INFINITE POSSIBILITIES

COLUMBIA COLLEGE/THE FU FOUNDATION SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE STUDENT SCHEDULE BOOK

2013
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From the Coordinators

Hello New Students,

Welcome to Columbia University! We are excited to introduce you to our incredible community that spans four undergraduate schools and a city of eight million people. We hope that you have an excellent start to what will be a groundbreaking year. In the following pages, you will find all the information you need about the New Student Orientation Program (NSOP). This will be a fun-filled and eventful week!

We, the NSOP Committee, are composed of students from the four undergraduate schools: Barnard College (BC), Columbia College (CC), the School of General Studies (GS), and The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS). We have spent the entire summer creating programs to introduce you to life on campus and the greater New York City area. Following this year’s theme, “Infinite Possibilities,” we have planned programs with great thought to help you access information, meet faculty and administrators, and receive various resources to guide you through your college career.

This year’s NSOP theme speaks to the adventurous, imaginative, and inquisitive nature of our incoming students. NSOP serves to assist students to gravitate to a stable place in their new home. You may at first feel ungrounded, as if launched into outer space. NSOP 2013: Infinite Possibilities will guide you to embrace the concept that taking one small step leads to much larger ones. We hope students will follow the precedent set by the greatest astronomers who challenged commonly accepted ideas for the sake of scientific advancement.

During your time here you will pursue your dreams and share your passion for learning with the rest of our richly diverse community here in Morningside Heights. It is home to students of all ages, races, ethnicities, nationalities, creeds, sexual orientations, gender identities, abilities, and religions, who all share the same desire to reach the outermost limit both inside and outside the classroom. There will be countless opportunities for you to explore and travel throughout the city.

We trust that you will make the most of the resources available to you during this upcoming week. Please make sure to read through this schedule book and download our NSOP Guidebook App to highlight mandatory events, as well as those that interest you! Some of the biggest events of the week include Community Forum, an introduction to the Columbia community; Performance Showcase, your first opportunity to see the myriad of artistic talents on campus; and the New York City Event, a social event that will offer a taste of what this amazing city has to offer.

Over the next eight days, you will meet and get to know your fellow new and returning students. An Orientation Leader (OL) will guide your orientation group, and Crew Chiefs (CCs) will coordinate events during the week. The OLs, CCs, and Committee members are available to you at all times. Please do not hesitate to approach us with any questions that you may have. (We will be in our colorful shirts). NSOP is the beginning of your journey within the Columbia community, so be sure to enjoy it!

Sincerely,
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Important Information

NSOP OFFICE HOURS OF OPERATION, HOTLINE, AND WEBPAGE
Have questions about Orientation? Need answers now? Call our office during business hours at 212-854-4909, or check out our website at http://studentaffairs.columbia.edu/orientation. Keep the website bookmarked for important information and updates throughout the week. You can also stop by the NSOP office in 505 Lerner Hall or 302 Diana Center if you have any questions.

SUNDAY
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. in 101 Diana Center
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. in 505 Lerner Hall

MONDAY AND TUESDAY
9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. in 101 Diana Center
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. and 4:00–5:00 p.m. in 505 Lerner Hall

WEDNESDAY–FRIDAY
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. in 101 Diana Center
1:00–5:00 p.m. in 505 Lerner Hall

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
Noon–5:00 p.m. in 505 Lerner Hall

CUID, ORIENTATION BADGE, AND WRISTBAND
Carry your Orientation badge and CUID with you at all times; the wristband must be worn. All three items are needed the full week of NSOP to gain access to events and meals. If you lose your Orientation badge during NSOP, there is a $5 replacement fee. If you lose your wristband, it is $50 to replace. Please use the office hours listed above if you need to get a replacement.

LATE PACKET PICK-UP
If you arrive after 1:00 p.m. on Monday, please stop by the NSOP office in Lerner Hall between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. to pick up your Orientation information and let us know that you have arrived.

ORIENTATION INFORMATION BOOTH
The Information Booths, located on College Walk (Columbia campus) and Lehman Walk (Barnard campus), are staffed with experienced NSOP volunteers ready to answer all of your questions—anything and everything from Orientation details to what to expect on your first day of classes. Stop by at the times on the following page:
TUESDAY–FRIDAY
9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

SATURDAY
Noon–5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
A MetroCard is the most convenient tool for getting around New York. Our OLs can teach you how to use a MetroCard machine and can also help you understand how to read and interpret the bus and subway maps. The fare for both the subway and bus is $2.50 on a MetroCard. For more information about transfers, unlimited MetroCards, and subway stations, please visit the Metropolitan Transport Authority (MTA) at www.mta.info/.

ACADEMIC LIFE
Columbia’s crown jewel is the academic excellence of its student population. All questions about things ranging from courses to majors will be answered in the course of this week. You can chat with professors at the Academic Resources Fair on Wednesday, August 28. The Center or Student Advising (CSA) also hosts academic planning and advising sessions during NSOP. Advisers, professors, and departments are available to respond to questions you have encountered so far, so don’t hesitate to e-mail or call them. Remember that your Orientation Leader (OL) or your Resident Adviser (RA) can give you a current student’s perspective and help you locate resources on campus.

COLUMBIA DINING INFORMATION
Columbia Dining is committed to providing our community of students with one simple thing: great food. With three “all you care to eat” dining halls and nine retail locations on campus, we offer a wide variety of options that allow you to dine according to your lifestyle and schedule. Our daily menus feature local and sustainable ingredients across a variety of cuisines, prepared by our professionally trained culinary team. Meal Plans can be used at John Jay Dining Hall, Ferris Booth Commons, or JJ’s Place, while Dining Dollars and Flex can be used at all on-campus Dining locations. No matter what you choose, you will always enjoy fresh, healthful, and delicious food served up by our team of food-loving experts.
NUTRITION, FOOD ALLERGIES, SPECIAL DIETS
Columbia Dining helps the community make healthy choices by providing nutritional resources and programs throughout the Dining halls. The team is committed to ensuring students with varied nutrition and/or dietary needs can have a safe and enjoyable dining experience in our campus locations.

Registered Dietitian, Kristie Koerner, is available on campus as well as online to address any questions and concerns regarding your nutrition and diet. Kristie consults individually with students on special nutrition, allergy-related, or dietary needs. She works with our culinary staff to accommodate as many special diets as possible, including a large population of vegetarian and vegan diners. Kristie is a free resource to all students and can be reached at kk2770@columbia.edu or 212-854-3353.

Explore all that we have to offer at dining.columbia.edu including daily menus, nutritional information, special diet and food allergy resources, and sustainability efforts. And remember to like us on Facebook for the latest Dining news and updates. Enjoy your meal!

THE ROLM PHONE SYSTEM
The Columbia and Barnard campus telephone system is known as the ROLM Phone System. In many campus publications, you’ll see telephone numbers listed as ROLM extensions, in the format x#.####. If you’re using a ROLM phone, simply dial #.####. If you are dialing from your cell phone or a telephone outside the ROLM system, you’ll need to dial 212-85#.####.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND INFORMATION
You can find information about religious services on the University Chaplain website, www.columbia.edu/cu/earl/ucm_ministry.html.

