:15 a.m., 12:30-1:30 p.m. and 1:45-2:45 p.m. “Leveraging Differences and Similarities in the University.” Boll Theatre in Kennedy Union. Presentation by Reginald Butler, assistant vice president of Global Lead Management Consulting.

Tuesday, Aug. 24

8:45 - 10 a.m. Academic Convocation, Frericks Center. David Herrelko, Bernhard M. Schmidt chair in engineering leadership, will deliver the “Academic Challenge” to all first-year students. Faculty will wear academic robes in the formal event.

1-2 p.m., 2:15-3:15 p.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m. “The Real Deal About Alcohol at UD.” Kennedy Union Ballroom. A group of seniors will talk about alcohol use on campus, including the consequences of underage drinking.

1-2 p.m., 2:15-3:15 p.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m. “Freedom, Responsibility and Choices.” Frericks Center. Presentation by Dr. Mary Buchwalder, medical director of the Student Health Center.

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For more information or a listing of all orientation activities, contact Jolly Janson, director of educational and special programs, at (937) 229-2229 or 657-2822.