Orientation
[Student Schedule]
Dear Members of the Class of 2020 and Transfer Students:

Welcome to Davidson! Although you will hear that greeting many times in the days and months ahead, I am delighted to be among the first to greet you and look forward to getting to know you.

Please pay special attention to the information contained within this letter and the booklet. They contain vital information intended to make your preparations for entering Davidson easier.

As you undoubtedly already know, there are no Davidson traditions more valued than the Honor Code and the Code of Responsibility. You should have already received information about these codes of conduct, which serve as the cornerstone of life at Davidson. Please review them thoroughly.

The State of North Carolina has very stringent laws concerning the required immunizations of students. You can find more information about the necessary physical form at www.davidson.edu/student-life/health-and-counseling. As required by state law, a failure to complete this form may result in a suspension from classes in the fall. It is imperative that this form is filled out and on file in the Student Health Center.

Orientation begins on Thursday, Aug. 18. For your convenience, you may choose to move items into your residence hall room from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 17, but you will not be allowed to spend the night on the hall until Thursday. Move-in continues on Thursday, August 18 from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

If you expect to be employed on campus, please have with you a passport or driver’s license and social security card and a voided check for your bank account, when you check in at the Alvarez College Union on Thursday. If you do not have a bank account, several local banks will be available to assist you in opening an account during the Orientation Fair Thursday morning.

It is a valued Davidson tradition to have your picture in the Wildcat Handbook—a publication specifically prepared for all new students. You were asked to send a picture to the Admission Office for this purpose. If you have not yet sent this picture, we urge you to email your photograph immediately to GayGayle Daily in CatCard Services, gadaily@davidson.edu. This photograph will also satisfy the request for a photo from the Residence Life Office.

Finally, remember to refer to your Inside Davidson page (for instructions on accessing it see the letter from Information Technology that you received earlier). It contains important information about orientation, residence life, and other aspects of the student experience at Davidson.

We are honored to have you join us in the fall. We think that Davidson truly is a special place to live, to grow, to study, and to work, and I feel sure you will agree. I look forward to greeting you on August 18.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Shandley
Vice President for Student Life
and Dean of Students
Welcome to the Davidson College community! We hope you are as excited about meeting us as we are you. One of the benefits of being a member of a college community is the influx of bright, interesting new people who join us each August.

The first few days you spend here will be full of activities designed to introduce you to both the College and the town. An important part of Orientation is helping students get to know one another and to feel comfortable talking about the challenges we face as members of this community.

Davidson College is devoted to the life of the mind and the development of the whole person. We believe that one of the best ways to begin your journey here is to read a common book, discuss it during Orientation, and apply what you learn to your life at Davidson and beyond. Dean Raymond, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty, will address this topic on the Sunday afternoon of Orientation.

After Dean Raymond’s address, all new students will take part in a discussion group concerning the book *Between the World and Me*, written by Ta-Nehisi Coates. A memoir written in the form of a letter to his teenage son, the book chronicles both Coates’ life and the evolution of his understanding of the role that race plays in America. As students preparing to join a new community yourselves, you will identify with—and be challenged by—the book.

You will explore this book and the issues it raises in small group discussions during Orientation. To facilitate the conversations, a discussion guide will be posted on Inside Davidson. *Between the World and Me* is the first of many, many books you will read and enjoy; we look forward to discussing it with you.

Sincerely,

Wendy E. Raymond, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs
and Dean of Faculty

Thomas C. Shandley, Ph.D.
Vice President for Student Life
and Dean of Students
Civic Engagement

Very soon you will join a new community that extends beyond the edges of campus and where the value of civic engagement is enacted daily. I write to you from the Center for Civic Engagement to share information about how you will be introduced to this value during New Student Orientation.

Each year during orientation, the center introduces new students to Davidson’s strong value for civic engagement through the Orientation Community Walk. This year’s walk will take place on the morning of August 20. New students, faculty, staff and community members will walk approximately 5 kilometers through the town to learn about the range of ways to be engaged with the Davidson community.

This year’s walk will explore childhood literacy and benefit the LEARN Works program at the Ada Jenkins Center. LEARN Works is an afterschool program for underserved youth in grades one through eight, which promotes academic development, fosters personal growth and provides inspiring enrichment experiences.

