Welcome to Davidson College

Dear Davidson Families:

We are excited to welcome you and your student to the Davidson College community! We hope that the next few years will include some of the most meaningful and memorable moments in your student’s life. This handbook provides some information that will help you engage with your student as they learn their way around college life at Davidson.

Welcome to Family Orientation in-person, on campus! Even if it rains buckets, it is great to be able to have you participate in orientation with us.

The sessions listed are not required, but we expect they will provide you a good way to learn more about the Davidson experience and meet some of the people who will be involved in your student’s life. Although it may be difficult to say goodbye, once you have enjoyed the Farewell Picnic Lunch on Friday, we ask that you leave campus. Your student will continue with their Orientation activities throughout the weekend, get to know their hall counselors and neighbors, and spend time with their Orientation Team Mentor (OTM) group which will help them acclimate to their new community.

We welcome you to the Davidson family. We appreciate and are grateful for the trust you have placed in us and will do all that we can to help your student create a wonderful Davidson experience.

Sincerely,

The Orientation Team in Student Activities
Thursday, August 19

9:30 a.m.–11 a.m.
Family Orientation Check In
Alvarez College Union

Check in at the Stadium entrance of the Alvarez College Union to receive important information regarding Orientation, including information for meeting with your student’s holistic adviser.

9:30 a.m.–11 a.m.
Family Orientation Fair
Brown Atrium, Alvarez College Union

After you check in, visit with representatives of different college departments and programs who will be available to answer questions and describe their services.

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

1 p.m.
Opening Session
Baker Sports Complex

New students and their families will kick-off orientation with a special welcome from President Carol Quillen and other campus leaders.

2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.
Meet the Deans
Baker Sports Complex

The vice president of student life and dean of students, vice president of academic affairs and dean of faculty, and other campus administrators will address families and answer questions.

3:45 p.m.–5:30 p.m.
Campus Partner Resource Sessions
Alvarez College Union

Families are invited to attend panel discussions hosted by various offices designed to answer common questions regarding college programs and resources. Each session will last 45 minutes.

3:45 p.m.–4:30 p.m.
Session Options
Scholar-Athlete Panel
Hamilton W. McKay Atrium, E. Craig Wall Jr Academic Center

The associate director of athletics and two scholar-athletes will talk and answer questions about what to expect for your student-athlete.

4:45 p.m.–5:30 p.m.
Session Options
Davidson In The World
Hamilton W. McKay Atrium, E. Craig Wall Jr Academic Center

The directors of the Dean Rusk International Studies Program and the Office of Education Abroad will discuss ways students encounter the world beyond Davidson

I Just Dropped My Student Off at College, Now What?
Hance Auditorium, Fourth Floor Chambers Building

The Office of Alumni and Family Engagement and a panel of current Davidson parents share insights on ways to best support your student from a distance and to stay connected to Davidson.

Mechanics of Money
Room 210, E. Craig Wall Jr Academic Center

Still confused about things like Dining Dollars, CatCards and Financial Aid? You are not alone! Come get some questions answered by members of the Business Services Office, Office of Financial Aid and Auxiliary Services

Student Success Resources
Sprinkle Room, Fourth Floor Alvarez College Union

Professionals from the Residence Life Office, Center for Student Health and Well-Being, Academic Access and Disability Resources, and the Dean of Students Office will address some of the resources available to your student at Davidson

Beyond Davidson
Tyler-Tallman Hall, Sloan Music Center

It’s never too early to start thinking about life after Davidson. Join Betty and B. Frank Matthews II ’49 Center for Career Development (Matthews Center) Executive Director Jamie Stamey to learn about the four-year process for success after Davidson and how the Matthews Center can help. Q&A will follow a brief presentation.

Optional Night Activities:
6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.
Visit The Hurt Hub@Davidson
An opportunity for students and families to visit the Hurt Hub and meet the staff. Learn about the incredible resources we offer budding innovators and entrepreneurs, and check out the space. We hope you’ll join us!

7:30 p.m.
New Family Gathering
Hamilton W McKay Atrium, E. Craig Wall Jr Academic Center
Join the Office of Alumni and Family Engagement for a casual drop-by gathering celebrating all incoming families. Relax after a long day of moving with light refreshments and meet other incoming families.

7:30 p.m.
Davidson College Theatre Department presents 'The Refugees'
Barber Theatre, Cunningham Theatre Center
This world premiere production features an ensemble of professional and student actors and is presented by New York City’s Adjusted Realists in association with Davidson College. Tickets: free for Davidson students with CatCard, $15 for general public. Visit adjustedrealists.com for tickets.

Friday, August 20

9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Davidson College Store Open
137 N Main Street

9 a.m.
Group meeting with your student’s holistic adviser
Holistic advisors’ names and locations for these meetings will be distributed during Family Orientation Check In on Thursday, August 19.