GUIDEBOOK APP FOR SMARTPHONES
Not a fan of carrying around a Schedule Book? Do you have a smartphone? Then you should download NSOP’s FREE App on Guidebook! Just visit the App Store on your phone and search for Guidebook. Once you have downloaded the App, you’ll search for Columbia University and you’re all set. We highly recommend familiarizing yourself with all of the bells and whistles and adding all of the mandatory events to your phone’s calendar so you won’t forget them.
Community Principles

PREAMBLE
Developed by undergraduate students and staff in Barnard College, Columbia College, The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science and The School of General Studies, these principles serve as a framework to facilitate ongoing conversation for how we interact with one another. They are not meant to be additional rules of conduct; rather, they are a means through which we hold ourselves, and others accountable. Every member of the community has a role in sustaining a safe, caring, and accepting environment in which these principles can thrive. However, individuals will not be brought through any disciplinary process due to a “violation” of these principles.

COMMUNITY PRINCIPLES STATEMENT
Columbia University is a community of students, faculty, alumni, staff, and visitors. As members of this community we understand that our actions as individuals impact not only our own lives but also those of our community. Through these principles we can continually engage each other in order to understand our differences and similarities. We believe that intellectual discourse in all forms is essential to the University; as such it is vital that we give all perspectives a place to be expressed. We are all responsible for this community and affirm that we treat each other with respect and dignity. Members of our community act with honesty by accepting accountability for their words and actions and maintaining the integrity of the community as a whole. As members of the University with different experiences and ideas, we actively engage each other to understand, appreciate and accept our various identities. We participate in a free and open community and ask that all those who come within our gates act in accordance with these principles.
Disability and Accessibility Information

Disability Services (DS) facilitates equal access for students with disabilities by coordinating reasonable accommodations and support services. Reasonable accommodations are adjustments to policy, practice, and programs that provide equal access for students with disabilities. Examples include the administration of exams, services such as note taking, sign language interpreters, assistive technology, and coordination of accessible housing needs. Accommodation plans and services are custom designed to match the disability-related needs of each student and are determined according to documented needs and the student’s program requirements. Registration includes submission of both the Application for Accommodations and Services and disability documentation. The application and disability documentation guidelines are available online and at the DS office. Students are encouraged to register within the first two weeks of the semester to ensure that reasonable accommodations can be made for that term. Please note that students are not eligible to receive reasonable accommodations until the registration process is complete.

CONTACT INFORMATION AND LOCATION
7th Floor of Lerner Hall, MC 2605
2920 Broadway
New York, New York 10027
212-854-2388 (voice and TTY)
212-854-3448 (fax)
disability@columbia.edu
http://www.health.columbia.edu/services/ods

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
Although the MTA is gradually adding elevators in various subway stations, the subways are generally not wheelchair accessible. If you are unable to navigate stairs (mobility impairment, chronic illness, etc.), the best option is surface transit, as all New York buses are lift-equipped. Another option, though more expensive, is a taxi or car service. The MTA has an excellent website with complete info regarding accessibility at: www.mta.info/accessibility/.
Safety and Health Information

Safety and security are foremost concerns on college campuses and in New York City. There are many resources on campus to help you stay safe and to assist you in emergency situations; some numbers can be found on the back of your Columbia ID. More contact information can be found at http://health.columbia.edu/contact-us.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Public Safety:
  Emergencies (incl. medical): 212-854-5555
  Nonemergencies: 212-854-2797

- Escort Services: 212-854-7233

- Nightline (Peer Counseling and Referrals, 10:00 p.m.–3:00 a.m.): 212-854-7777

- Rape Crisis/Anti-Violence Support Center: 212-854-HELP (4357)

- Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Program (SVPRP): 212-854-3500

- Health Services: 212-854-2284

- Primary Care Medical Services: 212-854-7426

- Alice! Health Promotion Program: 212-854-5453

- Disability Services: 212-854-2388

- Gay Health Advocacy Project (GHAP): 212-854-6655

- Counseling and Psychological Services: 212-854-2878

EMERGENCY CALL BOXES

Columbia University has 20 blue light emergency call boxes installed on and around campus for emergency communication with Public Safety. These wireless boxes are brightly colored in red, yellow, and blue. In an emergency, you can push a button to activate an alarm that connects you to Public Safety.

PLACEMENT EXAMS

Visit the Center for Student Advising website for the most up-to-date list of placement exams: www.studentaffairs.columbia.edu/placementexams.
Under1Roof

“In a nutshell, Under1roof is AMAZING!!! As a first year, it convinced me that I made the right choice in selecting Columbia... It gave me a sense of genuine belonging.”

“I think Under1Roof has only reassured me that Columbia is the right school for me. I’m glad I’ve found a place that fosters growth and change.”

“I was surprised and pleased. I think this is what Columbia is about—dialogue.”

This session will provide the framework on how intergroup understanding and community building are achieved through continual engagement and education about the different social identities we all bring to campus. This is the exciting beginning of a dialogue that will last throughout your education here and beyond.

You must attend your assigned session—information that you should have received in an email and from your OL. If you are unable to attend your given date and time, contact under1roof@columbia.edu.

ONE SESSION IS REQUIRED OF ALL STUDENTS.

SESSION A
Wednesday, August 28
9:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

SESSION B
Thursday, August 29
12:30–3:15 p.m.

SESSIONS C
Friday, August 30, 2013
9:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

SESSION D
Friday, August 30, 2013
1:30–4:15 p.m.
**International Students-Only Events**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2013**

**International Students Dinner**
6:30–8:00 p.m.
Roone Arledge Auditorium, Lerner Hall
First-Year

Join your fellow international students as we welcome you to the Columbia Community and introduce you to the deans and many other staff members who have greatly anticipated your arrival. Enjoy a delicious meal and good conversation as you establish yourself within Columbia’s on-campus community and the many resources it has to offer.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2013**

**International Students Workshops**
9:00 a.m.–Noon
Rennert Hall, Kraft Center (606 W. 115th St.)
First-Year

**Internship and Job Search Essentials for International Students**
Join representatives from the Center for Career Education (CCE) to learn about important internship and job search considerations for international students. Hear the CCE’s recommendations on steps to take in your first-year, and learn about resources available throughout your four years.

**Cultural Symposium**
Meet your fellow international students and get the chance to hear about all the wonderful places the Class of 2017 is from. Please bring a small item (photo, souvenir from your country, a story) to represent where you’re from as you, in turn, share fun facts about your country.

**On the Meeting of Cultures**
It is important maintain your physical and emotional well-being especially when transitioning to a new environment and lifestyle. Meet staff from Counseling and Psychological Services to discuss adaptation to a new cultural environment while maintaining relationships back home. Get helpful hints on how to integrate yourself into the different cultural aspects of college life while attending to academic pressures and demands.

**This session is required for all international students, including those who participated in ISOP.**
International Students-Only Events continued

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2013
International Students and Scholars Office Information (ISSO) Session
2:00–3:30 p.m.
Party Space, Lerner Hall
All

This session is required for all international students enrolled in an undergraduate school at Columbia who hold nonimmigrant status. A staff member from the ISSO will be discussing the rules and regulations attached to holding an F-1 visa in the United States. Topics to be covered include maintaining one’s status, rules for travelling and reentering the U.S., and an overview of eligibility for on- and off-campus employment during the academic year, summers, and following your graduation.

