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08.15.2007 | Campus and Community, Students  First-year students move into campus housing on Saturday, Aug. 18, with all other students moving in on Sunday, Aug 19. Students and parents will be greeted with a wide variety of orientation, information and welcoming activities from Friday, Aug. 18, through Tuesday, Aug. 21, when classes begin.

Here are some highlights of this year's start of school activities:

-- UD is seeing more diversity in its first year class with a nearly 59 percent increase in the number of African American students entering UD. Sundar Kumarasamy, vice president for enrollment management, said the increase can be attributed to more aggressive recruitment efforts at high schools within the region, more competitive financial packages and the strong relationship built with Dayton Early College Academy students. UD's work with those students for three years on college preparation and planning resulted in 10 DECA students choosing UD. Contact Sundar Kumarasamy at 937-229-3725.

-- A Rudy Flyer welcome. As a Catholic, Marianist university, UD is known for its sense of community and hospitality. First-year students will be welcomed into the UD community by mascot Rudy Flyer, the UD pep band and staff, faculty and other students as they leave Frericks Convocation Center to begin life at UD when the opening convocation ends at 9:45 a.m., Monday, Aug. 20 at the Frericks Convocation Center. Contact Kathleen Henderson, director of first-year student engagement, at 937-229-3774.

-- Red and blue on Brown: Flyer Spirit, a new store specializing in UD-themed merchandise, opens Friday, Aug. 17 in University Place, UD's new commercial/residential development at Stewart and Brown streets. Operated by Flyer Enterprises, the University's student-run business program, the store will offer a wide selection of clothing and other items emblazoned with the UD logo for students and the region's Flyer Faithful. Contact Flyer Enterprises CEO Tony Blankemeyer at 937-229-4722 or Flyer Spirit President Lauren Clarisey at 937-226-7567.

Start of School Highlights

Saturday, Aug. 18
8 a.m. – 2 p.m. – First-year students move into residence halls.
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Laptop pickup, O'Reilly Hall. UD requires all students to own notebook computers.

Sunday, Aug. 19
10 - 10:30 a.m. – President Daniel Curran will address first-year students and families. UD Arena.
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. – Family Mass of Welcome, UD Arena.
8 - 11 p.m. – Neighborhood Welcome, student neighborhood. A new event to introduce first year students to special interest houses in the student neighborhood.
11 p.m. – 12:30 a.m. – Pancake breakfast, Marycrest Hall.

Monday, August 20
9 – 10 a.m. – Convocation ceremony with academic procession to formally begin new students' academic careers, Frericks Convocation Center.
9:45 a.m. – The UD community, led by Rudy Flyer and the pep band, welcomes new students (see above).

For more information about orientation, contact Jolly Janson, director of educational and special programs, at 937-229-2229.