10 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
Reception at President Quillen’s House
President’s House, hosted by President Carol Quillen
Rain Location: Brown Atrium, Alvarez College Union

11:30 a.m.
Farewell Picnic
Chambers Lawn
Rain Location: Baker Sports Complex

Be our guest for lunch under the trees with your student before going home.

1:30 p.m.–2 p.m.
Kitchen Tour
Vail Commons
For students and family members 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
LEARNING AT DAVIDSON

Academic Life

Davidson students are intelligent, academically talented, and accustomed to achieving excellent grades. Each year, approximately 85 percent of the entering class has graduated in the top 10 percent of their high school classes. The Davidson curriculum is demanding and designed to challenge these exceptional students to achieve their fullest potential. In addition to classes encouraging all students to stretch and grow, major departments often provide opportunities for individual and collaborative research. A number of programs offer funding to support research and similar projects, especially during study abroad or during summer experiences. Speakers and other visitors on campus help enrich the academic experience for all students and top students commonly will engage in honors programs within their majors.

New students accustomed to excellent grades in high school may experience at Davidson that the adjustment to college, with its academic demands and its reliance on individual responsibility, requires patience and a willingness to reach out for help.

The college provides a broad network of academic support for all students.

- Each student is assigned a holistic adviser who advises the student until the end of the sophomore year, when the student declares a major and selects a new faculty adviser. Holistic advising is personal, and each student is encouraged to meet often with their adviser. All students should know the requirements for normal progress toward graduation and work with their advisers to make sure that they are meeting the requirements.

- If difficulties arise in a course, the first person the student should consult is the professor. All faculty members have office hours and are available by appointment, or often without appointment, to students. The expectation on campus is that students will have access to faculty members. The student should realize that consulting the professor indicates not weakness, but a desire to overcome problems. Students, advisers, and professors can and do draw upon other sources of assistance as appropriate. Help and support are provided through the Center for Teaching and Learning, Writing Center, Speaking Center, Math and Science Center, Language Resource Center, and individual departmental programs.

- The counselors in the Center for Student Health and Well-being can assist students in developing stress-management and time-management skills, as well as in addressing more serious personal problems that may be hampering a student’s ability to study effectively.

- Students with diagnosed or suspected learning disabilities may receive appropriate assistance through the Academic Access and Disability Resources Office.

Family members with questions or concerns may contact the student’s adviser or the Dean of Students Office.

Registration

Initial course registration (WebTree) at Davidson College is based on a random-number priority system in which all students have the opportunity to register for one class before any student is registered for two. Students make course preference requests in the spring and fall for the following semester. (New students made their requests online throughout the month of June.) Many students do not receive a full schedule at the outset, which is no reason for panic; they have an opportunity to complete the registration process through add/drop (Banner Self-Service) on campus during specified periods before the beginning of each semester and during the first two weeks of class.

As all students are required to take four credit courses per semester, the college ensures that they receive four courses during the registration process. The college cannot guarantee, however, that a student will be able to enroll in any particular course. Enrollments are guided by course ceilings, stated prerequisites, space requirements, the random-number priority system, and academic determinations. Questions or concerns about a student’s schedule should be directed to the student’s holistic adviser.

To see specific requirements for majors and minors, consult the online catalog at catalog.davidson.edu.
Grades are calculated for all courses during the first semester. The Curriculum Requirements Committee will specify standards of progress for students whose records are irregular and who do not fit the requirements for one of the above categories.

FERPA
It’s important for families to have this information. Here is the policy that students receive.

Notice of Student Rights with Respect to Education (FERPA)
The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords you certain rights with respect to your education records. These rights include:

1) The right to inspect and review your education records (with certain limited exceptions) within 45 days of the day Davidson College receives your request for access.

You should submit any such request to the Registrar’s Office in writing, identifying the records you wish to inspect. The Registrar’s Office will make arrangements for access and notify you of the time and place where the records may be inspected. Records that are customarily open for student inspection will be accessible without written request.

2) The right to request the amendment of your education records if you believe them to be inaccurate.

You should submit any such request to the Registrar’s Office in writing, clearly identifying the records you want to have amended and specifying the reasons you believe them to be inaccurate. The Registrar’s Office will notify you of its decision. (Grade appeals are handled differently. Please see the Registrar’s website for more information or contact the Registrar’s Office.)

3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in your education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One such exception permits disclosure to “school officials” with “legitimate educational interests.” A “school official” is any person employed by Davidson College in any administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position (including public safety and student health services staff); any person or company with whom Davidson College has contracted to provide a service to or on behalf of Davidson College (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent); any person serving on Davidson’s Board of Trustees; or any student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a “legitimate educational interest” if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill the official’s professional responsibility.

