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The first-year student guide
to evoluLution, Orientation and more
WHAT IS EVOLUTION?
evolution is your first-year experience at Lehigh. Your evolution is a gradual process in which you change into a more complex individual. We challenge you to embrace the vast array of ideas and experiences your fellow Lehigh students will have to offer, try new things, step out of your comfort zone, and evolve into a better you!

During evolution, we will focus your growth around Lehigh’s three Core Developmental Competencies:

- **Intellectual Development**—Exploring not only how you learn best, but also developing an appreciation for life-long learning.
- **Individual Identity Development**—Exploring and understanding your personal attitudes, beliefs, and feelings about yourself and answering the classic question “Who Am I?”
- **Interpersonal Development, Equity, Community, and Global Engagement**—Understanding who you are in relationship to others and how to evaluate the relationships you develop with your new community of students, faculty and staff. Developing a sense of personal responsibility for promoting the growth of the larger community and recognizing how your individual contributions can impact it.

We know you have a lot on your mind as you prepare to start your college career, so we aim to provide you with the information that will make this a smooth transition. In this brochure, we have listed the three main components of evolution and the necessary information you need to be prepared for your Lehigh experience.

- Phase 1: Pre-Arrival & Prelusion
- Phase 2: Orientation
- Phase 3: evolution Seminar & Beyond
PHASE 1: PRE-ARRIVAL & PRELUSION

Orientation, an intense four-day program filled with events and activities geared towards preparing you for success at Lehigh, will kick-off your evoLUtion experience. To prepare for your arrival on Thursday, August 23, 2012, be sure to complete the following steps:

**STEP 1** Open your Lehigh Account
All new students need to open their Lehigh computing account using their Lehigh Identification Number (LIN) and Personal Identification Number (PIN) which are listed on your acceptance letter. Once you open your account, you will be given a username which is three letters and three numbers (example, abc123). You need this username to log onto the campus portal. To open your account, go to www.lehigh.edu/open.

**STEP 2** Go to the Campus Portal
The Campus Portal provides updated information, University resources, and a checklist of things to do before you arrive, such as signing your housing agreement. A tab on the portal named evoLUtion:1 will be available beginning on Thursday, May 10. Students will be sent an email to their Lehigh account when the evoLUtion:1 tab goes live. Be sure to log into the portal often at http://portal.lehigh.edu. Side from getting updated information you will be able to check your campus email, where all your official Lehigh communications will be sent. As you read through this booklet you will notice that the portal is referenced quite often, so be sure to log in! If you don’t remember your Lehigh email and password to log in, please contact the Help Desk at 610-758-HELP (4357).

On Wednesday, August 1 the evoLUtion:2 tab will become your default portal tab. This tab provides you with information on arriving in August, moving into your residence hall and more details about Orientation.

**STEP 3** Request Courses
Your academic journey at Lehigh begins now! In this mailing, you will find your college-specific Course Request Packet, which provides information on how to request classes for your college. Be sure to read through all of the materials before starting the Course Request process, which will be held June 6-20.

During the Course Request process, you will be asked to identify courses that you would like to take without having to select specific times or professors. In the summer, we will create a schedule that takes into account your college requirements and your requests. You will receive your final course schedule when you arrive for Orientation. If you have any questions during the Course Request process, please contact your college of enrollment (contacts listed on your “Course Info” sheet).

Your first chance to make changes to your schedule will be on Friday, August 24 when you meet your academic advisor. As for your textbooks, don’t worry; you will have plenty of time to buy your books when you arrive and know your official schedule! To review the Lehigh course catalog, go to www4.lehigh.edu/academics/catalog.

"Orientation made my adjustment to college life so much easier and more exciting. It allowed me to meet new people, to become acquainted with life at Lehigh, and to truly feel welcomed into the Lehigh family."
STEP 4: Complete AlcoholEdu
Every first-year student at Lehigh is expected to complete AlcoholEdu for College, an online alcohol-abuse prevention program. AlcoholEdu for College will empower you to make well-informed decisions about alcohol and other related issues. More information and a link to the program are available on the Campus Portal.