International Students Outing—Top of the Rock
3:30–5:45 p.m.
Meet at 116th St. and Broadway
All

Boasting one of the best views of the city skyline, Rockefeller Center is one of the most famous buildings in New York and is located in one of the busiest areas—Midtown Manhattan. The entrance fee to the Rockefeller Center itself will be covered, but tickets are limited and will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis, so make sure to arrive on time (priority will be given to students who did not participate in ISOP). Please remember to bring money for a MetroCard and additional spending money you may need.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2013
Living at Columbia: An Introduction
5:00–6:30 p.m.
555, Lerner Hall
All (International Student–Focused)

Living at Columbia is a discussion series organized by International Students Programs and Services. The series is a cross point for upperclassmen and underclassmen to connect and share experiences and advice. This session of Living at Columbia will help you meet even more of your fellow international students and gain insight into life during the first few weeks of the semester. Come prepared to ask questions!
Transfer, Visiting, and Combined Plan (TVC) Students-Only Events

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2013
Transfer, Visiting, and Combined Plan (TVC) Move-In/Check-In
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
In Front of Hamilton Hall
Transfer, Visiting, and Combined Plan
Welcome to Columbia University! Stop by the tent in front of Hamilton Hall to pick up your Orientation information. If you are living in a Columbia residence hall, then head to your new room and make yourself at home.

TVC Bed Bath & Beyond Excursion
10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Meet at 115th St. and Broadway
Transfer, Visiting, and Combined Plan
Need bedding? Want a rug? Don’t have any hangers? Don’t fret! Hop on one of our free shuttle buses leaving for Bed Bath & Beyond every 15 to 20 minutes to buy any household goods, bedding, bathroom amenities, or electronics that you need. You’ll receive a discount with your CUID or NSOP badge.

Orientation Overview for Visiting and Exchange Students
1:00–2:00 p.m.
Broadway Room, Lerner Hall
Visiting and Exchange
Visiting and Exchange students will meet with an Advising Dean to review the Orientation schedule and address your initial questions. This session will also be a great opportunity to connect with other visiting and exchange students before you get too busy with the upcoming sessions, events, and festivities!

TVC Family Farewell
2:00–2:30 p.m.
Throughout Campus
Transfer, Visiting, and Combined Plan
Say goodbye to those who accompanied you here and get ready to enjoy college life. But don’t forget to reassure your family that there are many forms of keeping in touch.
TVC Students-Only Events continued

**TVC Columbia University Tour**
3:15–4:15 p.m.  
Meet at Sundial on College Walk  
Transfer, Visiting, and Combined Plan  
Navigating campus can be confusing and overwhelming at first, so don’t miss this opportunity to learn the ins and outs of Barnard and Columbia.

**TVC Morningside Heights Tour**
3:15–4:15 p.m.  
Meet at the Columbia Gates, 116th St. and Broadway  
Transfer, Visiting, and Combined Plan  
Explore the area around Columbia University with a jaunt around your new home! A current student will introduce you to cheap and delicious local restaurants, the best (and biggest) pizza, and a number of intriguing sites around Morningside Heights. Don’t forget to bring a little money in case all that walking works up an appetite!

**TVC Meet Your Orientation Leader**
5:30–6:30 p.m.  
Low Plaza  
Transfer, Visiting, and Combined Plan  
Come meet your Orientation Leader and other Transfer, Visiting, and Combined Plan students, and head over to the Deans’ Welcome Dinner together.

**TVC Deans’ Welcome Dinner**
6:30–8:00 p.m.  
Roone Arledge Auditorium, Lerner Hall  
Transfer, Visiting, and Combined Plan  
Administrators and current student leaders will welcome you to the Columbia community at this welcome dinner.

**TVC Welcome to the Residential Community**
9:00–11:00 p.m.  
Satow and Party Space, Lerner Hall—Combined Planned  
Broadway and 555, Lerner Hall—Transfer and Visiting  
Transfer, Visiting, and Combined Plan  
TVC students can meet Residential Program staff members and take part in a conversation about how you envision your community taking shape throughout the year. Transfer students will have the opportunity to learn where other transfer students live across campus. Combined students will also have the opportunity to learn about the staff and resources to make the transition to Columbia a success.
TVC Students-Only Events continued

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2013
TVC Group Advising Session
9:00–11:00 a.m.
Broadway Room, Lerner Hall—CC transfer
501, Lerner Hall—SEAS transfer
555, Lerner Hall—Combined Plan
569, Lerner Hall—Visiting

The best way to start the day is with good advice. The morning will start with a mandatory group advising session led by the Advising Deans. Following this, current TVC students will talk about the academic aspects of life at Columbia. This event is mandatory for all TVC students.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2013
Transfer and Combined Plan Pre-Health Curriculum Meeting
2:00–3:00 p.m.
477, Lerner Hall
Transfer, Visiting, and Combined Plan

Learn how to meet the requirements for medical school and health professions. All Combined Plan and Transfer students considering pre-health programs should attend this meeting.

TVC Social Outing—Peter and the Starcatcher
6:45–10:00 p.m.
Meet at 116th St. and Broadway
Transfer, Visiting, and Combined Plan

Ever wonder where Peter Pan came from? How did Captain Hook get his hook? Come see Peter and the Starcatcher, the prequel to Peter Pan! Join other TVC students for a fantastic off-Broadway musical at about 70 percent off the original price! Limited number of tickets available. Tickets are $34.00 (originally around $99.00) and will be on sale, first-come, first-served at the Barnard Student Life Office located in the Diana Center starting Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. *This is for TVC students only.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2013
TVC Social Outing: SPiN Galactic
Noon–3:00 p.m.
Meet at 116th St. and Broadway
Transfer, Visiting, and Combined Plan

Join fellow TVC students for an afternoon of sport, snacks, and entertainment at SPiN Galactic, a glow-in-the-dark ping-pong social club.
Optional Events

MORNING EXERCISES
Pilates
August 27 and 29, 2013
8:00–9:00 a.m.
Barnard Studio 2, Basement of Barnard Hall
Strengthen and center your body and mind with early morning Pilates. Mats provided.

RUNNING START
August 26–29, 2013
8:00–9:00 a.m.
Meet at the Sundial on College Walk
Get a head start on your day with a refreshing run through Riverside Park!

SUNRISE SAUNTER
August 26–29, 2013
8:00–9:00 a.m.
Meet at the Barnard Gates, 117th St. and Broadway
Rise and shine with a leisurely stroll through Riverside Park!

YOGA
August 26, 28, 2013
8:00–9:00 a.m.
Barnard Studio 2, Basement of Barnard Hall
Relax and rejuvenate with morning yoga. Mats provided.

DANCE CLASSES
Friday, August 30, at 9:00 a.m.—Intermediate Ballet, 305 Barnard Hall
Friday, August 30, at 10:30 a.m.—Intermediate Modern, 305 Barnard Hall
ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 25, 2013

BREAKFAST
8:00–11:00 a.m.
Hospitality Tent, Hamilton Lawn
First-Year

There’s nothing like moving in to work up an appetite! Come join us for a Continental breakfast in front of Hartley and Wallach Halls.

CHECK-IN/MOVE-IN
8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Your Residence Hall
First-Year

Welcome to Columbia! Travel to your residence hall to retrieve your CUID, keys, and Orientation information.

FAMILY LUNCHEON
Noon–2:00 p.m.
Hospitality Tent, Hamilton Lawn
First-Year

Join your peers and their families for food on the lawns!

BED BATH & BEYOND EXCURSION
Noon–5:00 p.m.
Meet at 116th St. and Amsterdam Ave.
First-Year

Need bedding? Want a rug? Don’t have any hangers? Don’t fret! Hop on one of our free shuttle buses leaving for Bed Bath & Beyond every 15 to 20 minutes to buy any household goods, bedding, bathroom amenities, or electronics that you need. You’ll receive a discount with your CUID or NSOP badge!

DINNER IN JOHN JAY
6:00–8:00 p.m.
John Jay Dining Hall
First-Year

Hungry? Come relax and dine with new friends.
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ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND MEET AND GREET
8:30–9:15 p.m.
Lehman Lawn, Barnard College
First-Year

Head to Barnard after dinner for an Ice Cream Social on Lehman Lawn. This will be an opportunity to socialize with new and returning students of BC, CC, and SEAS undergraduate schools while enjoying a delicious treat. There will also be a program to help you meet your classmates.