Beyond walking, you can be involved by raising funds to support local youth in need of afterschool educational opportunities at LEARN Works. The challenge we pose to you is to raise $3 for each kilometer of the walk, for a total of $15. Just think—your $15 would provide a student with science, history, art and math enrichment opportunities for the entire year. For just $30, you could provide academic skill building workbooks for three students for the entire year. Your donation will serve as a first step toward further engagement with LEARN Works as a volunteer tutor or through your work-study placement.

You can find more details about the walk, including fundraising information, by visiting the Center for Civic Engagement’s Web page at www.davidson.edu/civcicengage and clicking on the “Community Walk” link on the upper right hand side of the page. If you have specific questions about the walk, feel free to give us a call at 704-894-2420.

We eagerly await your arrival on campus and look forward to seeing you on August 20 with your walking shoes on and a desire to serve.

Sincerely,

Stacey Riemer, Ph.D.
Associate Dean of Students & Director of Civic Engagement
Congratulations on your acceptance to Davidson College! On behalf of the Honor Council, we would like to be two of the first to welcome you to campus.

The Davidson Honor Code is a longstanding tradition, and it provides unique privileges to the Davidson community—student, faculty and staff alike. We are sure you have heard about self-scheduled exams, unlocked doors, take-home reviews and so on. However, the ability to enjoy these liberties requires the cooperation of every student. Each student is not only honor-bound to uphold the values of the Code, but is also obliged to report any violations thereof. We sincerely hope that you will dedicate yourself to upholding this time-honored tradition.

The integrity of each individual student ensures the success of the honor tradition at Davidson, fostering an open environment for education within and outside of the classroom. Please take a moment to look at the Red Book, where our values, the Code of Responsibility and the Honor Code are written. It can be found online at www.davidson.edu/offices/dean-of-students/student-handbook.

Upon your arrival in the fall, you will have the opportunity to learn more about the Honor Code with the Honor Council representative assigned to your first-year hall. On the last day of orientation, following a hall discussion about the Code, you will be asked to sign the Pledge to uphold these values alongside the rest of your first-year class. This, more than anything else, commemorates your entrance into our community. Every student who attends Davidson College signs the Honor Code Pledge, and these signatures will be displayed in the main hall of Chambers Buildings. The Honor Code signing will take place on Sunday, August 21, at 7 p.m. This will be one of the most notable moments of your Davidson career.

The success of the Honor System and the integrity of our community rests with you. We are very excited to see you on campus in August. If you have any questions in the meantime, relating to the Honor Code or otherwise, please email us at chchoi@davidson.edu or etfaust@davidson.edu. Congratulations again on your acceptance to Davidson College.

Sincerely,

Christine Choi
Honor Council Chair

Ethan Faust
Honor Council Vice Chair
Attendance is mandatory at starred (*) events.

**Wednesday, August 17**
10 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Davidson College Store open  
137 N. Main Street

5 p.m.–7 p.m.  
Dinner available, cash or checks  
Vail Commons

6 p.m.–9 p.m.  
Optional Early Move-In  
Residence Halls  
You may choose to ease the busy pace of Orientation by placing your belongings in the residence hall during these hours. Please observe the signs that will direct you to the unloading area closest to your residence hall. You will be able to unload your car near the door of your residence hall. Immediately after unloading your car, please move your car to make room for other new students. New students will not sleep in the residence halls until Thursday night, August 18. Please park in the Baker Sports Complex parking lot when you return Thursday morning.

**Helpful Hint:** Cars will not be allowed to line up for unloading prior to 6 p.m., and the line tends to be at its longest at the start of the evening. You may prefer to enjoy a leisurely dinner and queue up later in the evening (move-in ends at 9 p.m.).

Warehouse open  
For pick-up of shipped items: 209 Ridge Road

**Thursday, August 18**
7:30 a.m.–9 a.m.  
Breakfast available, cash or checks  
Vail Commons or Alvarez College Union, Davis Café  
Café opens at 8 a.m.

8 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Davidson College Store open  
137 N. Main Street

*8:30 a.m.–11 a.m.*  
**Student Check-In**  
Alvarez College Union  
Richardson Stadium entrance  

**Union doors will not open before 8:30 a.m.**
You will receive important information and your Davidson College identification card (CatCard). Check-in will take up to 45 minutes. Parents’ check-in is located on the lower level of the same building, along with the Orientation Fair. After you check in, we recommend that you plan to meet your parents either at the Orientation Fair or in your residence hall.

