Dear Families of the Class of 2026,

We are so excited to welcome you and your student in just a few short days! We are writing to share a few reminders, as well as to share information about two of Welcome Weekend’s special programs for students and guests.

Welcome Weekend Reminders

You and your student can access a detailed schedule of Welcome Weekend events. We hope these descriptions help you identify the various opportunities and requirements for you and your family throughout your Welcome Weekend experience.

Today, students received a final reminder to complete Building Community the Notre Dame Way and AlcoholEdu prior to August 23, 2022. These programs cover topics such as appreciating the diversity that makes up our community, forming healthy relationships, being safe on and off campus, and providing information and prevention skills for high-risk topics.

Welcome Weekend Special Events

While each Welcome Weekend event is an opportunity for our growing community to authentically encounter and welcome all students, the following special events might be of particular interest to students and families of underrepresented backgrounds and/or those who primarily speak Spanish.

Institutional Transformation: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Notre Dame
Friday, Aug. 19, 3:15-4:00 p.m.
Dahnke Ballroom, located on the seventh floor of the Duncan Student Center
Students and families are welcome to attend this event. This event is intended to distinctly welcome incoming students and families of underrepresented backgrounds to Notre Dame. Join us to learn about how the University’s Catholic and Holy Cross mission informs the University’s commitment to diversity and inclusion, as well as what Institutional Transformation means at Notre Dame. Light refreshments will be served and the program will conclude with a walkover to the University Welcome in the Purcell Pavilion. The featured speaker will be Rev. Hugh Page, Vice President for Institutional Transformation and Advisor to the President. To help us have an approximate count of attendance, students received a link to RSVP. You can also view this event with your family on the Welcome Weekend schedule.

¡Bienvenidos!
Friday, Aug. 19, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Dahnke Ballroom, located on the seventh floor of the Duncan Student Center
Students and families are welcome to attend this event, offered completely in Spanish, is intended to welcome students and families who are primarily Spanish-speaking. It will share information and resources that are available and accessible to all students and will offer families the opportunity to make a personal connection with Fr. Joe Corpora, C.S.C., Associate Director of the Transformational Leaders Program, and Diana Salgado Huicochea, Assistant Director of Outreach within Campus Ministry. To help us have an approximate count of attendance, students received a link to RSVP. You can also view this event with your family on the Welcome Weekend schedule.

Will your student be arriving on campus alone?
Today, all students received an invitation to indicate whether they plan to arrive at Notre Dame alone (unaccompanied by family, friends, or guardians). Please encourage your student to respond to this invitation, especially if they intended to arrive and engage with Welcome Weekend programs alone.

Join the story of Notre Dame
As new members of the Notre Dame family, you and your student enter into the story of the Congregation of Holy Cross, the religious community that founded the University of Notre Dame. During these final days before Welcome Weekend, join Fr. Gerry Olinger, C.S.C., Vice President for Student Affairs as he invites you and your student to take upon the legacy of the great band of men and women who have dedicated their lives to the vision and promise of Catholic education.

You can watch the video below or here.

We are counting the days until we are able to welcome you to Notre Dame. Until then, we remain close in our hearts.

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