LATE NIGHT ACTIVITIES
10:00 p.m.–Midnight
John Jay Lounge, Carman Lounge, and Van Am Quad
All

Too excited after your first day on campus to go to sleep? Want to meet more new students? Then stop by John Jay Lounge, Carman Lounge, or Van Am Quad for additional connections and some social late night activities such as games, movies, and snacks!
Monday, August 26, 2013

BREAKFAST
7:00–11:00 a.m.
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First-Year

INTERNERSHIP AND JOB SEARCH ESSENTIALS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
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CAMPUS RESOURCES FAIR
Noon–2:00 p.m.
Low Plaza
First-Year

Columbia has countless resources. Come to Low Plaza and get to know what administrative offices and resources are available for your benefit throughout your time at Columbia. This event is highly recommended.

FAMILY LUNCHEON
Noon–2:00 p.m.
Hospitality Tent, Hamilton Lawn
First-Year

CONVOCATION
2:30–4:00 p.m.
South Lawn
First-Year

Administrators, faculty, and current student leaders will welcome you and your family into the Columbia community at this event. **This event is mandatory.**

FAMILY FAREWELL
4:00–4:15 p.m.
Throughout Campus
First-Year

Say goodbye to those who accompanied you here and get ready to enjoy college life. Don’t forget to reassure your family that there are many ways to keep in touch.

MEET YOUR ORIENTATION LEADER
4:15–5:30 p.m.
Consult map in the schedule book (p. 23)
First-Year

Come meet your OL and Orientation group. OLs will help you with questions you may have about anything. Find your group number on your NSOP badge in order to locate your designated meeting place. Your OL will be holding a sign with your group number on it. Bring your schedule book so your OL can go over it with you. **This event is mandatory.**
Monday, August 26, 2013

COOKOUT DINNER
5:30–7:00 p.m.
Low Plaza
First-Year

Come to Low Plaza to share a delicious dinner with your OL, RA, and other new Columbia students. Remember your CUID and NSOP badge!

CLASS ACT
7:00–8:30 p.m.
Roone Arledge Auditorium, Lerner Hall
First-Year

Class Act will introduce you to a few of Columbia’s many traditions with an NSOP video, a welcome from the Division of Student Affairs, a performance by the Varsity Show, and more! Sit back, relax, and enjoy as Columbia’s finest put on an unforgettable show.

WELCOME TO THE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY
9:00–11:00 p.m.
Your Residence Hall
First-Year

After your first full day as a Columbia student, be sure to use this opportunity to begin making friends in your hall. You’ll have the opportunity to learn about our shared responsibility in fostering a dynamic residential community. Your Residential Adviser will facilitate a conversation about how you envision your community taking shape throughout the year.

LATE NIGHT ACTIVITIES
11:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m.
John Jay Lounge, Carman Lounge, and Van Am Quad
All

Now that the rest of the class has moved in, come out to mix and mingle with your new classmates! Join us in John Jay Lounge, Carman Lounge, or Van Am Quad for more late night activities such as games, movies, and snacks!
## OL Groups

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Campus Map
Tuesday, August 27, 2013

BREAKFAST
7:30–9:30 a.m.
John Jay Dining Hall
First-Year

Begin the day with your first college meal at the most beautiful dining hall in the Ivy League. Remember your CUID and NSOP badge!

INDIVIDUAL ADVISING SESSIONS
8:00–9:00 a.m.
CSA, Lerner Hall 4th Floor
First-Year

Meet with your academic adviser to review your fall semester schedule. Due to the brief time allotment per student, it is recommended that you prepare a desired schedule before your appointment in order to use the time with your Advising Dean most productively. The classes offered are listed online at www.columbia.edu/cu/bulletin/uwb/.

SEAS ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY
9:00–10:15 a.m.
309 Havemeyer Hall
SEAS First-Year

Engineering to Impact the World: Mary Boyce, Dean of the School of Engineering, members of faculty, and alumni will discuss the opportunities and challenges that you, as members of the Columbia Engineering Class of 2017, will have, to make your own mark, at Columbia and beyond.

This event is required of all SEAS first-year students.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY
9:00–10:15 a.m.
Roone Arledge Auditorium, Lerner Hall
CC First-Year

Dean of Academic Affairs Kathryn Yatrakis, together with Professor Shahid Naeem and Amanda Tien, Columbia College Class of 2014 will speak to you about the curricular and intellectual opportunities that await you as members of the Columbia College Class of 2017. This session will explain the Core Curriculum and its place in your four-year program of study, as well as introduce you to the school’s numerous academic resources. This event is required of all CC first-year students.
Tuesday, August 27, 2013

TRANSFER, VISITING, AND COMBINED PLAN (TVC) MOVE-IN/CHECK-IN
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
In Front of Hamilton Hall
Transfer, Visiting, and Combined Plan

Welcome to Columbia University! Stop by the tent in front of Hamilton Hall to pick up your Orientation information. If you are living in a Columbia residence hall, then head to your new room and make yourself at home.

TVC BED BATH & BEYOND EXCURSION
10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Meet at 115th St. and Broadway
Transfer, Visiting, and Combined Plan

Need bedding? Want a rug? Don’t have any hangers? Don’t fret! Hop on one of our free shuttle buses leaving for Bed Bath & Beyond every 15 to 20 minutes to buy any household goods, bedding, bathroom amenities, or electronics that you need. You’ll receive a discount with your CUID or NSOP badge.

INDIVIDUAL ADVISING SESSIONS
10:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
CSA, Lerner Hall 4th Floor
First-Year

Meet with your academic adviser to review your fall semester schedule. Due to the brief time allotment per student, it is recommended that you prepare a desired schedule before your appointment in order to use the time with your Advising Dean most productively. The classes offered are listed online at www.columbia.edu/cu/bulletin/uwb/.

LUNCH
Noon–2:30 p.m.
John Jay Dining Hall
All

ORIENTATION OVERVIEW FOR VISITING AND EXCHANGE STUDENTS
1:00–2:00 p.m.
Broadway Room, Lerner Hall
Visiting and Exchange

Visiting and Exchange students will meet with an Advising Dean to review the orientation schedule and address your initial questions. This session will also be a great opportunity to connect with other visiting and exchange students before you get too busy with the upcoming sessions, events and festivities!
Tuesday, August 27, 2013

**TVC FAMILY FAREWELL**
2:00–2:30 p.m.
Throughout Campus
Transfer, Visiting, and Combined Plan

Say goodbye to those who accompanied you here and get ready to enjoy college life. But don't forget to reassure your family that there are many forms of keeping in touch.

**LITERATURE HUMANITIES: THE FIRST CLASS**
2:30–4:00 p.m.
Roone Arledge Auditorium, Lerner Hall
CC First-Year

Professor Christia Mercer, chair of Literature Humanities, will give the first lecture of the semester. As your first Core Curriculum class, this lecture on *The Iliad* will be the first step in your intellectual journey at Columbia College. This lecture is required of all **CC first-year students**. Remember to bring your copy of *The Iliad*!

**SEAS MATHEMATICS INFORMATION SESSION AND PLACEMENT EXAM**
2:30-4:00pm
312 Mathematics Building
SEAS First-Year

SEAS students interested in taking mathematics courses should attend this session. The session will provide a brief introduction to course options for new students and discuss the appropriate math courses for certain majors and differences among course levels. Following the information session, students will have the opportunity to take a placement exam. This is open to SEAS students only who do not have Advanced Placement scores.