**Orientation Fair**  
Brown Atrium  
Alvarez College Union  
After you check in, you and your parents may want to visit with representatives from different college departments and programs that will be available to answer questions and describe their services. Some of the participating departments include Dining Services, Business Services, Computer Services, CatCard Services, and area banks.

**Move-In continues**  
Residence Halls  
Hall counselors will distribute room keys and important information to new students once they have checked in at the union. For students who move in Thursday morning, please follow the signs that direct you to the unloading area closest to your residence hall.

**Warehouse open**  
For pick-up of shipped items: 209 Ridge Road

**10:30 a.m.–11 a.m.**  
**Kitchen Tour**  
Vail Commons  
For students and parents of students with food allergies and special dietary needs, a tour of the kitchen and information on the Food Allergy Policy will be offered at Vail Commons.
11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Lunch
Visit any of the wonderful restaurants in town or have lunch on campus at Vail Commons, Summit, which is located on Patterson Court, across from Martin Court, or Davis Café in the Alvarez College Union.

*1 p.m.
Opening Session
Baker Sports Complex

*2 p.m.–5:30 p.m.
Davidson Resources
New students learn about campus resources.
The packet you receive during check-in will contain your schedule and locations for each session.

5 p.m.–7 p.m.
Dinner available
Vail Commons or Alvarez College Union, Davis Café
Students may begin using their CatCard for meals.
Café closes at 8 p.m.

*Transfer students gather for dinner together in The Annex in Vail Commons at 6 p.m.

*7:30 p.m.
President’s Convocation
Baker Sports Complex
Parents and students receive a special welcome from President Carol Quillen.

*8:30 p.m.–11 p.m.
Hall meetings and social activities for new students.

Friday, August 19
7:30 a.m.–10 a.m.
Breakfast available
Vail Commons or Alvarez College Union, Davis Café
Café opens at 8 a.m.

8 a.m.–6 p.m.
Davidson College Store open
137 N. Main Street

9:30 a.m.
Group meeting with your academic adviser
Refer to information you pick up during check-in for location.

*10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Individual meetings with academic advisers
During your group meeting at 9:30 a.m., you and your adviser will schedule an individual meeting time for later in the day.

12:30 p.m.–4 p.m.
Computing@Davidson Setup Fair
Conference Room, Tomlinson Residence Hall
Bottom floor, enter from the back
Drop by the Tomlinson conference room for wireless and network configuration assistance. We ask that only students attend this fair.

11:30 a.m.
Farewell Picnic Lunch
Chambers Lawn
Rain location: Baker Sports Complex
Be our guest for lunch under the trees before your parents head home. First-year hallmates and their parents will sit together, as will transfer students and their parents. Signs will direct you to your table. Come spend time with your new neighbors and friends!

Afternoon activities
Choose from a variety of activities offered by campus offices and programs:

12:30 p.m.–4 p.m.
Computing@Davidson Setup Fair Continues

1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.
Connect@the Library
Lobby, E. H. Little Library
Take a tour of the library and meet the staff. Acquaint yourself with the resources and the people available to assist you.
**Orientation Weekend**

*4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.*
**A Community of Respect**
Duke Family Performance Hall
Knobloch Campus Center

Davidson students and administrators reflect on the importance of respecting ourselves, each other, the law and campus rules.

*5 p.m.–6:30 p.m.*
**Dinner**
Vail Commons

*5:30 p.m.*
**Class of 2020 Picture**
Richardson Stadium

This one’s for posterity! Join your classmates for a class picture on the Smith Football Field. Rain cancels.

*7:30 p.m.*
**Wildcat Night**
Richardson Stadium

Earn points for your team as you participate in events both serious and silly. Music, fun and friendship!

*7 p.m.*
**Transfer Student Social**
Mariam Cannon Hayes Amphitheatre
Alvarez College Union

Gather with your fellow transfer students and enjoy an evening together.

**Saturday, August 20**
7:30 a.m.–11 a.m.
**Breakfast**
Vail Commons

*9 a.m.–Noon*
**Orientation Community Walk**
Duke Family Performance Hall
Knobloch Campus Center

10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Davidson College Store open
137 N. Main Street

11 a.m.–2 p.m.
**Lunch**
Vail Commons

2 p.m.–5 p.m.
**Fun at the Lake Campus!**
Meet the shuttle buses in the circle in Baker Sports Complex parking lot for a trip out to the Lake Campus. Bring a bathing suit and towel if you plan to swim.

