



DEAR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS,

Congratulations on your exceptional achievement, securing your spot at the esteemed University of Pennsylvania! We are elated to welcome you to the Class of 2027 and are thrilled to have such an extraordinary group of international students joining our vibrant campus community. Wherever you hail from in the world, you bring with you a wealth of cultural diversity and intellectual brilliance, enriching the tapestry of experiences at Penn.

Your journey at Penn promises to be an unforgettable one, steeped in history and tradition, offering unparalleled academic opportunities, and an array of diverse extracurricular activities. Beyond these remarkable facets, it's the moments beyond the classroom that will truly shape your college experience and form cherished memories. Picture yourself taking your SEPTA ride to the heart of Center City, relishing the enchanting sights of Locust Walk bedecked in winter lights, or bonding with your roommates and professors over Thanksgiving dinners and delightful food comas.

Throughout your time here, you'll forge bonds with kindred spirits who will become some of your closest friends—whether it's your first-year hall neighbor or a compassionate senior guiding you through your first year of college. Penn is more than just an academic institution; it is your home away from home. With over 30 international and cultural performing arts groups, you'll find your passions nurtured and talents celebrated within this tight-knit community.

To ensure your safety and comfort, the dedicated team at International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) and other campus administrators stand ready to provide unwavering support. From offering guidance on tax filings to assisting during visa and travel restrictions, their commitment to your well-being is paramount. Moreover, the Assembly of International Students (AIS), a vibrant student-led organization, is devoted to creating a nurturing community for international students like yourself. They orchestrate a wide array of programming, including delightful Philly Walking Tours and the annual Winter Formals, where you can feel a sense of belonging far from your native land.

As you embark on this new chapter, rest assured that we have meticulously designed orientation programs tailored to help you acclimate to campus life, discover invaluable resources, and forge meaningful connections with your fellow international peers.

Your time at Penn will undoubtedly be transformative and rewarding, laying the foundation for a bright and fulfilling future. The entire Penn community eagerly awaits the chance to join you on this thrilling journey. Once again, congratulations, and we eagerly look forward to meeting you during the International Student Orientation!

