



**WELCOME TO DUQUESNE**

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO  
**GET READY FOR YOUR FIRST YEAR.**





We're very excited to welcome you to DU! Make sure to check your Duquesne email since we will use that to send you updates regarding Orientation. We will also list updates on the **[duq.edu/New-Students](https://duq.edu/New-Students)** web page.



We look forward to getting to know you during Orientation. Check your postal mail in the coming weeks for more info on our special program.

**[duq.edu/New-Students](https://duq.edu/New-Students)**

## GET CONNECTED!

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I AM **PERSONALLY DELIGHTED TO WELCOME YOU** AS ONE OF THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE DUQUESNE FAMILY.



I know that this time of transition is filled with excitement, but it can feel a little overwhelming, too, with so much to take care of before the academic year begins. I want to take this time to promise to you that Duquesne University, and the Division of Student Life, are here for you. We'll always be in your corner. The relationships you make here — with your peers, faculty and the entire Duquesne family — are supporting, inspiring, and never stop giving.

To help keep you on track, we've put this together as a convenient reference. Within, you'll find your most important to-dos, along

with helpful information and dates you need to know. In addition, the New Student portal at [duq.edu/New-Students](https://duq.edu/New-Students) contains a great deal of additional information. (To access the site, you'll first have to create your MultiPass at [duq.edu/MultiPass](https://duq.edu/MultiPass)). We strongly encourage you to use that resource throughout the summer as you prepare for your start at Duquesne.

If you have questions or need more information, please reach out to my office at (412) 396-6657 or [firstyear@duq.edu](mailto:firstyear@duq.edu). We cannot wait to see you on campus!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Adam P. Wasilko". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a dark blue background.

**Dr. Adam T. Wasilko**

*Dean of Students*



## STUDENT TIPS

“ As a current student who is very active on campus, the best advice I can give is to value time management and gain a clear understanding of what is expected from you in each of your classes. ”

- Samiya Henry



# THINGS TO DO BY JUNE 30



## SUBMIT YOUR **HOUSING AGREEMENT** AND **PREFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE**.

To sign up for on-campus housing, visit [duq.edu/Housing](https://duq.edu/Housing). Housing assignments will be available later this summer. Keep in mind that all freshman and sophomore students are required to reside on campus or commute from their family homes. This is also where you will select your meal plan for the academic year. More information, including the campus residency waiver request form, can be found on the new student portal.



## COMPLETE YOUR **REQUIRED HEALTH HISTORY** AND **IMMUNIZATION DOCUMENTATION**.

Complete your REQUIRED health history and physician-signed immunization form. Your REQUIRED HEALTH HISTORY AND IMMUNIZATION DOCUMENTATION must be completed and submitted to the Health Services Student Portal through [portal.duq.edu](https://portal.duq.edu). Start by visiting [duq.edu/New-Students](https://duq.edu/New-Students).



## FIND THE NAME OF **YOUR STUDENT SUCCESS COACH**.


Determining your academic interests, major and the classes you need to succeed in college can be exciting and challenging. Find out who your Student Success Coach is to help you along the way. Log on to [portal.duq.edu](https://portal.duq.edu) and click Self-Service Banner > Student Profile. You can see your Student Success Coach listed in your Student Profile. You'll also receive instructions on how to connect with them via Starfish.



## SUBMIT YOUR PHOTO TO GET **YOUR ID CARD**.

More than a photo ID, your DU Card is your "key" to getting into campus buildings, buying meals, and using the library and other facilities. Visit [duq.edu/DUcard](https://duq.edu/DUcard) and log in using your duq.edu email and multipass credentials to submit your photo online by June 30 to be entered for a prize and to pick up your card during FAST. Miss the June 30 date...no worries, you can still submit your photo and have it mailed home or stop by the Duquesne Union, Room 210, during FAST, Orientation week, or anytime you are on campus to have your photo taken in the office.

## STUDENT TIPS



*“ One tip I would give students is to not be afraid to get involved. I learned very early on that getting involved on campus would only make my experience that much better.”*

**- Braden Niles**

# THINGS TO DO BY JULY 15



## VIEW YOUR **TUITION BILL** AND **GRANT PARENTS/GUARDIANS** ACCESS TO THE PAYMENT PORTAL.

Tuition bills are posted online in the tuition payment portal. Students must designate their parent/guardian as an “Authorized Payer” to gain access to the tuition bill. This access also gives our office permission to discuss the student’s account with the designated Authorized Payer (unless the student has noted the account as “Confidential”). For more information on how to add an Authorized Payer or payers, visit [duq.edu/StudentAccounts](https://duq.edu/StudentAccounts).