2 p.m.
**Walking Meditation**
Prefer some quiet time? Join Dr. David Graham, psychologist in the Student Health and Counseling Center, and members of the Religious Life Office, for a walking meditation. Meet in the Sculpture Garden between Chambers and E.H. Little Library.

5 p.m.–7 p.m.
**Dinner**
Vail Commons

**Sunday, August 21**
7:30 a.m.–11 a.m.
**Breakfast**

11 a.m.–2 p.m.
**Brunch**
Vail Commons

10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Davidson College Store open
137 N. Main Street
*2 p.m.
The Life of the Mind/Book Discussion
Duke Family Performance Hall
Knobloch Campus Center
Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty
Wendy E. Raymond addresses new students with comments about the common reading. Immediately following her address, students will discuss Between the World and Me in small groups (see enclosed letter for additional information).

5 p.m.–6:30 p.m.
Dinner
Vail Commons

*7 p.m.–9 p.m.
Honor Code and Code of Responsibility Commitment Ceremony
Meet on your hall at 7 p.m.
New students learn about the Honor Code and participate in the commitment ceremony. Attendance is mandatory and recorded.

For Transfer Students
Orientation begins on Thursday, Aug. 18. For your convenience, transfer students may choose to move into their residence hall room from 6 to 9 p.m. and stay the night of Wednesday, Aug. 17. Move-in continues on Thursday, Aug. 18, from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

You will note on the Orientation schedule that there are special activities for transfer students throughout Orientation, which are in addition to general Orientation activities.

Feathering the New Nest
Davidson
Davidson College Store
137 N. Main Street ...................... 704-894-2349
The Village Store
110 Main Street ......................... 704-892-4440
CVS Pharmacy
127 S. Main Street ...................... 704-892-7211
Ace Hardware
20510 N. Main Street .................. 704-892-7651

Harris-Teeter
431 Peninsula Drive.................... 704-892-0597
Healthy Home Market
261 Griffith Street ..................... 704-892-6191

Cornelius
(Exit 28—3 miles south of Davidson)
Stein Mart
20601 Torrence Chapel Road ......... 704-895-8477
Fresh Market
20623 Torrence Chapel Road ......... 704-892-8802

Huntersville (Exit 25—5 miles south of Davidson)
Target
NorthCross Shopping Center ..... 704-896-1813
Kohl's
NorthCross Shopping Center ..... 704-896-1020
Lowe's Home Improvement Center
NorthCross Shopping Center ..... 704-892-9449
Home Depot
17100 Statesville Road ............... 704-987-0490
Whole Foods
9129 Sam Furr Road ................. 704-765-3735

Mooresville
(Exit 36—6 miles north of Davidson)
Belk Department Store
NC 150 .................................. 704-664-2593
Super Walmart
169 Norman Station Blvd. .......... 704-664-5283
Super Target
Winslow Bay Shopping Center
594 River Hwy. (NC 150) .......... 704-799-1233
Bed, Bath and Beyond
627 River Hwy. (NC 150) .......... 704-660-0873
Best Buy
633 River Hwy. (NC 150) .......... 704-799-3255
Staples
615 River Hwy. (NC 150) .......... 704-660-3400
I’ve heard that there is a common reading book for all new students.
An Orientation book selection committee selects the common reading book for new students. We are excited
to announce that the common reading selection for New Student Orientation 2016 is *Between the World
and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. New students need to obtain a copy for themselves and have it read before
the Book Discussion session during orientation. In preparation for the discussion, you can download the book
discussion guide later in the summer at www.davidson.edu/offices/dean-of-students/new-student-orientation/
common-reading-book.

Where can I get a copy of the Health Form that I need to complete and return?
The Student Health Center requires that each student complete and return the Health Form before June 30, 2016.
You may download the form at www.davidson.edu/Documents/Student%20Life/Health%20Center/Incoming-
Student-History-Physical-Form.pdf. Please call 704-894-2300 if you have any questions about the form itself.

If I want to ship items in advance to the college, how do I do that? Where do I pick
them up when I arrive? During orientation, we have special package pickup times available for students
who have mailed items to themselves to collect when they arrive. You may pick up your items at the warehouse,
which is located on Ridge Road on campus. Below are the following pick-up times for Orientation 2016.