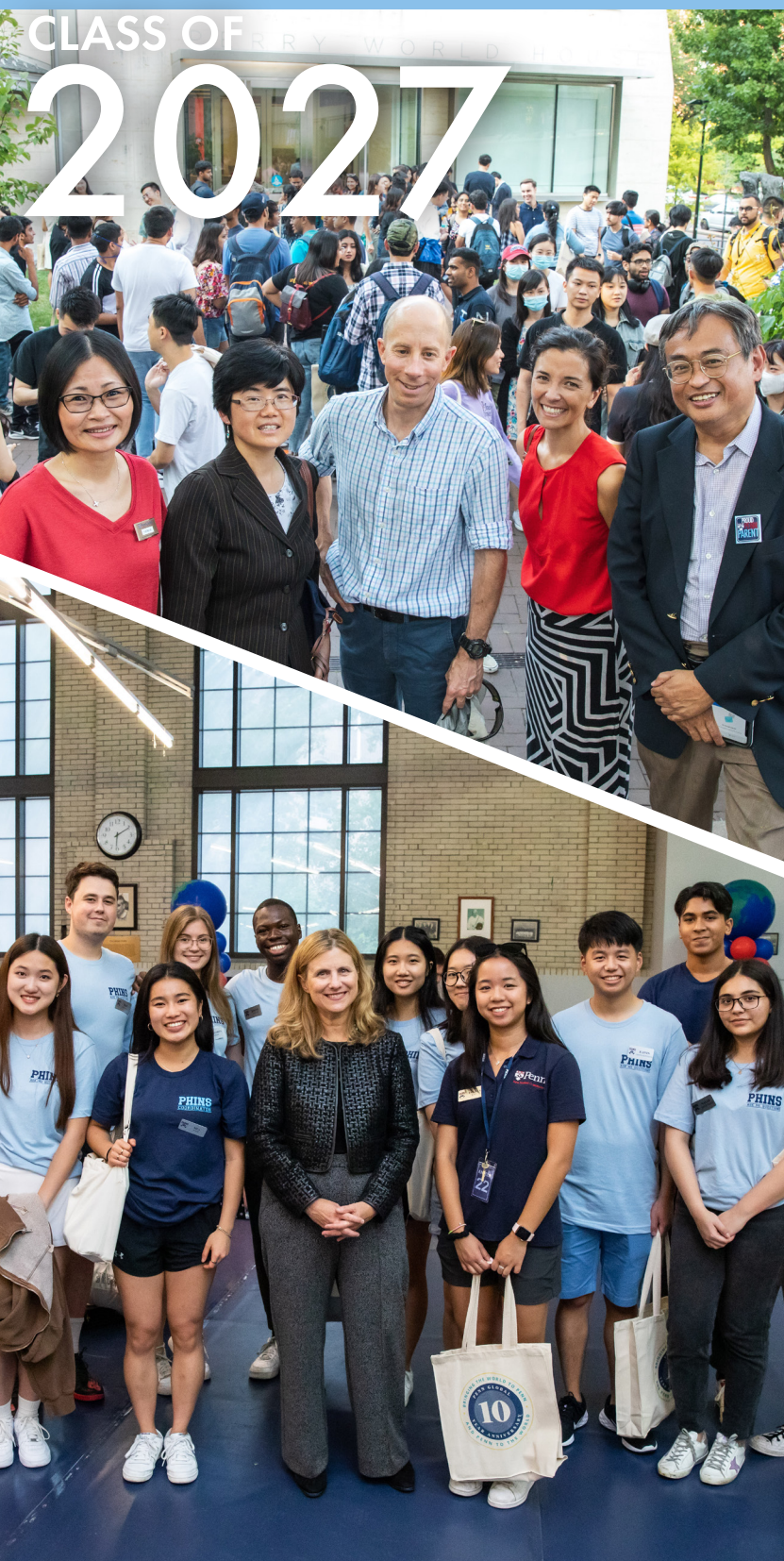
With warm regards,

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INTERNATIONAL

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

9am-11am

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HELP TABLE

Just arrived on campus? Have all your questions answered here at the international student help table! Our PHINS will address any concerns regarding where to go, what to do, and NSO programming.
Location: Houston Hall, Main Lobby

11am-1pm

PENN PARENTS & FAMILIES REFRESHMENT STATION

Meet the Penn Parents Outreach & Development team and PHINS orientation leaders. Enjoy light refreshments as you get your questions answered.
Location: Houston Hall, Reading Room

1pm-4:30pm

ADAPT TO PENN TODAY (APT) WORKSHOPS

These interactive workshops will provide you with helpful tips on how to thrive at Penn in areas such as academics, social and cultural integration, health and well-being, and more.
Location: Perry World House

5:30pm-8:30pm

INTERNATIONAL & EXCHANGE/ IGSP WELCOME PICNIC

Join Penn Global, ISSS, Penn Abroad, and the international Class of 2027 for an outdoor picnic! Free dinner will be provided, and there will be games and other outdoor activities to enjoy.



To complete the required event registration, please scan the QR code above.

Location: Shoemaker Green

8:30pm-10:30pm

MOVIE NIGHT

Spend the evening watching Paul Blart: Mall Cop and chat with friends! Popcorn, candy, and drinks will be provided.
Location: Meyerson B1

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

9am-3pm

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Location: Houston Hall, Main Lobby

9am-5pm

IKEA SHOPPING TRIP

The buses will depart campus every hour beginning at 9:30am and ending at 3:30pm. The buses will leave IKEA every hour beginning at 11am and ending at 5pm.
Bus Location: 37th St between Sansom & Chestnut

10am-12pm

STUDENT MENTOR WELCOME ACTIVITIES

Come meet some international PHINS and get introduced to your fellow international classmates through a series of icebreaker activities!
Location: College Green
Rain Location: Meyerson B1

1pm-5pm

ADAPT TO PENN TODAY (APT) WORKSHOPS CONT.

These interactive workshops will provide you with helpful tips on how to thrive at Penn in areas such as academics, social and cultural integration, health and well-being, and more.
Location: Meyerson B1

1pm-2:30pm

LIFE @ PENN PANEL & CHAT WITH CURRENT STUDENTS

Hear international students talk about things they wish they knew before starting their first year at Penn and engage in an informal chat with student panelists! Afterwards, PHINS escort students to the bus pick-up location for the IKEA shopping trip.
Location: Meyerson B3

8pm-11pm

GAME NIGHT

A night of snacks and fun mocktails where students will be able to eat, drink, mingle, and play classic games in an exciting atmosphere.
Location: Houston Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

9am-3pm

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Location: Houston Hall, Main Lobby

10am-12pm

SCAVENGER HUNT

Get better acquainted with the campus by going on this scavenger hunt! The winning team is rewarded with great prizes!
Location: College Green
Rain Location: Meyerson B1

M 1:30pm-4pm

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INFO SESSION

This mandatory information session will introduce students to staff from International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) and its key immigration services and integration programs. It will also feature members from the Assembly of International Students (AIS) who will talk about life at Penn as an international student. There will be trivia at the end where you could win a prize!
Location: Meyerson B1

TO FIND A CAMPUS MAP,
MEAL TIMES/LOCATIONS,
FAMILY PROGRAMS, AND
OTHER EVENTS, PLEASE REFER
TO THE NSO CALENDAR.

M MANDATORY EVENTS