**TVC COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY TOUR**
3:15–4:15 p.m.
Meet at Sundial on College Walk
Transfer, Visiting, and Combined Plan

Navigating campus can be confusing and overwhelming at first, so don’t miss this opportunity to learn the ins and outs of Barnard and Columbia.
Tuesday, August 27, 2013

**TVC MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS TOUR**
3:15–4:15 p.m.
Meet at Columbia Gates, 116th St. and Broadway
Transfer, Visiting, and Combined Plan

Explore the area around Columbia University with a jaunt around your new home! A current student will introduce you to cheap and delicious local restaurants, the best (and biggest) pizza, and a number of intriguing sites around Morningside Heights. Don’t forget to bring a little money in case all that walking works up an appetite!

**DINNER**
5:00–7:30 p.m.
John Jay Dining Hall
First-Year

**TVC MEET YOUR ORIENTATION LEADER**
5:30–6:30 p.m.
Low Plaza
Transfer, Visiting, and Combined Plan

Come meet your Orientation Leader and other Transfer, Visiting, and Combined Plan students, and head over to the Deans’ Welcome Dinner together.

**TVC DEANS’ WELCOME DINNER**
6:30–8:00 p.m.
Roone Arledge Auditorium, Lerner Hall
Transfer, Visiting, and Combined Plan

Administrators and current student leaders will welcome you to the Columbia community at this welcome dinner.

**RESPONSIBLE COMMUNITY @ COLUMBIA: SESSION 1**
7:00–8:00 p.m.
Your Residence Hall floor. Check with your RA to see which session your floor participates in.
First-Year

RC@C is a peer-facilitated, honest conversation centered on a harm reduction approach to alcohol and other drug use among students at Columbia. The peer facilitators are volunteers with a range of leadership experiences at Columbia, including the Columbia Bartending Agency, Columbia Urban Experience (CUE), Student Councils, athletes, fraternity and sorority members, Stress Busters, and Students for a Sensible Drug Policy.
Tuesday, August 27, 2013

**RESPONSIBLE COMMUNITY @ COLUMBIA: SESSION 2**
8:30–9:30 p.m.
Your Residence Hall floor. Check with your RA to see which session your floor participates in.
First-Year
See above for a description.

**TVC WELCOME TO THE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY**
9:00–11:00 p.m.
Satow and Party Space, Lerner Hall—Combined Planned
Broadway and 555, Lerner Hall—Transfer and Visiting
Transfer, Visiting, and Combined Plan
TVC students can meet Residential Program staff members and take part in a conversation about how you envision your community taking shape throughout the year. Transfer students will have the opportunity to learn where other transfer students live across campus. Combined students will also have the opportunity to learn about the staff and resources to make the transition to Columbia a success.

**COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT**
10:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m.
Check with your RA about meeting location and specific departure time.
All
Continue getting to know members of your community. Together, you determine your destination for the evening as the choice is yours and New York City is your canvas. Explore the neighborhood or another area of the city while beginning to forge friendships and lasting memories.
Wednesday, August 28, 2013

INDIVIDUAL ADVISING SESSIONS
8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
CSA, Lerner Hall 4th Floor
First-Year

Meet with your academic adviser to review your fall semester schedule. Due to the brief time allotment per student, it is recommended that you prepare a desired schedule before your appointment in order to use the time with your Advising Dean most productively. The classes offered are online at www.columbia.edu/cu/bulletin/uwb.

FIRST-YEAR PRE-HEALTH CURRICULUM MEETING
9:00–10:00 a.m.
Roone Arledge Cinema, Lerner Hall
First-Year

Learn how to meet the requirements for medical school and other health professions. All CC and SEAS students considering pre-health programs should attend this meeting.

TVC GROUP ADVISING SESSION
9:00–11:00 a.m.
Broadway Room, Lerner Hall—CC transfer
501, Lerner Hall—SEAS transfer
555, Lerner Hall—Combined Plan
569, Lerner Hall—Visiting

The best way to start the day is with good advice. The morning will start with a mandatory group advising session led by the Advising Deans. Following this, current TVC students will talk about the academic aspects of life at Columbia. This event is mandatory for all TVC students.

BUTLER LIBRARY WELCOME EVENT
10:00–11:00 a.m.
Reference Room 301, Butler Library
All

Welcome to Butler Library, the largest of the 22 libraries at Columbia. Explore this beautiful and historic building, meet our librarians, and hear about the ways you’ll be using our vast collections of books and online resources during your time at Columbia and beyond. Enjoy refreshments while you mingle with library experts who will address anything from how to check out films and graphic novels to the best way to start a research project.
Wednesday, August 28, 2013

COLUMBIA HEALTH: YOUR HEALTHY COMPASS
10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Hartley Courtyard (in front of Hartley Hall), Rain Location: Lerner Hall Ramps
All
Come see and experience all that Columbia Health has to offer! Enjoy interactive activities, resources, and exclusive prizes just for you!

ACADEMIC RESOURCES FAIR
11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Roone Arledge Auditorium, Lerner Hall
All
This fair is your opportunity to navigate the vast academic resources available to you as a Columbia student. Meet faculty representatives from every academic department, program, and advising office. Ask questions, obtain program information and materials, and learn about upcoming academic events. This event is highly recommended.

LANGUAGES RESOURCE FAIR
11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Party Space, Lerner Hall
All
Explore opportunities to learn, or continue your studies in, more than 60 languages. Representatives of the Language Resource Center and all the language departments are available to talk about the range of resources available and fulfilling your foreign language requirement. Don’t miss this vital event in the Party Space next to the Roone Arledge Auditorium.

BRUNCH
11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
John Jay Dining Hall
All

CENTER FOR CAREER EDUCATION INFORMATION SESSION
12:30–1:30 p.m.
301 Pupin Hall
All
The staff of the Center for Career Education (CCE) will review CCE’s many resources and services to identify your interests, explore career options, find internships, and connect with employers and alumni. At this workshop, you will learn essential steps to take as a first-year student to start your career planning and begin your partnership with CCE.
Wednesday, August 28, 2013

FIRST-YEAR PRE-HEALTH CURRICULUM MEETING
2:00–3:00 p.m.
Roone Arledge Cinema, Lerner Hall
First-Year

Learn how to meet the requirements for medical school and other health professions. All CC and SEAS students considering pre-health programs should attend this meeting.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS OFFICE INFORMATION (ISSO) SESSION
2:00–3:30 p.m.
Party Space, Lerner Hall
All

This session is required for all international students enrolled in an undergraduate school at Columbia who hold nonimmigrant status. A staff member from the ISSO will be discussing the rules and regulations attached to holding an F-1 visa in the United States. Topics to be covered include maintaining one’s status, rules for travelling and reentering the U.S., and an overview of eligibility for on- and off-campus employment during the academic year, summers, and following your graduation.

