

Hello again, GW families!

This is a time many of our soon to be GW students participate in a lot of lasts—last dance, last exam, last band concert and/or last varsity game. It's also a time of firsts—like their first break in a while to relax and head to the beach or mountains for their 'senior week' trip.

Between all of the celebrating and remembering, we do hope that they focus on their future. There are a number of tasks and activities as you'll **see below** that your student will need to focus on this month to help them prepare for the start of their collegiate journey at GW. While we ask them to take ownership of their journey, we realize that during this transition that it may be helpful to have some family guidance along the way. Note: The Action Items section below is a copy of what we sent to your student earlier this week.

Two key upcoming July 1 deadlines: Submitting a photo to the portal so that the GWorld Card Office can create their Student ID and uploading COVID-19 vaccination documentation or request an exemption.

We also realize that you may have questions about GW. In May, we hosted several virtual sessions called [Tuesday Talks](#). A recording of our latest Tuesday Talks, Financial Matters, can be found [here](#) (password: *d7bc00j*). We are continuing these sessions in June and July. At each session we invite one of our campus partners to join us to cover various topics including:

June 14th at noon EDT: [Academic Success & Support at GW](#)
 July 6th at noon EDT: [Transition of Care/Wellbeing at GW](#)

To participate in one of our Tuesday Talk sessions, please [register in advance](#) to receive the link to the webinar.

We realize that this is a time of transition not just for our students, but for many of you as well and we hope you take time this summer and embrace a few 'firsts' and 'lasts' with your student.

Raise High!
 Charlotte, Kraemer, and Steven
 GW's Division for Student Affairs Orientation and Class Year Programs Staff

Hello First-Years!

Seems like yesterday we were celebrating our own GW seniors at May's Commencement, but it's June already! We hope you are enjoying those last few high school celebrations and are able to enjoy a bit of summer while continuing to focus on your journey to GW!

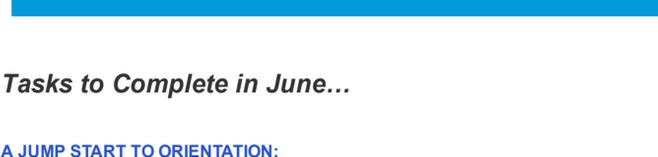
Just like you, we experienced our own GW journey as we joined the GW community as staff members and one of us (Seth) walked in your shoes as a student. What we all found was that we were welcomed with open arms by students, faculty, and staff members ready to make us feel a part of the GW community – and our priority is to ensure the same for you.

Living on campus is one of the most rewarding times many students will experience during college - movie nights, study sessions, and talking until the sun comes up! By now, hopefully, you have registered for on-campus housing (**Note! Deadline was earlier this week**). Starting next week we will begin to pass out room assignments. Once you arrive on campus, our Campus Living & Residential Education (CLRE) team, led by our Community Coordinators, (CC's for short), who are staff members living in the halls, will support you in your residential experience. We know new places can be overwhelming to explore. Recognizing this and to help create pockets of community, residence halls are grouped into smaller "neighborhoods" by their location on campus. Through events and programming, our team, along with the student Residence Hall Association (RHA) and our Faculty in Residence, will facilitate opportunities to explore your new campus community and help you connect with fellow residents. We encourage you to visit [our website](#) for more information.

We know we can't replace "home," but our goal is to create a "home away from home" while you are at GW!

We can't wait to meet you in August. In the meantime, keep enjoying this special time in your life.

Raise High!
 Seth Weinshel, Associate Vice President Business Services
 Stewart Robinette, Assistant Dean Campus Living and Residential Engagement



Tasks to Complete in June...

A JUMP START TO ORIENTATION:

ATTEND your virtual small group orientation meetings.
 Throughout the month, Orientation Leaders (OLs) will meet virtually with students in small groups to get to know you and your peers. If you can't make one of the scheduled meetings, please reach out to your OL directly to learn what you missed. If you have not met with a small group yet, email us and we'll connect you with an OL. Small Groups are not required as a part of your Orientation Experience, but are highly encouraged.