### STUDENT **ACTION REQUIRED**:

- Grant access for parents/guardians to your student account
- View your billing statement
- Consider enrolling in a semester-based 5-month payment plan
- Enroll in Direct Deposit for any future student refunds
- Explore our Financial Wellness offerings and join CashCourse at [duq.edu/FinancialWellness](https://duq.edu/FinancialWellness).



## SAVE THE **DUQUESNE EMERGENCY NUMBER**.

For on-campus emergencies, program (412) 396-2677 into your mobile phone. This number connects you directly to the Duquesne University Department of Public Safety and Police.



## **GET STARTED** WITH TECHNOLOGY AT DUQUESNE.

Computing and Technology Services (CTS) strives to provide the Duquesne community with exceptional technology services and support. The TechHUB, located on the 2nd floor of the Duquesne Union, is your one-stop shop to find support on technology issues or browse our selection of academically discounted Apple and Dell computers and accessories. To learn more about the Services or Technologies available, visit the Services Portal at [duq.edu/Services](https://duq.edu/Services) or download our Tech Quick Start Guide at [duq.edu/Start-IT](https://duq.edu/Start-IT).

Chat is available through the Service Portal.



## SIGN UP FOR **UNIVERSITY SUCCESS COURSES**.

Duquesne offers two courses for first-semester students designed to strengthen your academic muscles, empowering you to excel in every course regardless of the subject matter. More information can be found at [duq.edu/LearningSkillsCenter](https://duq.edu/LearningSkillsCenter).

# THINGS TO DO BY JULY 30



## CONFIRM YOUR **HEALTH INSURANCE**.

- All Duquesne University students are required to have health insurance and are invited to participate in the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP)
- **IF USING PRIVATE INSURANCE, PLEASE VERIFY WITH THE INSURANCE CARRIER THAT THE COVERAGE IS COMPREHENSIVE IN THE PITTSBURGH AREA.** Any charges not covered by insurance will be the responsibility of the student.
- Student-athletes and international students **MUST** waive out of the student health insurance plan via the website [duq.edu/ship](http://duq.edu/ship). If student-athletes or international students do not waive the University's insurance, they will be auto-enrolled in the University Plan and their account will be charged.
- All other students do not need to waive out of the student health insurance plan.

For more Insurance details, visit [duq.edu/SHIP](http://duq.edu/SHIP).



## COMPLETE THE **MANDATORY TITLE IX/SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS PROGRAM**.

Duquesne University is dedicated to providing an educational environment that supports our Catholic, Spiritan mission and values. This includes a profound respect for the dignity of each person, and a commitment to preserve and protect the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of all members of the campus community. In order to ensure the health, safety, and wellbeing of every student, Duquesne University requires all new students to complete a mandatory Title IX/sexual violence awareness program before arriving to campus. **Students will receive outreach to their Duquesne University email addresses, from the University's University's Office of Title IX and Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response with instructions on accessing and completing the required program.**



## COMPLETE THE **NEW STUDENT CAMPUS ACTIVITIES SURVEY**.

GET INVOLVED! Tell the Center for Student Involvement which clubs, organizations, and campus activities you want to join by logging in with your MultiPass and filling out our Campus Activities Survey at [duq.edu/CampusLink](http://duq.edu/CampusLink). We'll share your choices with the right groups, and someone will reach out to you at the start of the fall semester to get involved!



## CHECK OUT THE **THERAPEUTIC RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT COUNSELING SERVICES**:

- Individual Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Psychoeducational Workshops
- Interfaith Meditation Room
- Triage and Referral Services
- Biofeedback

For more information, visit [duq.edu/Wellbeing](http://duq.edu/Wellbeing).



## IF APPLICABLE...

### REGISTER WITH THE **OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES.**

The Office of Disability Services supports students with disabilities by coordinating reasonable accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

Students who wish to explore accommodation options are encouraged to contact our office at **(412) 396-6658** or via email at **disabilityservices@duq.edu**.

### CONTACT THE OFFICE OF **MILITARY AND VETERAN STUDENTS.**

Military and veteran students and dependents, please connect with Christopher Boissonault, Office for Military and Veteran Services, for any questions about military education benefits or campus resources contact: **(412) 396-5366** or Chris Boissonault at **boissonaultc@duq.edu**.

“*My favorite aspect of Duquesne is the community. It is a unique experience to find a university that offers such an abundance of support, resources, and opportunities.*”

- **Faith Cook**



## STUDENT TIPS

“My favorite dining location on campus is Cinco Cantina because the food is always fresh and there are a variety of options.”