CC MATHEMATICS INFORMATION SESSION
3:30–4:30 p.m.
Roone Arledge Cinema, Lerner Hall
CC Students Only

Students interested in taking calculus should attend this session. The session will provide a brief introduction to course options for new students and discuss the appropriate math courses for certain majors and differences among course levels. For further information about calculus, please consult the appropriate section for your school in the Academic Planning Guide for New Students.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OUTING—TOP OF THE ROCK
3:30–5:45 p.m.
Meet at 116th St. and Broadway
All

Boasting one of the best views of the city skyline, Rockefeller Center is one of the most famous buildings in New York and is located in one of the busiest areas, Midtown Manhattan. The entrance fee to the Rockefeller Center itself will be covered, but tickets are limited and will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis, so make sure to arrive on time (priority will be given to students who did not participate in ISOP). Please remember to bring money for a MetroCard and additional spending money you may need.
Wednesday, August 28, 2013

FINANCIAL AID 101
4:00–5:00 p.m.
Party Space, Lerner Hall
All
The staff of the Financial Aid Office teaches you how to navigate financial issues at Columbia. When will my financial aid disburse to my ebill? What do I need to know about work-study? When do I reapply for financial aid for next year? What happens if my family’s financial circumstances change unexpectedly? Will my financial aid change in future years? The office will explain the roles of different offices/systems that you will interact with: Financial Aid, Student Services, and SSOL. At this workshop, you will learn what questions you should ask and how our office can help you.

OL SIBLING DINNER
6:00–8:00 p.m.
John Jay Dining Hall
All
Before heading over to Community Forum, get to know students from the other undergraduate schools over dinner! Grab your bagged meal and your OL will inform you of the location.

COMMUNITY FORUM
8:00–10:00 p.m.
Low Library Steps (Rain Location: Levien Gymnasium)
All
Wear your Columbia or Barnard gear when we gather for the first time with the new students of BC, CC, GS, and SEAS. We will celebrate our new community and honor the history of Columbia University. Afterward, stay on Low Plaza for a surprise celebration of your arrival at the University.

LATE NIGHT ACTIVITIES
11:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m.
John Jay Lounge, Carman Lounge, and Van Am Quad
All
Come hang out with your new friends in John Jay Lounge, Carman Lounge, or Van Am Quad! We have lots of games and movies for you to enjoy!
Thursday, August 29, 2013

INDIVIDUAL ADVISING SESSIONS
8:00–9:00 a.m.
CSA, Lerner Hall 4th Floor
All

SECURITY FORUM
9:00–10:15 a.m.
Roone Arledge Auditorium, Lerner Hall
All

This event gives students an overview of security, crime prevention programs, and services offered at the University and surrounding areas as outlined by the Department of Public Safety. Come listen to safety tips and recommendations from those who know safety best. There will be plenty of time to ask questions afterward. **This event is mandatory for all students.**

INDIVIDUAL ADVISING SESSIONS
10:15 a.m.–3:15 p.m.
CSA, Lerner Hall 4th Floor
First-Year

FELLOWSHIPS AND STUDY ABROAD INFORMATION
10:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
301 Pupin Hall
All

The Office of Global Programs knows that it is never too early for you to start thinking of ways to enhance your academic life. In the first part of this session, Michael Pippenger, Dean of Undergraduate Global Programs, will explain the ins and outs of the fellowship journey and how to prepare for this rigorous, yet rewarding, process.

For the second part of this session, CC students will remain in 301 Pupin Hall, while SEAS students will move to 329 Pupin Hall. Scott Carpenter, Senior Assistant Dean of Study Abroad, will discuss how CC students can take advantage of a wide range of study abroad opportunities. Leora Brovman, Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Student Affairs and Global Programs, will explain how SEAS students can take advantage of the numerous possibilities for international experience, including study abroad.

THE SCIENCES AT CU
11:00 a.m.–Noon
555, Lerner Hall
All

Curious about the differences between biology, environmental biology, and environmental science? Want to hear more about the programs in physics, chemistry, and astronomy? Wondering about the spheres of the nine science and math departments, including opportunities for research and information on possible careers? “The Sciences at CU” is an opportunity for those considering these programs to learn more about them. All are welcome.
Thursday, August 29, 2013

BRUNCH
11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
John Jay Dining Hall
All

MAPPING YOUR FIRST YEAR WITH HEALTH SERVICES
3:30–6:00 p.m.
Roone Arledge Auditorium, Lerner Hall
First-Year

Take a trek through some of the health issues that first year students may experience. This is your official introduction to Columbia Health and staying healthy in college! It is sure to be an enjoyable experience! Attendance is REQUIRED. Ask your OL for more information.

With a Little Help from My Friends:
A hilarious play about the lives of first-year students trying to hang out, hook-up, and fit in.

Consent 101: This interactive and engaging workshop, facilitated by students, will introduce first-years to Keeping Sex Sexy! Participants will discuss one of the essential factors of healthy sexual/dating interactions, consent. They will identify ways to navigate consent using verbal communication and will discuss how to keep the dialogue going in ways that are clear, specific, fun, and rooted in respect.

DINNER
5:00–8:00 p.m.
John Jay Dining Hall
All

NYC EVENT: VICTORIAN GARDENS
8:00–11:00 p.m.
Enter at 116th St. subway station
All

Join us for an evening at Victorian Gardens, an amusement park housed within Central Park, one of the most famous parks in the world. Experience the excitement of an afterhours ride on the Aeromax, one of 14 exhilarating rides. For those of you who like to dance, there will be a DJ turning it up in addition to a number of other activities to enjoy with your fellow new students in this intimate setting.

Starting out at the 116th St. 1 train station, Orientation Leaders will be stationed along the way to guide you to the event. Remember to bring along money for a MetroCard and any additional food, drinks, or shopping.
Friday, August 30, 2013

**INDIVIDUAL ADVISING SESSIONS**
8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
CSA, Lerner Hall 4th Floor
All

**CLASS REGISTRATION HELP SESSION**
9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Satow Room, Lerner Hall 5th Floor
All
Even with all the classes you can take, registration doesn’t have to be an intimidating process. Get the guidance of current students as they help you with registration on the 5th floor of Lerner Hall.

**BLOOD DRIVE**
10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
College Walk
All
Save a life today! Stop at the New York Blood Center bus on College Walk to donate.

**BRUNCH**
11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
John Jay Dining Hall
All

**GETTING A JOB ON CAMPUS**
Noon–2:00 p.m.
329 Pupin Hall
All
Join the staff of the Center for Career Education (CCE) to learn about the many Columbia resources for finding positions on and off campus, including navigating the LionSHARE job and internship database.

**NATIVE AND INDIGENOUS NEW STUDENT MIXER**
12:30–1:30 p.m.
423 Hamilton Hall
All
New students who self-identify as Native or Indigenous are invited to connect with each other, returning students, and administrators for a light lunch to discuss life at Columbia. Find out about resources, programs, and involvement on campus that are available to you. Hosted by Columbia’s Office of Multicultural Affairs and Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race.
Friday, August 30, 2013

TRANSFER AND COMBINED PLAN PRE-HEALTH CURRICULUM MEETING
2:00–3:00 p.m.
477, Lerner Hall
Transfer, Visiting, and Combined Plan
Learn how to meet the requirements for medical school and health professions. All Combined Plan and Transfer students considering pre-health programs should attend this meeting.

UNDERSTANDING AMERICAN ACADEMIC CULTURE
4:00–5:00 p.m.
555, Lerner Hall
All
Academic life in the United States can sometimes be surprising to international students: open disagreements with professors, eating during class, and very high standards for citations may not be the norm at other institutions abroad. The Office of Judicial Affairs will provide an overview of academic and cultural expectations, as well as discuss important University policies and resources designed to help you succeed.

LGBTQA NEW STUDENT MIXER
4:00–5:30 p.m.
James Room, Barnard Hall 4th Floor
All
New students who self-identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, and allied are invited to join returning students and administrators for a casual snack to discuss LGBTQA life at Barnard and Columbia. Find out about resources, programs, and groups on campus that are available for you!