DOWNLOAD the [Buff & Blue Book \(PDF\)](#) and start reviewing!
 Pay close attention to Academics, Student Support Services, and Living On-Campus sections.

REGISTER for a [Co-Curricular Program](#).
 GW Pre-Orientation Programs help first-year students connect with peers around a shared identity, specialized topic, or common area of interest. Note: Students participating in other pre-orientation programs such as the SEAS Getaway, Women's Leadership, and University Honors are not able to participate in these other co-curricular activities as they are held at the same time. [Adventure Bound](#), [Lead GW](#) and [Founding Scholars](#) are all open now!

Buff & Blue Book Update - The Institute for Citizen Leaders is now an upperclass program. First-year students can participate in Community Building Community (CBC). CBC is hosted by units across GW's Office for Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement and explores the intersections of community engagement and diversity, preparing students for their roles as leaders and engaging them in community and civic engagement both on campus and in the D.C. community. CBC begins Sunday, Aug 21 at 5 pm and continues through Aug 23. For questions, email gwserves@gwu.edu.

First-year students in the following scholar cohorts should register for this program: Chicago Scholars, Cisneros Hispanic Leadership Institute, Civic House, District Scholars, IMPACT/Yes Prep, Posse, Say Yes to Education, Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, Politics and Values.

COMPLETE the Academic Support, Online Orientation, Student Support Services, and Living On-Campus sections of the [Online Orientation](#) by **June 13**.

Continue working on last month's Academic Advising & Class Registration sections if you have not yet completed them, as those sections are required to register for advising sessions.

IN FOCUS: ACADEMICS

COMPLETE the [GW First Year Academic Interest Survey](#) by **June 13**.
 The survey takes 5 minutes. Results of this survey will be used to assist in virtual advising sessions and connect you to various academic resources.

TAKE Placement Exams
 If you plan to enroll in [ECON](#), [MATH](#), [CHEM](#), or a [language](#) course, you must complete your placement exams.

SIGN-UP for a [date/time to register for your fall courses*](#) by **July 1**.
 Your initial meeting with your academic advisor will be a virtual session. *Exception: first-year students in the School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS) are pre-registered for fall courses in mid-to-late July and you will not have a virtual session w/an advisor. See the online orientation module for more details.

REGISTER with [Disability Support Services](#), if you would like additional support to accommodate a disability for your classes or living on campus. (optional)

The Office of Disability Support Services (DSS) will host virtual orientation sessions in July and August for students interested in accommodations for the fall. Students must attend one of the three orientations listed below to receive accommodations. To register and receive a link to the webinar, email dss@gwu.edu at least three business days prior to the event.

- Tuesday, July 12 at 1 p.m. EDT
- Tuesday, July 26 at 3 p.m. EDT
- Tuesday, August 9 at 1 p.m. EDT

TO DO BY JULY 1

UPLOAD COVID-19 Vaccination Documentation to the Medical Portal
 GW requires all members of our community to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, including a booster shot, or have an [exemption](#) on file. To be fully vaccinated means completing your first booster five months after two doses of Pfizer or Moderna and two months after one dose of Johnson & Johnson. Students are not required to complete the second booster that is currently recommended for individuals over 50 or who are immunosuppressed. **All new, incoming first-year students must upload their vaccine documentation by July 1**. If you are not in compliance with GW's vaccine and booster requirement by July 1, you will not be able to move into your residence halls and will not be able to register for fall classes on your designated registration day.

SUBMIT Your Photo To Set-Up Your GWorld Card
 Your [GWorld Card](#) (GW's official ID card) grants you access to campus including all academic buildings, the library and your residence hall. You will also "swipe or tap" your card to enter the dining halls to eat, unlock your residence hall door, and print your card at printing kiosks.

[Submit your own photo](#) by July 1 so that your card can be generated and be ready to pick-up when you arrive for the fall semester. For more information see instructions emailed to you on May 24 from the GWorld Card Office or email gworld@gwu.edu.