STEP 5: Apply for your Student ID
Your ID card identifies you as a member of the Lehigh University community and is used for access to your residence hall, academic buildings, your meal plan and GoldPLUS account. You must submit your ID application online. Please be sure to log into the Campus Portal, and follow the instructions on the evolution tab, so you will have your ID card when you arrive for Orientation.

STEP 6: Register for Prelusion (optional)
Prelusion is a great way to make new friends and get involved before classes begin! More information about these amazing opportunities is available in the Prelusion publication in this folder. Students can register for Prelusion on the Campus Portal.

STEP 7: Apply for the Global Citizenship Program! (optional)
GCP is a certificate program that focuses on social and ethical responsibility and service in the global arena. Students participate in a series of academic and co-curricular opportunities such as classes, community service, day-trips to the United Nations, and more. During the sophomore year winter break, students attend a 10-12 day group study abroad experience that is nearly fully subsidized by a Lehigh-sponsored scholarship. Students are also able to participate in an individual study abroad experience at their own expense.

The program is cross-college, multi-disciplinary, and compatible with any major or minor. Only 22-25 students are admitted each year. A separate application is required to participate in the program, and the application deadline is June 1, 2012. For more information and to apply, visit the evolution tab.

STEP 8: Run for the Class of 2016 Officer Board! (optional)
Jum pstart your Lehigh involvement by running for the Class of 2016 Officer Board! If you want to represent your class, plan events to unite your friends and raise money, and get the chance to meet alumni then apply to be a Class Officer candidate today! Elections for the Class of 2016 Officers will take place during Orientation, but applications are due August 2, 2012. For more information and the application, visit the evolution tab.
PHASE 2: ORIENTATION

STEP 9 Move-In
First-year students move-in on Thursday, August 23, 2012 from 8:30–1:00 p.m. Move-in is a two-part process. First, you will check-in for Orientation at Iacocca Hall on the Mountaintop Campus. Here you will receive your Orientation information and directions to your residence hall. To make the move-in process run smoothly each residence hall will have specific directions to take you down the mountain to unload your belongings. You must check-in for Orientation first in order to receive your residence hall keys. Specific directions to Iacocca Hall for Orientation check-in will be available in August under the evoLUtion:2 portal tab.

STEP 10 Attend Orientation
Orientation begins on Thursday, August 23, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. This program not only focuses on preparing you for the academic rigor you will encounter at Lehigh, but also assists you in becoming socially integrated into the community by helping you get involved and make new friends. Your four days of Orientation are very busy, so we encourage your families to head home on Thursday after the family orientation sessions end.

Also during Orientation, you will get information on how to get your free copy of Microsoft Office and Windows 7 Ultimate operating system upgrade on your personally owned computer.

Orientation Events
So what happens during Orientation? LOT'S! During Orientation you will be assigned to a small group led by one of our 70 upper-class student Orientation Leaders (OLs) who are trained to help answer all your questions and guide you through Orientation. You can meet the OLs at www.lehigh.edu/~infys. The OLs will lead discussions on the transition from high school to college and provide you with information on various campus resources. Your college convocation will introduce you to Lehigh academics. You will meet your academic advisor and attend the Lehigh Symposium, where you will be able to explore an engaging topic presented by a faculty or staff member. When the day ends, the social events begin! Each night of Orientation has something exciting in store for you including mentalist Craig Karges, the First-Year Rally and the Lehigh Carnival. A detailed Orientation schedule will be available on the evoLUtion:2 tab in August or by visiting the OPYE website.