Another such exception permits Davidson College to disclose your “directory information,” consisting of your name; local, home, and email addresses; local, home, and mobile telephone number; major field of study (to include minors and interdisciplinary minors); enrollment status and class; dates of attendance; anticipated degree and degree date; degrees, honors, and awards received; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; most recent educational agency or institution attended; photographs and videos; eating house affiliation; and weight and height of members of athletic teams, to anyone within the Davidson College community and to the general public. Students who wish to have their directory information withheld must notify the Registrar’s Office in writing. (Please note that such a notification will prevent Davidson College from providing your directory information to your friends, prospective employers, and others with whom you may wish to share such information, so make your decision carefully.) You may give such notification at any time, but it will be effective only prospectively. Students who do not wish to have their address (or other information) published in the student directory must notify the Registrar’s Office annually by no later than seven days after the beginning of classes.

Upon request, Davidson College also discloses education records without consent to officials of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll or where the student is already enrolled so long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student’s enrollment or transfer. Information on other such exceptions is available through the Registrar’s Office.

4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Davidson College to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-4605.

Betty and B. Frank Matthews II ’49 Center for Career Development
The Center for Career Development prepares students for the educational and professional opportunities that enrich lives of leadership and service.

We fulfill this mission by connecting students and alumni with tools, resources, and networks and fostering the development of critical competencies that build on the liberal arts experience. Our work depends on meaningful collaborations with academic and community partners that champion inclusivity and promote the pursuit of lives of leadership and service.

At our student-focused center, students can leverage our “walk-in” service to meet with dedicated advisers or schedule appointments for in-depth career assessments and coaching. We offer extensive programming throughout the academic year that fosters continuous learning and professional growth, including skill-building workshops, the Law School Fair, and hosting more than 120 employers and organizations from all sectors and geographies for on-campus recruiting and networking, in addition to fellowships, graduate, and professional school events. Off-campus programming includes career treks, our Davidson on Wall Street program, and tailored internship and job shadowing externship programs.

Learn more about us at davidson.edu/careers.

Education Abroad Opportunities
Davidson students embrace education abroad. By the time a class graduates, well over half of the students have studied abroad for a year, a semester, or a summer. Students have the opportunity to choose from several Davidson faculty-led programs and partner provider programs located all over the world, and with proper planning, students will stay on track to graduation. Popular times to study abroad are spring of sophomore year or during the junior year, although students are not limited to these terms. Courses are available in many disciplines and
can be taken in the host language or in English. Costs of Davidson study abroad programs typically are comparable to being on campus. If a student currently is receiving some form of merit scholarship or need-based financial aid, that aid, minus the money the student earns from working on campus, may be applied to an approved study abroad program during the academic year (fall/spring). The portion the student’s family is expected to pay remains the same, unless the program fee and total cost of attendance exceeds that of a term at Davidson. For summer programs, students may apply for a number of internal and external scholarships and grants to subsidize the cost. International students may use their Davidson financial aid to participate in a Davidson approved study abroad program during the academic year; however, they are not able to use their financial aid to participate in programs in their home country. International students may apply for special grants during the academic year, however, they are not able to use their financial aid to participate in programs in their home country. Students should visit the Office of Education Abroad to begin the study abroad process. Staff can provide information on program options, application procedures, pre-departure preparation, support while abroad, and readjustment to life at Davidson upon return. Students also work with the Office of Education Abroad when participating in other international activities, including research, volunteering, internships, and when receiving any form of funding support from the college for international travel. For more information, visit davidson.edu/offices-and-services/education-abroad.

Among them are the Village Store (a gift shop), Main Street Books, Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream, Raeford’s Barber Shop, CVS Pharmacy, and several restaurants. College Store and Textbooks The Davidson College Store is your student’s official outlet for Davidson College course textbooks, licensed clothing, merchandise, spirit products, schooloffice supplies, and graduate/alumni commemoratives. It is located just across Main Street at the intersection with Depot St., and online at davidsoncollegestore.com. The store is independently operated by Davidson College, with all revenue contributing to the college’s general fund.

Textbooks
The textbook requirements for each course are posted on the store’s website as they are received from each professor and may be accessed through the student’s registration page, directly on the website, or the textbook shelves on the 2nd floor of the store.

- Please use your students CatCard # when registering to make textbook rentals or purchases to ensure consistent delivery and records.

- It is highly recommended that students wait to receive specific instructions from their professors via email or syllabus prior to purchasing their course materials.

Used and new textbooks may be reserved for rental or purchase on the store’s website or directly purchased in the store. Every effort is made to keep every item needed for courses at Davidson College available throughout each term at competitive market prices. All textbook purchases are eligible to exchange and return for dropped classes throughout the add-drop period. There is a textbook “buy back” at the end of each term where students may return their rentals or sell their books to the store for a guaranteed highest cash price. Books not purchased from the store are also eligible to be sold during the book buy back. Textbook rentals are due at the end of the Final Exam Period for each term. Rentals are typically the net cost of purchasing and selling back the book at the end of the term. The store accepts all major forms of payment, including CatCard, and is linked to the Financial Aid office for all students receiving financial assistance or scholarships. Please follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @DavidsonStore, to hear about our latest products and promotions. And be sure to join our loyalty program for additional savings.

