



DAVIDSON COLLEGE Summer Promise Program

SUMMER 2026 Participant Handbook & Information

IMPORTANT DEADLINE

5/11 (Selected Promise Scholars)

- Accept or Decline offer to attend 2026 session of Davidson Summer Promise by completing registration form.

TRAVEL

Promise Scholars are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from the Davidson College campus.

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Davidson College is located off Exit 30 on Interstate 77 in North Carolina. We are approximately 20 miles north of Charlotte, NC, and 20 miles south of Statesville, NC.

ACCOMODATIONS

If your family needs overnight accommodation in conjunction with your arrival or departure, there are several options in town and the greater Charlotte area. The closest options are:

- Carnegie Guest House (located on Davidson's campus) 704-894-2127
- Davidson Village Inn (just off Main St. Davidson) 704-892-8044
- Homewood Suites Davidson (less than a mile from campus) 704-987-1818

RESTAURANTS

The first meal provided for Promise Scholars will be dinner on Sunday, June 21. We encourage participants and families to eat lunch before they arrive. There are several local options in the town of Davidson and surrounding area that will be open for lunch. *Please note that the campus dining facilities will be closed.*

NURTURING THE PROMISE: SUPPORTING YOUR SCHOLAR'S COLLEGE JOURNEY

A two and one half hour seminar for family representatives is scheduled for Saturday 6/27 from 9am to 11:30 am. We will share information about preparing for college and there will be a question-and-answer session near the end. **All scholars should be represented by at least one person at this meeting.**

ARRIVAL

Sunday, June 21

CHECK-IN: 2:30pm - 4:00pm

Richardson Residence Hall

405 N Main St. Davidson, NC 28036

Participants will receive room keys and verify contact information before moving into dorms.

ORIENTATION: 4:30pm-5:30pm

Vail Commons Dining Hall

An orientation session for participants and family members. Program expectations will be covered, along with staff introductions. Campus tours will depart from orientation (optional for family members).

Family members are invited to join us for dinner after the campus tour.

DEPARTURE

Saturday, June 27

9:00 am – 2:30 pm

CHECK OUT: 2:30pm-4:00pm

All participants must be moved out from the residence hall and checked out **by 4:00pm**. Family representatives will participate in the **Nurturing the Promise seminar** while Promise Scholars prepare for closing ceremony presentations on Saturday morning. *The closing ceremony will be held from 11:30- 2:00. Lunch will be served.*



HOUSING

Participants will be housed on campus in an air-conditioned residence hall. Davidson Summer Promise occupies one building, Richardson Hall, which is divided by gender. Rooms are double-occupancy and roommates are assigned by the Davidson Summer Promise staff. Roommate requests/changes are only honored if a specific need is shown and must be approved by the Director. Each floor of 20 to 25 participants is supervised by at least one Promise Mentor. The building is managed by Assistant Director Shakya Walcott.

Each room contains a sink, and (for each participant) a twin extra-long bed, desk, chair, and small closet and set of drawers. If necessary, Davidson Summer Promise will provide each participant with one pillow, one light blanket, a set of sheets, a pillowcase, towel, washcloth and hand towel. Many participants will elect to bring supplemental blankets and pillows. Feel free to bring your own. Community bathrooms and showers are located on each hall. Participants are responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of their room and any damage to furniture or campus property will be billed to the participants responsible for that room.

We work very hard to support all participants and their needs. If a participant requires any accommodation, advanced notice in writing by **June 1st** is necessary for us to have time to make appropriate arrangements. Participants should reach out to the Summer Promise office to discuss specific needs and requests.

Davidson College does not assume responsibility for damage or loss of personal property due to fire, theft, or other casualties. Therefore, we suggest NO expensive personal items (including jewelry) be brought to campus. Although Davidson College abides by an Honor Code, it hosts a variety of unaffiliated academic and athletic summer programs. When leaving your room, lock your door and do not allow building access to anyone outside of the Summer Promise Program.