COMING SOON

REVIEW Your Preliminary Invoice
 Towards the end of the month, the Student Accounts Office will send you a preliminary/preview of your fall 2022 invoice for your tuition & fees and room & board (if applicable). The final bill will be sent in mid-to-late July and payment will be due by the first day of classes unless you sign-up for a payment plan. Discuss the invoice with a parent/family member who has permission to [access your Student Account eBill](#) and make payments on your behalf. You are the only one who can grant [Authorized User access](#).

UPLOAD Other Required Immunizations
 The District of Columbia Immunization Law requires that all students under the age of 26 enrolled at GW, provide proof of certain immunizations prior to registration, including tetanus, MMR, Varicella (chicken pox), Hepatitis B and Meningococcal vaccine, among others. Newly-admitted undergraduate students are required to [provide proof of immunization](#) by Aug. 1 or they will incur a registration hold on their student account.

REVIEW Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) & Waiver
 All undergraduate students, medical, on-campus nursing, on-campus health science, and all international students holding a J1 or F1 visa are required to carry student health insurance while they study at GW. At the beginning of each academic year, these students are automatically enrolled in GW's Student Health Insurance Program, called GW SHIP. Students who want to opt-out of the university coverage because they are still covered by their parent's health domestic-based health insurance must complete the waiver process each year. **The fall 2022 waiver and updated insurance plan information will be available here after August 1**. Note: the webpage is still active for spring/summer 2022 participants.

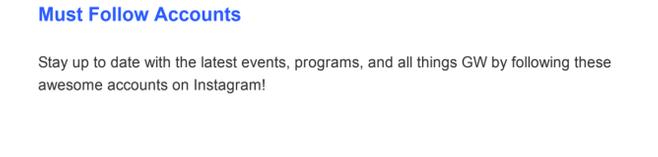
PAST DUE

REGISTER to Live On-Campus in our Residence Halls.
 The deadline to [register to live-on campus](#) this fall or [request an exemption](#) was June 6. Rooms are in the process of being assigned and students will be notified starting the week of June 13.

If you missed the deadline, we urge you to reach out to living@gwu.edu today to request help in completing the registration process.

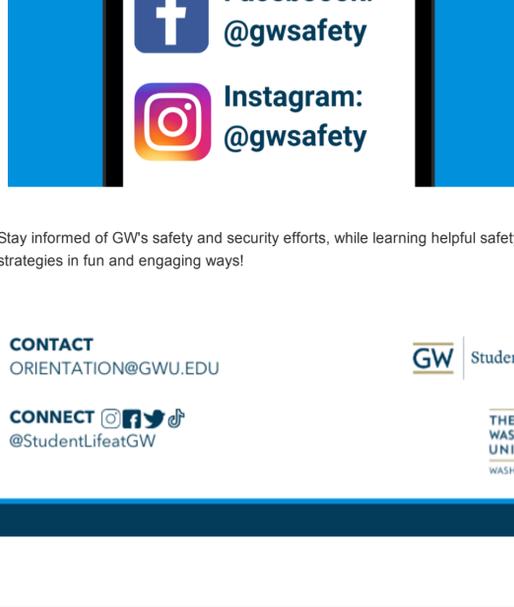
REMINDERS

VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS WITH OUR OLs – Starting Wednesday, June 8, we will be hosting weekly virtual office hours with 9 am -5pm EDT through Aug. 17. Each Wednesday our friendly Student Orientation Leaders will take turns being online to answer questions and help connect you to campus resources. To access our virtual office hours, log into Zoom using your GW student email. If your family member has questions, please log-in with them via your active. Click go.gwu.edu/OrientationOfficeHours to chat. Reminder, this link will only be active on Wednesdays.



Must Follow Accounts

Stay up to date with the latest events, programs, and all things GW by following these awesome accounts on Instagram!



Stay informed of GW's safety and security efforts, while learning helpful safety tips and strategies in fun and engaging ways!

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