- Davidson College Store is located at 137 N. Main Street, Davidson, NC 28036.
- Customer service: 704-894-2349 or stores@davidson.edu
- Please contact the store manager, Bill Reilly, at wireilly@davidson.edu or 704-894-2675 with any questions or concerns about textbooks and general store inquiries.

Store hours during Student Orientation
Thursday, August 19 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Friday, August 20 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Saturday, August 21 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday, August 22 12 p.m.–4 p.m.
Monday, August 23 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Tuesday, August 24 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Wednesday, August 25 Resume Regular Store Hours
Regular store hours Monday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Technology and Innovation What T&I Does for Students Technology and Innovation (T&I) provides access to an array of services, tools, equipment, and experts to support Davidson students:
- Davidson offers a variety of open computing spaces with more than 270 computers available for student use across campus, including group study spaces
- Laptop loaner kiosks in 3 campus locations
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- Access to—online learning courses via LinkedIn Learning
- A support center that offers help with both Mac and Windows computers

- Unlimited storage on Dropbox and Google Drive and one terabyte of storage on OneDrive
- Free Microsoft Office 365 Pro Plus including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook
- Wireless availability across campus with Eduroam
- Printing to any public lab printer via PawPrint software

What Students Should Do and Bring Bringing a personal computer is not a requirement at Davidson, but the majority of students do. Laptops are particularly popular, since Davidson’s wireless network provides total mobility.

- Students can also bring peripherals like smartphones, iPads/tablets, printers, and so on, though T&I support for peripherals is limited. Please do not bring wireless base stations/routers, wireless printers, wireless backup systems, or other similar devices as they can interfere with the campus wireless network.

Before arrival on campus, students should:
- Make sure device operating systems are up-to-date with all recent patches and updates (both Windows and Mac OS).
- Be certain their computers are running current antivirus software and are free of viruses, trojans, and other malware.
- Check their personal email for information on their new Davidson email account; T&I will send details prior to students’ arrival on campus.
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We’re Here to Help If you have any questions, please connect with us at ti@davidson.edu. During the school year, we offer in-person support to help solve problems with personal computers. We look forward to being part of every student’s academic success here at Davidson.

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Area Facilities
Post Office
Students have mail boxes in the Alvarez College Union. Students will receive their Post Office box number during the summer from the Business Services Office.

Banking
Wells Fargo, BB&T, and Fifth Third Bank all have branches in Davidson and welcome student accounts. Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) are located in the Alvarez College Union.

Shopping
On Davidson’s Main Street students will find local businesses that cater to day-to-day needs and wants.

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Laundry
Self-service, no charge laundry machines are located throughout the residence halls and are accessible 24 hours a day. All washing machines are high-efficiency (HE) models that require use of an HE detergent (conventional detergents create an inordinate amount of suds that trip sensors and disables the machine). Students are encouraged to put their name in all clothing. It is common for students waiting for dryers to remove another student’s clothes when the dry cycle is complete. Each laundry room is equipped with cubbies to hold these clothes (this is also why you should put your name in all clothes!). Staff will remove clothes that have been left in a laundry room periodically in order to keep the spaces clean and navigable. Eventually, these clothes are donated to local aid agencies. There will be peak use times when a student may not find an available machine in their building. Laundry rooms are networked, allowing a student to check on the status of a load they have left in the machine or to identify available machines via www.laundryview.com.

Patterson Court Council
Patterson Court Council (PCC) is a community of support that recognizes the value of unique individuals and organizations and promotes their engagement in the larger community through relationship building, collaborative learning, and the process of self-discovery. It is comprised of 15 different organizations: five Interfraternity Council (IFC) fraternities, two National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) fraternities, two National Pan-Hellenic Council sororities, one Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) fraternity, one Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) sorority, and four eating houses, which are unique to Davidson. Ten out of the 15 organizations have physical non-residential houses, and these are located on Patterson Court and Nelson Lane; the four NPHC and two MGC organizations do not have physical houses for their organizations. The nine organizations (noted with an * below) with physical houses offer meal plans to all members. These meal plans vary by organization, class year, and dietary restrictions. The majority of meal plans include lunch and dinner on Monday through Friday. These meal plans are part of membership dues and are not a part of the meal plan required by the college. The NPHC organizations have plots behind Vail Commons for their organization members only. Davidson College is a deferred recruitment campus. In order to be eligible to join a PCC organization, students must have attended Davidson College for at least one semester. Also, in order to join a PCC organization, students must meet a GPA requirement, register for recruitment, attend an informational session, and be in good standing as a student. PCC hosts a variety of events during the fall semester to introduce first-year students to the PCC community through educational programs, meals, service projects, and social events. While most membership recruitment events happen in the spring semester (some organizations conduct recruitment in the fall for at least second semester students as well), the actual membership processes vary based on the type of PCC organization. There is not a recruitment fee, but each organization will have an initiation or first-semester membership fee that will be due at the beginning of the membership process.

