Hello All!

Congratulations and welcome to Duquesne University! Our names are James and Dan and we are your directors of Orientation 2018! Our theme this year is Duquesne University: Countless Minds, One Heart. This theme was created with you in mind by 22 upperclassmen, who have been working tirelessly to prepare the best possible program for you this upcoming August.

Ever since this University opened, it has been about creating an environment where our students can succeed. Each one of us has helped to create Duquesne’s large network of students and alumni; its countless minds. But all of us are based off of the same foundations that this University was built off of; its one heart. We want to provide that foundation to help you thrive throughout your college career, hoping you can begin to experience Duquesne the way we have, and want to give back to this community to help continue this amazing cycle. We want to inspire you with our passion, so that one day you can call Duquesne home in the same way that we do!

We are counting down the days for you all to arrive at Duquesne! Our orientation is a week long program that begins with Move-In Day on August 21, 2018 and ends on the Sunday before classes begin, August 26th. You will be assigned to a team with two upperclassmen team leaders and about 20 other new students. Your team leaders will be there to guide you and answer any questions you have about Duquesne, college life, academics, and the surrounding Pittsburgh area. During this week you will have opportunities to meet new people and get acquainted with your new home, as well as eat a lot of free food and participate in some really cool events, such as dances, a haunted Duquesne tour, a comedian show, and a live interactive Theatre experience!

We know that sometimes the unknown is a little scary, but we assure you that during the week of Orientation, you will have a blast and make memories for years to come. We were once in your shoes, and we plan the week of Orientation with each of you in mind. We assure you that Orientation is the gateway to finding your place at Duquesne. We hope that you see this week as an opportunity rather than as something that you feel like you have to attend. Get ready for a week of fun!

Please feel free to contact us throughout the summer with any questions or concerns that may come up, or even if you just want to say hi; we are here for you! Our office number is 412.396.6641 and our email is orientation@duq.edu. Enjoy the rest of the summer and we look forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely,

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