– Jakobie Green



### DINING

[duq.edu/Dining](https://duq.edu/Dining)

Choose from 11 convenient dining locations across campus including our all-you-care-to-eat Hogan Dining Center, Chick-fil-A, Starbucks, Vibrant Sunshine, Cinco Cantina, Moonlit Burgers, and more! Keep an eye open for our surprise Pop-Ups (featuring treats like edible cookie dough!) and fun themed meals across campus. Stay up to date with the latest specials and promotions by following @DuquesneDining on Instagram or visiting [duquesnedining](https://duquesnedining.com).

# THINGS YOUR PARENT/S NEED TO DO



## REGISTER FOR **PARENT AND FAMILY ORIENTATION**.

The Parent and Family Orientation schedule of events is full of fun and valuable information. Two events require pre-registration, so be sure to register! In the first, we hear from Dr. Leanna Fenneberg, who will speak about students and the transition to college life. The second, is a dinner featuring University President, Dr. David Dausey. For more information and to register, visit [duq.edu/ParentOrientation](http://duq.edu/ParentOrientation).



## JOIN THE **DUQUESNE PARENTS AND FAMILIES PORTAL**.

The portal is your go-to-place for all things Duquesne. Stay up-to-date with exciting and informative updates, current events, policies, academic calendar and more. Parents and families can customize their experience by joining communities, interacting with content by posting comments and feedback and connecting with their student to access their grades, holds on their account, class schedules, financial aid information and account balances via the FERPA module. Join the Duquesne Parents and Families Portal today at [families.duq.edu](http://families.duq.edu).



## **FAMILY EDUCATION RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)**.

The relationship between students, parents and the University is of the utmost importance to us. There are two ways to grant FERPA permissions:

- Parent initiated: On the Parent Portal, request a connection with your student. Your student is able to approve or deny your access. Once approved, you can access information such as class schedule, GPA, financial aid information, account balance and more.
- Student initiated: On the Parent Portal, click "make a connection" on the homepage, then choose an email and FERPA categories that the student wants to grant access for.

For more information and directions, visit [duq.edu/Parents](http://duq.edu/Parents). For more information about FERPA, visit [duq.edu/FERPA](http://duq.edu/FERPA).



## COMPLETE THE FEDERAL DIRECT STAFFORD LOAN MASTER **PROMISSORY NOTE** (STUDENT BORROWERS ONLY).

If your son or daughter will be a first-time borrower of a Federal Direct Stafford Loan, he/she must complete the required Master Promissory Note and Entrance Counseling online at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov). Funds will not be released to your student's account until these federal requirements are completed.



## GRADGUARD **TUITION INSURANCE**.

What happens when your student's education is disrupted by an unexpected injury or illness? Depending on the timing of the withdrawal, you may not be eligible to receive a refund of all of your tuition and fees. The Tuition Insurance Plan offered by GradGuard™ supplements Duquesne University's withdrawal policy. It helps students and their families overcome the financial losses that may result from events which force students to withdraw from the semester due to a covered medical reason. Learn more at [gradguard.com/tuition/duq](http://gradguard.com/tuition/duq) or call 1 (866) 724-4384. Please remember the deadline to enroll is the day before classes begin each semester.

## STUDENT TIPS

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*If you are looking for something fun to do on campus, stay connected with the Center for Student Involvement and explore different organizations on campus! There are so many opportunities at Duquesne and throughout Pittsburgh. There is truly something for everyone!*”

**-Isabella Niccolai**



## CONNECTING BRIDGES!

Our Bridges curriculum prepares you for what's next and ensures that you'll never have to narrow your ambitions. Designed by faculty and students, the curriculum overlaps with every major at Duquesne so you can maximize progress toward your degree while having the opportunity to discover new interests or pursue additional goals.

Learn more at [duq.edu/Bridges](https://duq.edu/Bridges).

# GET INVOLVED

You don't need to wait until you're on campus to start learning about all the opportunity that awaits you. Check out these resources online this summer.



## ORDER YOUR BOOKS ONLINE OR VISIT THE DU BOOKSTORE.

The Duquesne University Bookstore provides the options of ordering textbooks online at [DuquesneUniversityBookstore.com](https://www.duquesneuniversitybookstore.com) or at their physical store located in the Power Center on Forbes Ave. Most books are available to rent or to purchase in new, used, or digital formats. The bookstore also price matches to Amazon. To get your books, Duquesne clothing, and other official gear, visit in person or online!