Patterson Court Organizations:

Religious & Spiritual Life at Davidson
Davidson encourages students of all traditions to grow spiritually during their college years. Weekly on-campus worship opportunities include Catholic Mass, Episcopal Eucharist, and student-led ecumenical Christian services. Jewish students gather regularly for Shabbat dinner. Muslim students coordinate Jumah prayers on Fridays; ablution rooms are located adjacent to the prayer spaces in two locations on campus. Students interested in Buddhism gather on Wednesday evenings for a Dharma talk and a time of meditation.

Davidson’s chaplaincy staff includes the college chaplain, who is an ordained Presbyterian minister, as well as three associate chaplains, from Buddhist, Catholic, and Jewish traditions. Our chaplains are available to people from any religious tradition, or none at all, for pastoral counseling, spiritual direction, and program planning. They also coordinate seasonal worship services and celebrations on campus, including for the High Holy Days, Family Weekend Mass, Christmas Vespers, our Passover Seder, and an ecumenical Holy Week gathering.

Student-led religious organizations and activities flourish at Davidson. Denominational groups include Canterbury Episcopal Fellowship, Catholic Campus Ministry, Chi Alpha (Assemblies of God), Davidson Wesley (Methodist), Latter-Day Saints Fellowship, Orthodox Christian Fellowship, Reformed University Fellowship (PCA), and UKirk (PCUSA). Non-denominational Christian groups include Campus Outreach, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, and Young Life College. The Jewish Student Union and the Muslim Student Association provide opportunities for the celebration of holy days and other activities related to their traditions. Davidson Dharma and Davidson Mindfulness Community give students a chance to learn and practice meditation in Buddhist and non-sectarian settings respectively. Better Together Interfaith Fellowship draws together students of many religious traditions for conversation and reflection, and organizes celebrations of holy days in the Hindu and other Asian traditions.

Residence Life
Davidson College is a four-year residential community, and all students are expected to live on campus all four years. On-campus housing serves as a student’s home while at Davidson and is designed to be a safe and welcoming residential environment that supports and enhances academic and social development for all residents. Living together creates numerous opportunities for individuals to learn and grow. Through their experiences in the residential community, Davidson students gain the knowledge, awareness, and skills to lead ethical, inclusive lives.

The first-year experience is one of the hallmarks of Davidson College. Hall Counselors reside on each floor within the first-year residence halls. Each Hall Counselor serves as a guide, programmer, resource, mentor, and community builder for their first-year residents. Communities and friendships form on these halls through intentional connections, educational programs, group dining, social activities, intramural teams, and time spent getting to know each other.

Incoming first-year students are assigned roommates and placed together on hallways through an intentional process that relies on several sources of information, including the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator. The primary goal of this process is to pair roommates and build communities where students will meet others who both share common interests and bring new perspectives. The care involved in pairing first-year students yields positive results. We rarely have students who want to move during their first year. The process is not foolproof, of course, and roommate conflicts are addressed by hall counselors, and, if necessary, the Residence Life Office (RLO) professional staff. In all cases, students are encouraged to work through such difficulties, and room changes are not permitted until October 1.

After the first year, students can select their housing assignment through a seniority-based housing lottery process. Class year determines how students will select their housing: seniors first, followed by juniors and then sophomores. The housing lottery process uses lottery numbers, which are based on class year and assigned randomly, to determine the order for which students will select their housing. A small number of students may be permitted to live off-campus; the actual number is determined by the number of students above the number served by on-campus facilities. In all cases, students must request and be granted permission to live off-campus.

On upper-class halls, like Hall Counselors, Resident Advisors work to foster a community of mutual respect and cooperation. These student leaders create inclusive communities, provide guidance, build community, and facilitate social programs for their residents. The philosophy of Davidson College’s residential living is one of “freedom with responsibility,” which is an extension of the honor system. Policies and procedures set high expectations for students. The enforcement
of these expectations helps students learn community responsibility, increases safety, and creates a more pleasant living environment. The detailed expectations, including consequences for violating the expectations, can be found in the Residence Life Office Policies and Procedures for Residents, and found on the RLO website.

The college’s trained professional staff works in conjunction with the Residence Life student leaders to provide an environment for students that supports and advances academic performance, provides co-curricular learning activities, and encourages individual development.

Residence Hall Rooms

Residence halls offer a wide range of living options. First-year students traditionally reside in double occupancy rooms in communities with other first-year students. Upperclass students have a range of additional living options, including single rooms, four-person suites, and on-campus apartment buildings. All residence halls have cable television access, air-conditioning, and wireless internet access. Student rooms include a bed, mattress, desk, desk chair, dresser, and closet or wardrobe. Many students bring or rent a refrigerator.