International students and US citizens living abroad: You are expected to attend the International Student Orientation which begins on Wednesday, August 22. This orientation program is designed to help you learn about your immigration responsibilities, campus resources and services that are available to you, and to hear the tips and stories from current international students. More information on the orientation date and time will be available on the Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS) website at www.lehigh.edu/~intnl/prospective.html.
Being a Lehigh student means you are involved, engaged and an active participant in your learning. One way in which we help foster this engagement is through the evolution Seminar. All first-year students are required to participate in the evolution Seminar, which is led by an Orientation Leader and a faculty or staff member. Your seminar group meets for the first 8 weeks of the semester, during which time you will engage in discussions regarding academic topics, Lehigh’s Core Developmental Competencies and reflect with your peers about your transition to college. This seminar is not a credited course, but your participation is required. If you do not attend all of your sessions, your spring course registration may be delayed.

LU Reading Program
We are entering the 10th year of our LU Reading Program, which was created to engage you in a shared intellectual experience in preparation for the academic rigor here at Lehigh—it also provides a perfect opportunity to interact with fellow students, faculty and staff! Check the Campus Portal for more information on this year’s book selection, The Reluctant Fundamentalist by Mohsin Hamid. When you arrive in the fall, you will meet with your evolution Seminar group and a faculty or staff member to discuss the book, so be sure to read it thoroughly!

Get Published in the Lehigh Review!
Submit your reflection of the Summer Reading Book to the Lehigh Review and your thoughts may be published in the spring! Each year for the past 20, Lehigh University has published The Lehigh Review, an entirely student-produced journal. Each issue contains some of the best scholarly writing by Lehigh undergraduates. This year new students will have the opportunity to write a reflection on the book The Reluctant Fundamentalist and submit it to be part of a First-Year Voices section of the Lehigh Review. More information is available on the evolution:1 portal tab.

The First Six
During the first six weeks of college you will begin to develop new routines, create new social connections and begin to establish your place at Lehigh. We feel it is important to expose you to the multitude of opportunities that exist at Lehigh so you can maximize your experience.

The First Six is a programming series open to all Lehigh students with a specific focus on first-year students and their
connection to Lehigh. All first-year students are expected to attend three programs during the first six weeks of the semester; one program or event that addresses each of the Core Developmental Competencies. Students will have a wide variety of programs to help them make their selections. To kick off The First Six, we offer the Lehigh Symposium on the Friday of Orientation, which addresses the Intellectual Development competency.

GET CONNECTED

Class of 2016 Portal Group

In August you will automatically be enrolled in the Class of 2016 Portal Group to help you stay connected. At this site you can post questions for your peers to answer, see what is happening on campus and find valuable information. The OFYE will update this site often, so be sure to check it out.

Camp Hawk

Camp Hawk is Lehigh’s version of summer camp for first-year students AFTER school has already started. This two-day retreat experience, which takes place in the Pocono Mountains September 21-23, 2012, is held at an authentic summer camp! Students have the chance to play classic camp games, like canoe races and color wars, while making new connections to the Camp counselors and various other upper-class Lehigh students. Camp Hawk is part of a larger off campus experience, the Great Pocono Escape, which includes student leaders from various campus organizations. In total, about 250 students will depart Lehigh for the mountains to build connections and develop their leadership skills.

Registration for Camp Hawk will begin on Thursday, August 23 on the OFYE website. Space is limited and scholarships are available.
ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS

During the summer, we want to answer all of your questions so you are prepared for your transition to Lehigh. We have created three different online resources to help in your preparation.

Friday, June 1: Course Request Videos
Each college will post a video on the evoLUtion:1 portal tab which will help explain the Course Request Process. Be sure to watch the video for your college.

Monday, July 9: Housing webinar
Your housing assignment will be delivered in mid-July. This webinar will provide more information on the residential spaces and policies that may affect your packing!

Wednesday, August 15: Orientation and Move-In (LIVE session at 9:00 p.m. EDT)
This live session will cover Orientation basics and information on move-in day. You will be able to submit questions during the presentation and have them answered instantly! Login information will be sent via your Lehigh email account.

Be sure to check your Lehigh email account often. All official University communication will be sent to that account, including information about the resources listed above.