• **Wednesday, August 17, 6–9 p.m.**
• **Thursday, August 18, 8:30–11 a.m.**

To send packages: address packages to 209 Ridge Road, Davidson, NC 28035 and make sure to clearly include your
name on the package. You do not need to have a college box number on the package for orientation pick-up.

What is an “optional early move-in”? About two-thirds of new students choose to take advantage
of optional early move-in. Optional move-in allows students to come to Davidson one evening early in order
to move their belongings into their residence halls the night before formal orientation begins. Students are
able to unload all of their belongings into their rooms. However, students are not able to stay overnight in their
residence hall rooms that evening.

Where do we check in?
**Wednesday Arrivals:** If you are arriving on Wednesday evening for optional early move-in there is no
check-in before you unload at your residence hall. Hall counselors will unlock your room when you arrive on the
hall. If you’re coming to campus from I-85 down Davidson-Concord Road, you will turn into campus on Baker
Drive. If you are coming from I-77 down Griffith Street, you will be directed onto Glasgow Street. Campus police
officers will direct you to your residence hall. You may not stay in your room Wednesday night. On Thursday, you
will need to go to check-in at Alvarez College Union to get the rest of your information for orientation. Please
park in the Baker Sports Complex parking lot on Thursday.

**Thursday Arrivals:** Before you move into your room, you need to go to Alvarez College Union for check-
in. This process can take up to 45 minutes, and needs to be completed before you move in. You may park in the
Baker Sports Complex parking lot, check-in at the Union, and then drive to your residence hall. Campus police
officers will help you get to your residence hall and there is signage throughout campus. You will meet your hall
counselor to receive your room key and information.

When do I meet with my adviser? On Friday, Aug. 19, students will meet with their adviser and
his or her other new student advisees as a group from 9:30 to 10 a.m. During student check-in you will
receive information on who your adviser is and where your group will meet. During that initial meeting, you
discuss the general class registration process and will set up an individual meeting with your adviser that will
take place sometime between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. that same day in your adviser’s office.
**Parent Question:** Can I meet with my student’s adviser? Time is allotted for you to meet with your student’s adviser at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 19. Faculty advisers’ names and meeting locations will be distributed at parent check-in on Thursday, Aug. 18. If you attend this meeting, please note that it is a group meeting. The parents of the adviser’s other advisees may also be in attendance.

**Parent Question:** Are the parent workshops on Thursday afternoon optional? Yes. None of the orientation sessions for parents are mandatory. While many of the sessions may prove useful to you, it is up to you which sessions you attend. However, many of the student sessions are mandatory for students. Please look at the student orientation schedule at those events which are marked with an asterisk (*).

**Parent Question:** When do parents leave? What if we want to stay past Friday lunch? The parent portion of the orientation program concludes at the end of the Farewell Picnic Lunch on Friday, August 19. We understand that it is hard to part from your students so quickly, but students will be busy connecting with the Davidson community.

**When do upper-class students arrive?**
Most upper-class students move into their residence halls beginning Saturday, Aug. 20 at 8:30 a.m.

**What is the appropriate attire for Orientation events?** There is no set dress code for the orientation events. However, most people wear very casual clothing for most events (shorts, tennis shoes, comfortable shirt). In August, it can be quite warm in Davidson, especially for move-in. There are some events, however, where people like to dress in business casual. Those include the President’s Convocation and the Honor Code and Code of Responsibility Commitment Ceremony. However, we ask that you wear whatever feels appropriate to you and we want you to be as comfortable as possible.

You can find more Orientation information on our website at: www.davidson.edu/offices/dean-of-students/new-student-orientation.

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**Making Davidson Home**
**Useful Phone Numbers**

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Your hall counselors: __________
Your adviser: __________
Your roommate: __________

**Shipping Information**

If you need to ship an item to campus via UPS, FedEx, or DHL, address it to:

Your name
Your box number
209 Ridge Road
Davidson, NC 28035

If you need to ship an item to campus through the U.S. Postal Service, address it to:

Your name
Your box number
Davidson, NC 28035
Dean of Students Office
Box 7179
Davidson, NC  28035-7179
704-894-2225

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Please contact the Office of the Dean of Students for information.