The RLO staff works with residents to create a safe and secure environment for persons and property. All residence halls are on 24-hour limited access and students are strongly encouraged to lock their room doors whenever they are out of the room or asleep. It is important to note that the college cannot take responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged property. Frequently, existing homeowner’s policies carried by parents cover a student’s personal property while at school. Renter’s insurance (e.g., HO-4 type policy) is generally available through the companies that offer car or home insurance. Students and parents are urged to investigate their coverage thoroughly.

Before packing or buying appliances, furnishings, or other objects, students should (1) coordinate with their roommates and (2) consult the Residence Life Office Policies and Procedures for Residents on the RLO website for guidance. Students must look at which items are not permitted in the residence halls. For example, waterbeds, space heaters, electric blankets, open-coil cooking units, and candles are not permitted in residence halls. New students received information in July that addresses permissible and restricted items more specifically. RLO is transitioning away from providing additional bed furniture for lofting. Individually owned/built lofts are prohibited.

**Student Cars on Campus**

Cars permitted on campus are useful for trips into Charlotte and environs, for visits home, or trips to the Lake Campus. Since students usually do things in groups, there is no difficulty in getting a ride with a friend. The college occasionally arranges transportation for major events off campus. Campus Police will also provide safety escorts on campus to students; call 704-609-0344 for assistance. All students desiring to park on campus are required to register their vehicles with the Davidson College Department of Public Safety and Campus Police. Students must register these vehicles within 48 hours of the student’s arrival on campus. Students must register online at the Davidson College Public Safety site at davidson.edu/offices-and-services/public-safety/vehicle-and-bicycle-registration. Payments must be made through your student account. Students are responsible for reading the parking rules and agreeing to them before they can register their vehicle. After a student registers online, the parking sticker will come in their campus mailbox. The college may tow vehicles for extensive fines or unregistered vehicles if the student has not communicated extenuating circumstances. If a student intends to park on campus, he/she must register their vehicle whether or not the student lives on campus.

Bicycles are useful and popular at Davidson. Bicycle racks are available outside most residence halls. The college campus, like any other community, has experienced theft. No storage for bikes is available, except in student rooms. Students will be required to register their bicycles with Campus Police. Students may also register their bike using the link above.

**Counseling Services**

Counseling Services staff includes professionally licensed doctoral- and master-level psychologists, counselors, and social workers. The college has employed staff members not only for their training and experience but for their particular interest in the development of young adults. The relationship between student and counselor is professional. The information the student shares will be considered confidential, except in the following instances: the student’s safety or that of others’ safety is threatened, or the student gives expressed written permission via a signed release. There is no additional charge for services provided to students by the counseling staff; however, due to the number of students who seek assistance, the counseling staff subscribe to a brief therapy model. If significantly more sessions are anticipated or needed, the clinical counseling staff will consult with the student about obtaining appropriate services privately. In addition to counseling services, a memorandum of agreement has been made with Atrium Behavioral Health Integration to provide virtual psychiatric appointments for students needing psychotropic medication. Additionally, an agreement with providers from a local psychiatric group has been made to provide an in-person appointment for students needing psychotropic medication to come to the Center for Student Health & Well-Being. The cost to meet with the visiting psychiatrist is the student’s responsibility.

Counseling Services is open between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Students can access counseling services in several ways. To schedule, an appointment students can call 704-894-2300 or through stopping by and making an appointment in person. Also, counseling services offer emergency slots between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. If a student is experiencing a psychological emergency outside of business hours (e.g., after 5 p.m., over the weekend, during short semester breaks), a counselor can be reached by calling 704-894-2300 to reach out by email studentcounseling@davidson.edu

**Student Health and Well-Being**

Student Health and Well-Being provides routine health care with the services of registered nurses on-site and medical providers from Atrium Health North Charlotte Medical Specialists Group located in Huntersville, North Charlotte. Nurses are on-site from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, while the physicians see patients by appointment, each weekday, Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 8:00 am -5:00 pm and Tuesday/Thursday from 1:00 pm- 5:00pm. Same-day appointments are available for urgent problems. Nurses also run clinics for allergy shots, travel health, and STD testing. A nurse is on-call after hours and on weekends to help with self-care options and referral to community resources by calling 704-894-2300. To reach out by email: studenthealth@davidson.edu

**Health Education**

Located in the same building as the Center for Student Health & Well-Being, you will find the Health Education Center. A Health Educator meets with students individually or in small groups to discuss a wide range of topics including sexual health, sexuality, healthy relationships, sexual misconduct, alcohol and drugs, body image, and self-care. The Health Educator also trains and supervises a team of student volunteers known as Health Advisers. They, as a group, implement campus-wide programming, advocate for the community’s wellness, and provide support to peers. The Health Educator is well versed in on-campus and off-campus resources and can assist students with referrals.