## BE ENGAGED WITH SPIRITAN CAMPUS MINISTRY!

Are you looking for a vibrant, fulfilling faith community where you can grow in relationship with God and others? Join Spiritan Campus Ministry at one of our many opportunities, including liturgical ministries, choir, retreats, praise and worship at ALIVE, Bible Study, Spiritan Mission Experiences, Consistent Ethic of Life, faith sharing groups and many others! For more information on Spiritan Campus Ministry, visit [duq.edu/SpiritanCampusMinistry](https://duq.edu/SpiritanCampusMinistry).



## VISIT GUMBERG LIBRARY, THE MOST POPULAR STUDY SPOT ON CAMPUS.

Research and streaming databases, collaborative and private study spaces, 24/7 support and more... The list goes on! Check out Gumberg's student guide at [guides.library.duq.edu/UndergradStudents](https://guides.library.duq.edu/UndergradStudents) and get to know your library's array of resources and services. Bring your questions to the front desk or get in touch with us at [ask.library.duq.edu](https://ask.library.duq.edu).



## CONNECT WITH OUR CENTER FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT.

Our Center for Career Development helps students explore majors and careers and develop internship and job search skills. Meet with a Career Consultant to discuss your interests and develop a career action plan. Visit [duq.edu/CareerDevelopment](https://duq.edu/CareerDevelopment) to learn more.

# MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## **BANKING** AT DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

PNC is making it easier for you to keep track of your money at Duquesne University. PNC has five ATMs right on campus and a branch within walking distance at 437 Grant Street. ([pnc.com/locator](https://pnc.com/locator)). And, with PNC Virtual Wallet Student®, managing your money is easier too. You can even request a PNC Bank Visa® debit card designed just for Duquesne. If you're a PNC customer, stop by and see us during FAST on campus to ensure you're getting all the benefits of being a DU student. For more information visit us at [pnc.com/DU](https://pnc.com/DU).

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## REVIEW **STUDENT HANDBOOK**

This is a great resource for all students learning about Duquesne University for the first time. It includes all of the University Policies that you are expected to follow, so please familiarize yourself with it. The Student Handbook is available at [duq.edu/Student-Conduct](https://duq.edu/Student-Conduct).



## COMPLETE THE **BANKING BASICS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS WEBINAR** - AVAILABLE IN AUGUST

Duquesne is committed to providing the resources needed to establish a solid financial foundation. Banking Basics from PNC Bank is a first step in understanding the importance of creating a budget, how your credit score affects your finances, and future and best practices to protect yourself from identity theft. Duquesne will continue to offer financial education content throughout the semesters to build on your knowledge. More information will be sent to your Duquesne email.

*\*Please note that international students must be in the United States to attend this webinar and will have extended time for completion.*

## PARKING AND UPASS PERMITS

Parking permits will be available for first-year commuter students and first-year resident students. Parking rates for the 2026-2027 academic year will be posted no later than July 1, 2026. Visit the parking webpage for more information at [duq.edu/Parking](https://duq.edu/Parking). Students can also take advantage of the University's UPass program which provides a discounted fare on buses and light rail system within the local Pittsburgh Regional Transit system. Learn more and sign up at [duq.edu/UPass](https://duq.edu/UPass)

## HAVE QUESTIONS?

**Call:** (412) 396-6657

**E-mail:** [firstyear@duq.edu](mailto:firstyear@duq.edu)

## → SAVE THESE DATES

### July 6-9, 2026

#### First-Year Advisement Summer Transition (FAST)

FAST is a program that offers you and your family essential insights and resources to prepare for your academic journey at Duquesne. While this program is not required, it is highly recommended for all incoming students and their family members to help ensure a smooth transition. Select one day to attend based on your school. For more information and registration, please go to: [duq.edu/FAST](https://duq.edu/FAST)

### July 6 or July 8, 2026

Science and Engineering, Nursing and Liberal Arts

### July 7 or July 9, 2026

Business, Education, Pharmacy, Music and Health Sciences

### August 13, 2026

International Student Orientation

### August 16 - 18, 2026

The Center Pre-Orientation

### August 17, 2026

Honors College Move-In

### August 17, 2026

Nursing, Liberal Arts and Business Living  
Learning Communities Move-In

### August 18, 2026

New Student Move-In

### August 19, 2026

Commuter Pre-Orientation

### August 19, 2026

Parent & Family Orientation

### August 19 - 23, 2026

New Student Orientation

### August 30, 2026

Military and Veteran Student Pre-Orientation

### September 8 - 10, 2026

Duquesne Student Organization Expo

### October 9 - 10, 2026

Homecoming and Family Weekend



# WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU!

It's Time for Bigger Goals.

Ashley Kane

Director of Student Transitions & Engagement

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