CC FIRST-YEAR CLASS COUNCIL INFORMATION SESSION
5:00–6:00 p.m.
569, Lerner Hall
CC First-Year
Interested in running for Columbia College’s First-Year Student Council? If so, you must come to this meeting or the one on Saturday to learn about how you can represent the CC Class of 2017! Required for students interested in running for Class Council.

SEAS FIRST-YEAR CLASS COUNCIL INFORMATION SESSION
5:00–6:00 p.m.
568, Lerner Hall
SEAS First-Year
Interested in running for The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science’s First-Year Student Council? If so, you must come to this meeting or the one on Saturday to learn about how you can represent the SEAS Class of 2017! Required for students interested in running for Class Council.
Friday, August 30, 2013

LIVING AT COLUMBIA: AN INTRODUCTION
5:00–6:30 p.m.
555, Lerner Hall
International Student Focused

Living at Columbia is a discussion series organized by International Student Programs and Services. The series is a cross point for upperclassmen and underclassmen to connect and share experiences and advice. This session of Living at Columbia will help you meet even more of your fellow international students, and gain insight into life during the first few weeks of the semester. Come prepared to ask questions!

DINNER
5:00–8:00 p.m.
John Jay Dining Hall
All

TVC SOCIAL OUTING—Peter and the Starcatcher
6:45–10:00 p.m.
Meet at 116th St. and Broadway
Transfer, Visiting, and Combined Plan

Ever wonder where Peter Pan came from? How did Captain Hook get his hook? Come see Peter and the Starcatcher, the prequel to Peter Pan! Join other TVC students for a fantastic off-Broadway musical at about 70 percent off the original price! Limited number of tickets available. Tickets are $34.00 (originally around $99.00) and will be on sale, first-come, first-served at the Barnard Student Life Office located in the Diana Center starting Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. *This is for TVC students only.

SHABBAT DINNER
8:15–10:00 p.m.
Lobby of the Diana Center, Barnard College
All

Enjoy a free Shabbat dinner with your fellow students! Everyone is welcome at this communitywide event, but make sure to sign up at http://bit.ly/jellodinner2013 by noon on Thursday. For up-to-date information and sign-up details, go to www.hillel.columbia.edu or call Columbia/Barnard Hillel at 212-854-5111.

OPEN MIC NIGHT
9:00–11:30 p.m.
Roone Arledge Auditorium, Lerner Hall
All

From dancing to playing the ukulele to reciting poetry, the new students are a talented bunch. Sip some coffee, soak in the atmosphere, and don’t be afraid to share your own talent! Sign-ups will be at the door on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 31, 2013

BRUNCH
11:00–2:00 p.m.
John Jay Dining Hall
All

NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR—EAST VILLAGE
11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Meet at the Barnard Gates, 117th St. and Broadway
All
In the early 1960s, the East Village became a mecca for artists, musicians, and hippies in New York City. Now, numerous art venues, cultural hot spots, and restaurants call this neighborhood home. Visit historic St. Mark’s Place, Alphabet City, and Union Square. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food.

NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR—DOWNTOWN/FINANCIAL DISTRICT
11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Meet at the Columbia Gates, 116th St. and Broadway
All
Lower Manhattan is a historically famous area of NYC. Spanning the South Street Seaport to the Financial District to Battery Park, a trip downtown is worth the trek. Along the way, check out famous sites like Stone Street and Trinity Church, Columbia’s first home in 1754. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food.

NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR—BROOKLYN BRIDGE
11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Meet at the Sundial on College Walk
All
Take in the Manhattan and Brooklyn skylines while strolling across one of the world’s most well-known bridges. After crossing into Brooklyn, enjoy a slice of New York’s famous brick oven pizza as well as homemade ice cream at the Brooklyn Ice Cream Factory. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food.

NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR—PARK SLOPE
11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Meet at Alma Mater on Low Library Steps
All
Looking to explore a different borough? Head out to Brooklyn and visit Park Slope, where you can find historic buildings, hip restaurants, and trendy shops. In this area, you’ll discover the Montauk Club, the Squad 1 Firehouse, Montgomery Place, Prospect Park, and more. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food.
Saturday, August 31, 2013

NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR—MUSEUM OF MODERN ART
Noon–3:00 p.m.
Meet at Alma Mater on Low Library Steps
All

Picasso. Van Gogh. Warhol. Pollock. See the works of these revolutionary artists and many others at The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA). Admission to the museum is free with your CUID and remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food.

TVC SOCIAL OUTING—SPiN GALACTIC
Noon–3:00 p.m.
Meet at 116th St. and Broadway
Transfer, Visiting, and Combined Plan

Join fellow TVC students for an afternoon of sports, snacks, and entertainment at SPiN Galactic, a glow-in-the-dark ping-pong social club.

GREEN SPACES AND GREEN DESIGN TOUR
1:30–3:00 p.m.
Meet at the Sundial on College Walk
All

Interested in urban agriculture, green design, and sustainability? Luckily, in a city like New York, innovations are happening all around us! Join the EcoReps for a walk through Midtown, where we will tour an urban farm in Hell's Kitchen, walk through several cutting-edge LEED-certified buildings, and finish up in Bryant Park. Along the way, we’ll discuss the role of sustainability in NYC, examine current developments in green design, and consider how best to get involved in the sustainability movement during your time at Columbia and Barnard. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food!

CC FIRST-YEAR CLASS COUNCIL INFORMATION SESSION
3:00–4:00 p.m.
569, Lerner Hall
CC First-Year

Interested in running for Columbia College’s First-Year Student Council? If so, you must come to this meeting to learn about how you can represent the CC Class of 2017! Required for students interested in running for Class Council.

SEAS FIRST-YEAR CLASS COUNCIL INFORMATION SESSION
3:00–4:00 p.m.
568, Lerner Hall
SEAS First-Year

Interested in running for the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science’s First-Year Student Council? If so, you must come to this meeting to learn about how you can represent the SEAS Class of 2017! Required for students interested in running for Class Council.
Saturday, August 31, 2013

**CHILLIN’ AND GRILLIN’ WITH GREEK LIFE**

5:00–7:00 p.m.  
Pupin Plaza  
All  

Enjoy music, games, and light refreshments while getting to know members of Columbia and Barnard’s rapidly growing Greek community. With nearly 30 member organizations, Greek Life represents a diverse group of men and women striving for a holistic social experience and a different type of connection to the campus community. Each member organization of the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), Panhellenic Association, and Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) has its own traditions and events, but all are connected in scholarship, leadership, service and sisterhood/brotherhood. Come and hang out with the Columbia Greeks!

**DINNER**

5:00–8:00 p.m.  
John Jay Dining Hall  
All  

**LATE NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT**

9:00–10:00 p.m.  
Roone Auditorium, Lerner Hall  
All  

It’s your first Saturday on campus, so what should you do? Come to Roone Auditorium for a live performance. We can’t say what it is because it’s a surprise, but we guarantee a good time and maybe a few laughs!

**LATE NIGHT MOVIE**

11:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m.  
Cinema, Lerner Hall  
All  

Do you like movies? Who doesn’t! Then join your new friends as you sit back, relax, and enjoy the show!
Sunday, September 1, 2013

MEET AND GREET
9:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
Various floors, Lerner Hall: 572, 573, 501, 502, 503, Broadway, East Ramp Lounge, Satow Conference Room, 477, Party/Performance Space, Ramp Tables 1–9, 555, 568, 569, Roone Arledge, West Ramp Lounge
All

Looking to explore the University community? Come talk to many of the clubs and organizations that contribute to our vibrant student life! Check out the Orientation websites www.studentaffairs.columbia.edu/orientation and http://barnard.edu/studentlife/activities/nsop for an updated list of clubs and organizations participating in this event. There will be an information table at each entrance to Lerner if you have any questions or need directions. There will also be maps available on each floor.