KEYS

Participants are assigned a room key upon arrival at Davidson. Keys provide access to individual dorm rooms. A colored lanyard will be issued to each scholar. Keys will be kept on the lanyard and it should be always worn.

The room key must be returned at the end of the program. There is a \$60 charge for a lost room key, due before you leave Davidson.

MEALS

The program provides three meals daily. Meals are served at Vail Commons which is buffet style and includes several food stations that rotate daily and a large salad bar.

Attendance at breakfast, lunch and dinner is mandatory. Participants are expected to remain in the dining hall for the duration of the meal and wait to be released by a director.

Refrigerators are not permitted in dorm rooms and are not available for general use. If a participant needs items to be refrigerated for medical or special circumstances, arrangements must be made prior to arrival.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS/RESTRICTIONS

If you require a special diet (vegetarian, food allergies, etc.) please let us know by **June 1st**. Vail Commons staff will meet with participants with special dietary needs if necessary. Most diets can be accommodated in the dining hall, but we will need this information when supplying special meals and snacks.

DAILY SCHEDULE

(Monday through Friday)

7:30am -8:30 am	Breakfast at Vail Commons
8:30am-9:45 am	Morning Meeting
10:00am-11:15 am	Morning Academic Class
11:30am-12:30 pm	Morning Break/Activity Options
12:45pm-1:15 pm	Lunch at Vail Commons
1:30pm-2:45 pm	Afternoon Academic Class
3:00pm-5:00 pm	Non-Academic Activities
5:15pm-6:15 pm	Tech Basics for Beta Class
6:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner
7:15pm - 9:00 pm	Study hall
9:05 pm	Hall Meeting
10:00 pm	Curfew

WEEKENDS

Sunday June 21st is opening day and the schedule is dedicated to getting acquainted activities. The Saturday schedule includes our **Nurturing the Promise seminar for Family Representatives** beginning at 9am and ending at 11:30 in the Alvarez Student Union. **Each Promise Scholar should have at least one representative attend the seminar and plan to stay for the closing ceremony scheduled for 12:30pm to 2pm.**

LAUNDRY

If necessary, there are coin operated laundry facilities in the residence hall for participant use. Quarters and detergent are available as needed and by request.

FACILITIES

Participants will have the opportunity to sign up for scheduled afternoon athletics such as basketball, soccer, track and field, and field hockey.

PHONES

We encourage you to bring a personal cell phone. Telephones are **not** available in individual dorm rooms. If you need to reach your participant who does not own a cell phone, you can contact the Summer Promise Director at 704-894-2629 or Assistant Director at 203 805 3119 and we will relay any necessary messages. During instructional time, we will abide by the CMS cell phone policy: **In Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, personal devices like cell phones must be turned off and kept in a book bag during the school day unless used for educational purposes and approved by the teacher.** During instructional time, students cannot use cell phones, except when explicitly allowed by the teacher for academic reasons. Violations can lead to confiscation and other disciplinary actions.

COMPUTERS

You will have access to campus computers during your tech basics class and evening study hours. **We strongly encourage you to bring your own laptop if you can do so.** You will need a valid Gmail account and password you know to access required files during the week.

BANKS/ATMs

Wells Fargo, Fifth Third, and BB&T have ATMs either in the College Union or one block from campus. There are physical Wells Fargo and Fifth Third branches in Davidson. These banks will **not** cash personal checks, money orders, or bank drafts unless you have an account with them. Post Office money orders (not from a convenience store) can be cashed in the Davidson Post Office one block from campus.

VISITORS

Visitors at any time during the program are strongly discouraged and must be approved by the Summer Promise Director **prior to the program.** *At no time are visitors permitted in the Summer Promise residence hall.*

PACKING LIST

WHAT TO BRING: REQUIRED

- Casual everyday clothing (jeans, shorts, t-shirts). *The average high/low temperatures in Davidson in July are 91°/69° Fahrenheit but classrooms can be cold – bring a fleece or sweatshirt*
- Swimwear and beach towel (for Lake Campus)
- Closed toe athletic sneakers and clothing (for

outdoor activities, etc.)

