Dear New Notre Dame Students,

We are excited to soon welcome you to campus as you begin these next years of exploration and growth while offering your own distinct contributions to the Notre Dame story. The entire University is eager to encounter and embrace you as a distinct member of our community.

Inspired by the characteristics of our Catholic, Holy Cross tradition, we believe our shared commitment to building a vibrant and inclusive community of students, staff, and faculty, in which the dignity of all persons is valued and championed, is integral to our mission and our educational experience. Grounded in this commitment, the University requires you to engage in two programs central to fostering your safety, well-being, and sense of belonging as a new student at Notre Dame.

The University has adopted AlcoholEdu and Building Community the Notre Dame Way to invite you to engage and embolden the values of our community. These programs cover topics such as building a vibrant and inclusive community, life-long relationships, safety on and off campus, and crucial skills and knowledge to reduce high risk activities.

Both programs are required for all new students. Both programs launch on August 9, 2021 and must be completed prior to August 23, 2021.

AlcoholEdu

The first program, AlcoholEdu for College, is a nation-wide, evidence-based online module that will provide you with education on these topics and help you develop critical skills to make more thoughtful and intentional decisions. This online module is interactive and will take about one-hour to complete.

Alcohol is a significant issue in the lives of students in college, and it affects individuals as well as families and friends. Like many universities, our community is impacted by alcohol use. AlcoholEdu is designed to help you develop critical skills to make more thoughtful and intentional choices, reduce the negative consequences of alcohol use, and prepare to join a strong community of individuals working to make Notre Dame a safer and healthier community. Our aim is that you will employ the skills learned in this course to find safety, wellness, and a sense of belonging at Notre Dame.

Despite our best efforts at prevention, if you are impacted by interpersonal violence or acts of discrimination, know that your University stands ready to support you. These programs exist to offer confidential support and alternative reporting options. We encourage you to engage with these resources and share your experience, and a variety of other tools are available to support you.

Building Community the Notre Dame Way

As a University community, we care deeply about preventing all types of harm. Racism, other types of discrimination, harassment, and interpersonal violence are troubling challenges in our nation, and they have absolutely no place at Notre Dame. Despite our best efforts at prevention, if you are impacted by alcohol use, acts of discrimination, know that your University stands ready to support you.

These programs will help you contribute to sustaining a safe, caring, and inclusive community. Please learn in this course about the programs on campus that are dedicated to preventing these issues from occurring and providing you with skills and strategies to join our community’s commitment to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all. You can help make our campus one where everyone feels a sense of belonging, is free from discrimination, other types of harassment, and interpersonal violence are reduced.

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