BRUNCH
11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
John Jay Dining Hall
All

NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR—WEST VILLAGE
11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Meet at the Columbia Gates, 116th St. and Broadway
All

The West Village is considered the heart of the art community on the West Side. Trendy galleries, chic boutiques, and cool nightclubs attract people of all backgrounds to the area. Your guide will show you the narrowest house in New York City, introduce you to Magnolia Bakery’s cupcakes, and show you the famous Stonewall Inn, among other historical sights. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food.

NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR—NEW MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART
11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Meet at the Sundial on College Walk
All

Considered the only museum in New York City that focuses solely on contemporary art from around the world, the New Museum brings the works of undiscovered artists to light in a building that is itself a work of art. Visit the current exhibit of Erika Vogt’s Stranger Debris Roll Roll Roll. Vogt uses a range of media and techniques in order to explore the mutability of images and objects. Within her installations, she fuses elements of sculpture, drawing, video, and photography to produce multilayered image spaces. Admission to the museum is $10 with your CUID. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food.
Sunday, September 1, 2013

NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR—BRONX ZOO
11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Meet at Columbia Gates, 116th St. and Broadway
All

Come to the Bronx Zoo, one of the most famous zoos in the world, and venture out on a safari through the forest-like landscape and see the exotic animals. Visit exciting exhibits such as the Butterfly Garden, Mouse House, and World of Reptiles. Make sure you bring $17 for admission and money for a MetroCard and food.

NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR—HIGH LINE/MEATPACKING DISTRICT
11:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Meet at the Sundial on College Walk
All

Originally built to facilitate the movement of dangerous freight trains across Manhattan, the High Line railway was fully operational from 1934 to 1980. Recently renovated for use as a public park, the High Line first opened to the public in June 2009. Discover this innovative urban park and take advantage of the fantastic, elevated views of New York’s famous Meatpacking District, the former home of the city’s slaughterhouses and packing plants. The area is now a fashionable place to live, full of trendy shops, striking architecture, and hip restaurants. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and shopping.

NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR—HARLEM
Noon–2:00 p.m.
Meet at the Barnard Gates, 117th St. and Broadway
All

Take this chance to explore Harlem, a rich and vibrant Manhattan neighborhood famous for jazz music and soul food. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food.

NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR—THE CLOISTERS
Noon–3:00 p.m.
Meet at the Columbia Gates, 116th St. and Broadway
All

Located atop a hill overlooking the Hudson River, The Cloisters Museum includes art and architecture from medieval Europe. Stroll through the lush garden and stop to enjoy a scenic view of the New Jersey Palisades, a line of steep cliffs above the water. Admission to the museum is free with your CUID. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food. Note: This tour is not fully wheelchair accessible.
Sunday, September 1, 2013

NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR—AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
Noon–3:00 p.m.
Meet at the Sundial on College Walk
All

Whatever your interests, from dinosaurs to outer space, a trip to the American Museum of Natural History will expand your knowledge. The current president of the museum is Ellen V. Futter, former president of Barnard College. The suggested donation to the museum is $14.50 with your CUID. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food.

NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR—METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART
Noon–4:00 p.m.
Meet at Alma Mater on Low Library Steps
All

Explore the masterpieces of the Metropolitan Museum of Art (the Met) with your fellow new students. This highly acclaimed museum has an array of sculptures, paintings, and other art forms from artists around the world. Entrance to the Metropolitan Museum of Art is free with your CUID! Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food.

LOCAL FARMER’S MARKETS AND THRIFT SHOPS TOUR
1:30–3:00 p.m.
Meet at the Sundial on College Walk
All

The Union Square Farmer’s Market is New York City’s biggest and most iconic greenmarket, and for any student interested in local and sustainable food choices, visiting it is a must! Come explore the market with the EcoReps, on a tour that will also include visiting the Strand Book Store, which boasts a selection of books 18 miles long—new and used—and East Village Thrift Shop. On the tour, we’ll discuss and explore ways to be green in your purchases, whether that means supporting local agriculture or buying a used textbook. Be sure to bring money for the subway ride and for any food, used books, or thrift shop finds you might come back with!

DINNER
5:00–8:00 p.m.
John Jay Dining Hall
All

PERFORMANCE SHOWCASE
8:30–11:30 p.m.
Roone Arledge Auditorium, Lerner Hall
All

Check out our gifted University community and enjoy a taste of the performing arts at Columbia. Come see the various groups that entertain and inspire us throughout the school year with singing, dancing, acting, and more.
Monday, September 2, 2013

NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR—CENTRAL PARK
10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Meet at the Barnard Gates, 117th St. and Broadway
All

Enjoy one of the most open spaces of New York City. Visit the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Reservoir, the Delacorte Theater, Belvedere Castle, and Strawberry Fields. Thousands of New Yorkers run, walk, and bike in Central Park every day, and now you can, too! Remember to wear comfortable shoes and bring money for a MetroCard.

NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR—5TH AVE./ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Meet at the Barnard Gates, 117th St. and Broadway
All

Take a stroll through one of the most famous shopping districts in the world. Here you can check out the latest New York fashions, glamorous window displays, and Rockefeller Center. You might even see a celebrity or two walking along the avenue! Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food.

NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR—CHINATOWN/LITTLE ITALY
11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Meet at the Sundial on College Walk
All

Visit two of New York City’s most culturally rich neighborhoods. Explore the abundance of restaurants, shops, and outdoor market stalls at one of the largest Chinatowns in the United States. Next to Chinatown is New York’s famous Little Italy on Mulberry Street. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food.

NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR—MIDTOWN
11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Meet at Alma Mater on Low Steps
All

Want to see where the ball drops every New Year’s Eve or find out how to score cheap theater tickets? The Midtown neighborhood tour will lead you on a trek through the hustle and bustle of Times Square, through the Theater District, past Bryant Park, and over to Grand Central Station. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food.

BRUNCH
11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
John Jay Dining Hall
All
Monday, September 2, 2013

NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR—SOHO
11:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
Meet at the Columbia Gates, 116th St. and Broadway
All

Formerly the Cast Iron District, short for “South of Houston Street” (pronounced “How-ston”), but known simply as SoHo, this neighborhood is one of New York’s largest hubs for shopping and one of Manhattan’s trendiest spots. Please remember to bring money for a MetroCard and additional spending money you may need.

NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR—STATEN ISLAND
11:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Meet at the Sundial on College Walk
All

Care to glimpse the Statue of Liberty, Brooklyn Bridge, and Ellis Island all in one trip? Take a ride in New York Harbor on the Staten Island Ferry! Once on Staten Island, you can explore the neighborhood of St. George. Ferry admission to the island is free. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard.

THE ECOREPS GREEN TOUR
1:30–3:00 p.m.
Meet at the Sundial on College Walk
All

Interested in sustainability right here on campus? Join the EcoReps for a tour of Columbia and Barnard’s most sustainable and energy-efficient new buildings. Visit our fabulous new composters that will eat all your food scraps, visit our local garden, and learn about all of the sustainability initiatives on campus. There are many green features at Columbia and Barnard—learn how to take advantage of all of them!

DINNER
5:00–8:00 p.m.
John Jay Dining Hall
All

WELCOME TO JJ’S PLACE
8:00–10:00 p.m.
JJ’s Place
All

The newly-renovated JJ’s Place opens up on Labor Day to introduce you to your new late night hangout. Spend the last night before classes treating yourself to free Jamba Juice, burgers, salads, paninis, and more.