- Personal care and hygiene items
- Bath towel, wash cloths, and shower shoes
- Personal spending money (for ice cream/coffee, bookstore purchases, snacks, etc.)
- School supplies (notebook, backpack, etc).

RECOMMENDED

- Laptop computer or tablet (many courses will be using online content and resources)
- Additional bedding/linens/pillows. Dorms are air-conditioned, so you may want an additional blanket.
- Electric fan
- Umbrella and/or raincoat/boots
- Hangers (you will have a closet and a dresser)
- Musical instruments or props (for talent show)

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- Tobacco products, vapes, alcohol, firearms, or illegal substances (**will result in immediate dismissal**)
- Expensive jewelry or items of significant value
- Candles, incense, or anything flammable for your dorm room
- Pets

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

ILLNESS

If a participant falls ill during the program, a director will call the emergency contact on file to pick the scholar up. Summer Promise staff will do our best to accommodate an ill participant but reserve the right to ask a participant to leave the program (permanently or temporarily) to complete his or her recovery, or if we are unable to give sufficient care.

INSURANCE

Davidson College provides accident insurance coverage on an excess basis for participants in the Summer Promise Program. This coverage will pay a maximum of \$25,000 for covered medical expenses during the policy year. Accident Dental is included. The participant's (or parent's) health insurance policy is primary to cover any accident costs. If a participant requires medical care for a non-accidental situation, the participant/parent/guardian or his/her insurance is responsible for payment of the medical attention and any prescribed medications.

EMERGENCIES

In case of medical emergency, the participant will be accompanied by a Summer Promise Counselor/Mentor and/or a director to the local medical center that best fits the immediate needs of the participant and the situation. The Parent/Guardian listed as the emergency contact will be notified as soon as the participant has arrived at the

medical center and will be updated by a director as new information becomes available.

CAMPUS SAFETY

Davidson is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for students to learn, work, and enjoy all that campus has to offer. Campus police officers are on duty 24 hours a day. The office is open from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm daily and an on-duty officer is always available. Participants will be oriented to campus resources and equipped with all appropriate contact and emergency phone numbers at the beginning of the program.

Emergencies: 911
On Duty Officer: 704-609-0344
Campus Police: 704-894-2178

STAFF

The Davidson Summer Promise Program is part of the Martin Institute for Public Good and utilizes both full-time, year-round staff members as well as student and professional staff members. All staff participate in rigorous training and must pass a background check prior to the program.

SUMMER PROMISE YEAR-ROUND STAFF

Dr. Tracy Bailey, Director/Director of Educational Outreach and Teacher Placement [trbailey@davidson.edu](mailto:trbailey@ davidson.edu)

Shakaya Walcott, Assistant Director shwalcott@davidson.edu

PROFESSORS

Summer Promise Program faculty are current professors at Davidson College. Professors are available to participants each weekday during the class they teach and during office hours.

CO-TEACHERS

Summer Promise courses are designed and taught collaboratively. Co-teachers are current classroom teachers employed by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

Assistant Director (AD)

The Assistant Director is a professional with experience in student and residential life. The Assistant Director lives on campus, oversees student dorms, assists in planning and implementing activities, and serves as a resource for Promise Mentors.

PROMISE MENTORS

Promise Mentors are current Davidson students or recent graduates who go through a competitive application process and training prior to the program. Mentors live in the residence halls and are responsible for the participants on their assigned residence hall floor, organize and oversee activities on and around campus, and serve as mentors to all participants.

PHONE NUMBERS

704-894-2629 Director Dr. Tracy Bailey
203 805 3119 Assistant Director Shakaya Walcott

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SUMMER PROMISE CONTACT INFORMATION