**Dietitian / Nutrition Services**

The two Registered Dietitians also work with our students to develop healthy nutrition plans that fit with their schedules and meet their individual needs. Guidance is offered to students in the areas of general wellness, food allergies, eating on the go, sports nutrition, diabetes, cholesterol, hypertension, disordered eating, meal planning, and more. Our dietitians meet with students in both individual and group settings free of charge.

Students who wish to make an appointment with any member of the Center for Student Health & Well-Being staff may do so by either calling 704-894-2300 or stopping by and making an appointment in person. To reach the Health Education Office, students may call 704-894-2902 or stop by the office located in the lower level of the Center for Student Health & Well-Being.

**Dining at Davidson**

First-year students are all required to be on the All Access Meal Plan. All Meal plans also come with Dining Dollars and may be used at any of our dining locations.
### Dining Options

#### Vail Commons
Vail Commons is the primary dining facility on campus and serves three meals a day, seven days a week. Home of many campus favorites and has a world-class salad bar, du jour action station, and a dedicated vegan station. The Wildcat Den is located on the ground level of Alvarez College Union. The café offers 3 concepts, Qdoba (Coming Fall 2021), Much Ado, and serves three meals a day, seven days a week. Home of many campus favorites and has a world-class salad bar, du jour action station, and a dedicated vegan station.

#### Vail Commons
- **Monday–Thursday**
  - Breakfast: 7:30 a.m.–11 a.m.
  - Lunch: 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
  - Dinner: 5 p.m.–8 p.m.
- **Friday**
  - Breakfast: 7:30 a.m.–11 a.m.
  - Lunch: 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
  - Dinner: 5 p.m.–7:15 p.m.
- **Saturday–Sunday**
  - Breakfast: 9:30 a.m.–11 a.m.
  - Lunch: 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
  - Dinner: 5 p.m.–7 p.m.

#### Davis Cafe
- **Monday–Friday**
  - 7:30 a.m.–Midnight
- **Saturday–Sunday**
  - 11 a.m.–Midnight

#### The Commons Market
- **Monday–Friday**
  - 9 a.m.–11 p.m.
- **Saturday–Sunday**
  - 11 a.m.–11 p.m.

#### Much Ado—Davidson Catering Group
- **Monday–Friday**
  - 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

#### Wildcat Den
- **Monday–Friday**
  - 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

### Qdoba (Coming Fall 2021)
- **Sunday–Saturday**
  - 11 a.m.–9 p.m.

Through surveys, students identified fresh, healthy, nutritious, and made-to-order cuisine with bold Tex-Mex flavor as a strong preference and Qdoba was the best match. The new dining option will be in the Stowe Tennis House, directly behind the Knobloch Campus Center. Students will be able to use, Dining Dollars, and Declining Balance as well as credit cards/debit cards. Qdoba prides itself on putting a creative twist on standard fare and places a premium on fresh ingredients, including guacamole and Pico de Gallo made on-site daily, chicken and steak flame-grilled moments before served, and slow-roasted meats cooked on every day.

#### The Commons Market
- **Monday–Friday**
  - 9 a.m.–11 p.m.
- **Saturday–Sunday**
  - 11 a.m.–11 p.m.

Davidson College’s convenience store located in the DuPont Room on the upper level of Vail Commons, and offering snacks, health and beauty aids, frozen desserts, ready to heat-and-eat meals, York Street Market, and Domino’s pizza in the evenings.

#### Much Ado—Davidson Catering Group
- **Monday–Friday**
  - 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Much Ado, the college catering group, provides full-service catering for the Davidson College campus and the surrounding community. Offering gift packages, special occasion flowers, as well as everything from picnics to fine dining, Much Ado is available seven days a week to help you with all your catering needs. We specialize in a variety of “care packages” for students, recognizing birthdays and other milestones, or just to say, "we’re thinking about you." Please contact one of our staff by email at muchado@davidson.edu or call our office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 704-894-2605 to order care packages for your student or for any other information.

### Meal Plans

All Davidson students participate in a college meal plan. College meal plans are structured as either weekly plans or block plans. Weekly plans allow students a prescribed number of meals each week and then reset each Sunday morning. Block plans give students a prescribed number of meals for the semester. Students enroll in meal plans each semester using a sign-up portal on the Dining Services web page.

First-year students choose between the 21- and 16-meal plans. The 16-meal plan is 16 meals per week at Vail Commons and 400 Dining Dollars for the semester; the 21-meal plan is 21 meals at Vail Commons with 100 Dining Dollars for the semester.

All first-year students will be automatically assigned the 16-meal plan. Students who prefer a 21-meal plan may enroll in that plan through the portal on the Dining Services web page.

Meal swipes may be used at Vail Commons, the Wildcat Den (lunch during the week), and the Davis Cafe during prescribed limited hours.

Dining Dollars (DD) may be used at any college-operated dining location, and Pepsi and snack machines. A portion of Dining Dollars are reserved for use at the Summit Outpost. If a student uses all regular Dining Dollars, Summit Dollars will be used.

