



August 3, 2011

Dear Cornell Parent:

On behalf of the faculty and staff, we welcome you and your daughter or son to the Cornell community. We look forward to their full engagement in the extraordinary educational opportunities available at Cornell. New Student Orientation is quickly approaching and we want to share helpful information to assist with your student's move-in and your visit to the Hilltop.

We have created an Online New Student Guide (www.cornellcollege.edu/nso) and we encourage students and parents to be familiar with the information on this site. Before arriving on campus, your Cornell student is required to complete several tasks online including taking the appropriate placement exams, completing the Alcohol EDU online program, and signing-up for an orientation Blockbuster. All of this is on their personal checklist (linked from the NSO website) and will need to be completed **by August 25, 2011**.

On **Tuesday, August 30, 2011**, there are two main tasks to accomplish in the morning: move-in and the "validation" process. Validation allows students to complete all remaining paperwork and have their college IDs made in one place. Note: If your student will be employed on campus, be sure she or he brings a photo ID and original birth certificate, social security card, or passport to complete work study paperwork.

To help reduce your wait times for move-in and validation, we have divided students into two groups:

- Students with last names A – M will go through validation first and then check in to the residence halls
- Students with last names N – Z will check in to the residence halls first and then go through validation

Please follow this format. Both processes are open from 8:30am until 12 noon. There will be assistance with moving things in and numerous signs around campus to help direct you to the right places. The attached parking map shows the best parking lot and entrance to campus to use, based on the student's residence hall assignment.

Finally, the afternoon is filled opportunities for parents to meet and hear from college leaders and faculty. The Parent Orientation sessions with administrators occur from 1-3pm, followed by academic advising sessions with faculty, then new student convocation featuring President Jonathan Brand. This is an outdoor event that lasts only about 20 minutes. The entire schedule for the day can be found at <http://www.cornellcollege.edu/nso/nso-schedule/index.shtml>

There is so much to be excited about! We encourage you to be an active part of your student's collegiate experience and we will make information available to you via the Parent's webpage and a Parent's Newsletter sent to you via email to you. If you have not already shared your preferred email address with Cornell, please do so at <http://www.cornellcollege.edu/parents-gateway/enews/index.shtml>.

We look forward to August 30th and getting to know you over the next four years!

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