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## DEAR PENN EXCHANGE AND INTERNATIONAL GUEST STUDENT PROGRAM (IGSP) STUDENTS,

You've come from far and wide—some from different hemispheres, some from the other side of the equator, and some from neighboring lands—but you are now here and you are an integral part of what makes Penn unique. Welcome to the University of Pennsylvania and to New Student Orientation (NSO)!

As an exchange or IGSP student for the semester or academic year, you are a full-time Penn student. This entitles you to take advantage of all the resources that our vast campus offers, including world-class libraries, research opportunities, engaging clubs and societies, tools and resources for learning, expansive health services, sporting events, opportunities to network and learn from top tier faculty and students, and so much more. During NSO and over the coming months, open yourself to new experiences, opinions, and people; this will make your time here memorable and impactful.

We know the journey to get here has been long and, for some, taken many years. Take a moment to pause and reflect on your past. You've proved that with hard work, time management, and dedication, personal and academic success is within reach. While at Penn, keep this in mind, and take advantage of every opportunity you have to learn, grow, and expand your international network. Use your colleagues, faculty, advisors, and resources to the fullest extent, and seek support when needed. Welcome to the vibrant city of Philadelphia; we wish you the best of luck as you begin your time here at Penn!

Sincerely,

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## MONDAY, AUGUST 19

5:30pm-7:30pm

INTERNATIONAL & EXCHANGE/  
IGSP WELCOME PICNIC

Join Penn Global, ISSS, Penn Abroad, and the international Class of 2028 for an outdoor picnic! Free dinner and picnic blankets will be provided, and there will be games and other outdoor activities to enjoy.

Location: Shoemaker Green

Register by scanning the QR code.



8:30pm-10:30pm

## MOVIE NIGHT

Spend the evening watching Ratatouille and chat with friends! Popcorn, candy, and drinks provided.

Location: Meyerson B1

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

9:30am-12:30pm; 1pm-4pm

## IKEA SHOPPING TRIP

Take a bus to IKEA to buy necessities for your room and pick up some freebies! Buses depart campus at 9:30am, 10:30am, 1pm, and 2pm. Students can board the bus back to campus at 11am, 12pm, 2:30pm and 3:30pm.

Bus Location: 37th St between Sansom &amp; Chestnut

7pm-10pm

## ARCADE NIGHT

A night of carnival snacks where students will be able to mingle and play classic and new arcade games in Penn's Student Center. Featuring Penn Traditions Trivia with prizes!

Location: Houston Hall

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

**M** 9:15am-10am

## CHECK-IN

Meet other IGSP and Exchange students. Receive your NSO wristband.

Location: Chem 102 Lobby

**M** 10am-11amEXCHANGE/IGSP  
WELCOME SESSION

Get acquainted with your new university!

Location: Chem 102

**M** 11am-12pmEXCHANGE/IGSP MANDATORY  
ORIENTATION SESSION 1

As part of the Exchange/IGSP Mandatory Orientation Sessions, students will engage in a number of workshops and information sessions hosted by various Penn offices, including Wellness@ Penn, Penn Violence Prevention, Division of Public Safety, International Student and Scholar Services, Weingarten Center, and the Center for Community Standards and Accountability.

Location: Chem 102

**M** 1:30pm-2:30pmEXCHANGE/IGSP MANDATORY  
ORIENTATION SESSION 2

See the description above.

Location: Chem 102

**M** 3pm-4pmCOLLEGE ADVISING SESSION  
(EAP ONLY)

Meet with advisors from your admitting school and learn about advising support and policy at Penn.

Location: Cohen Hall 402

**M** 3pm-4pmNURSING ADVISING  
SESSION (EAP ONLY)

Meet with advisors from your admitting school and learn about advising support and policy at Penn.

Location: Fagin Hall (See EAP/IGSP Schedule for details)

**M** 3pm-4pmWHARTON ADVISING SESSION  
(EAP ONLY)

Meet with advisors from your admitting school and learn about advising support and policy at Penn.

Location: Steinberg Hall-Dietrich Hall 211

**M** 3:30pm-4pmSEAS ADVISING SESSION  
(EAP ONLY)

Meet with advisors from your admitting school and learn about advising support and policy at Penn.

Location: Skirkanich Hall, Greenberg Lounge

4pm-4:45pm

PRESIDENT AND PROVOST'S  
FAMILY WELCOME

Join the Penn president and Provost for their official Welcome to Penn; light refreshments served.

Location: College Green

Rain Location: Irvine Auditorium

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

**M** 10am-11amEXCHANGE/IGSP MANDATORY  
ORIENTATION SESSION 3

See the description on Wednesday.

Location: Chem 102

**M** 11am-11:30amPANEL WITH CURRENT  
PENN STUDENTS

Hear about Penn's campus, social opportunities and student life from current Penn students.

Location: Chem 102

2:30pm-4pm

EXCHANGE/IGSP NEW  
STUDENT POPSICLE SOCIAL

Get to know your fellow exchange and IGSP students during this new student social time.

Location: The Bok Garden behind Fisher-Bennett Hall

4pm-5pm

## CAMPUS TOUR

Get acquainted with campus!

Location: Depart from the Bok Garden behind Fisher-Bennett Hall

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

**M** MANDATORY EVENTS