Dining Dollars may not be used at non-dining locations (College Store, Union Desk, etc.) DD left over at the end of the fall semester will carry over to the spring semester. Any unused DD are removed from the student’s account at the end of the academic year. Finally, because Dining Dollars expire, the CatCard system automatically pulls money from that account first, ensuring that these funds are used before any personal funds from a declining balance account.

After the first year, all students are required to purchase no less than the smallest meal plan option. Meal plans in 2020–21 vary from 75 meals per semester to 21 meals per week. All meal plans except the 75 block include Dining Dollars.

### Declining Balance Accounts

Students or their family members may open an additional debit card account, called Declining Balance (DB), with the college at any point. This account is accessed using the CatCard. Money deposited in a DB account can be used anywhere on campus—dining locations, the College Store, other campus retail locations, and with our off-campus partners.

DB balances remain on students’ CatCards as long as they remain at Davidson. The college cannot disburse cash to students from this account, but students may close the account and retrieve any remaining balance at the end of a school year or if they are leaving the college for any reason.

DB deposits may be made online through the CatCard Services Online (catcard.davidson.edu), with cash or check at the CatCard Services office (2nd floor of the Alvarez College Union at the post office) or by mail (Box 7160, Davidson, NC 28035).

Many families ask if their student “needs” a declining balance account, particularly if he or she has a credit card or bank debit card. With a DB account you can help your son or daughter avoid carrying cash on campus and you will know there are only a limited number of places where they can spend it. Many students do rely on credit/debit cards instead of opening a DB account, as those cards are accepted in most locations on campus.

### CatCard Services Online

Students should sign up for their CatCard Services Online account by going to catcard.davidson.edu. This app helps students and their families manage their CatCard activity, including:

1. **Meal Plan Review**
   - View and update your meal plan options.
2. **Balance Inquiry**
   - Check your account balance and view recent transactions.
3. **Card Management**
   - Change your Card PIN and manage your funds.
4. **Account Inquiry**
   - View your account balance and recent transactions.
5. **Financial Assistance**
   - Apply for financial assistance if needed.
6. **Additional Features**
   - Access to Dining Services, CatCard Services, and other college resources.

Visit us online:
www.davidson.edu/offices-and-services/dining-services

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Pinky Varughese via email: pivarghese@davidson.edu.
• Viewing CatCard DB account balance and transaction history.
• Making deposits to CatCard Declining Balance using a credit card or bank account.
• Deactivating a lost ID card or activate a found card.
• Creating guest access for CatCard Online accounts and set up low balance warnings, automatic deposits and more!

The CatCard is an excellent way to provide your student with spending flexibility on campus. The card cannot be used at an eating house or fraternity, or to pay a student’s balance on his or her account. Any funds not used by the end of the year can be refunded, but withdrawals mid-semester are not permitted. Deposits can be made to the CatCard via cash, check, or credit card.

If you have questions about this app, please contact CatCard Services at 704-894-2952, or ancavett@davidson.edu.

HOW TO CONTACT THE COLLEGE

Below are helpful numbers for departments around the college. If an emergency arises, call the Campus Police and Public Safety office at 704-894-2178. Davidson is a small community and the police are helpful and able to make the appropriate connections.

Helpful Phone Numbers
Business Services .......................... 704-894-2208
Career Development ....................... 704-894-2132
College Chaplain ............................ 704-894-2420
Dean of Students Office .................... 704-894-2225
Financial Aid ................................ 704-894-2232
Parents Council Information ............... 704-894-2411
Residence Life Office ...................... 704-894-2188
Campus Security ........................... 704-894-2178
Student Counseling Service .............. 704-894-2451
(Nights and Weekends .................... 704-894-2451)
Student Health Service .................... 704-894-2300
Information Desk .......................... 704-894-2140

Parents may also contact Davidson faculty, administrators, and staff via the Internet. Most Davidson email addresses use the form username@davidson.edu (for username simply substitute the first two letters of your intended recipient’s first name and their entire last name, e.g., geewashington@davidson.edu). Use all lowercase letters and do not put spaces between the words.
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Useful Phone Numbers

College Main Number ................................................................. 704-894-2000
Campus Center Information Desk ............................................... 2140
Campus Police ................................................................. 2178
Baker Sports Complex ................................................................. 2800
Davidson College Store ............................................................. 2349
CatCard Services ................................................................. 2952
Counseling & Guidance ................................................................. 2451
Dean of Students Office ............................................................. 2225
T&I Help Desk ................................................................. 2900
Residence Life Office ............................................................. 2188
Registrar ................................................................. 2227

Your student’s hall counselors. ............................................

Your student’s adviser ............................................................

Your student’s roommate ........................................................

Shipping Information

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

Your student’s name
Your student’s 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 student’s name
Your student’s box number
Davidson, NC  28035