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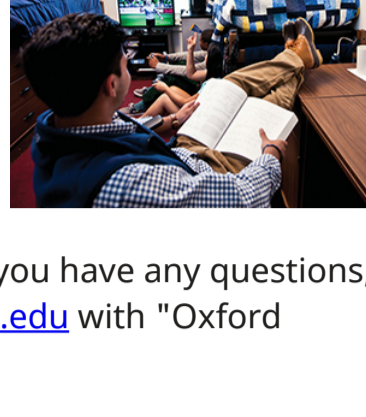
# INCOMING STUDENT,

## It's finally time to soak up the summer!

We've put together another Eagle Update for you and your family that's loaded with important deadlines and critical information in preparation for the fall semester. We've included below the exact information that we also sent to your student; so without further ado, here's what you need to know...

### Did You Know?

- The Department for Accessibility Services (DAS) provides accommodations for students with diagnosed disabilities. Students are responsible for initiating the accommodation request process by self-disclosing their disability directly to the DAS office.



If you are interested in learning more about the Oxford College DAS office and its available resources, please visit the department's [website](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to email DAS at [accessibility@emory.edu](mailto:accessibility@emory.edu) with "Oxford Student" in the subject line.

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Dear Incoming Student,

I'm writing to share information about our planning for the fall semester.

Oxford College has experienced a remarkably strong yield of incoming first-year students, and it looks like we will have an abundance of diverse, talented Oxford students in the fall. Due to this enthusiastic response of incoming students and our typically high retention rate for sophomores, we expect that we will have 75-100 students over our standard fall enrollment.

With that in mind, we have mobilized a multi-faceted plan to support a "super-sized" student body in the classroom, in campus life, and across your residential experience. We are committed to providing an Oxford/Emory-quality student experience in and beyond the classroom without compromise.

In fact, we will be offering additional courses and other opportunities to support all students. Discovery Seminars are an important part of your first-year experience, and the [impressive menu online](#) now includes six more courses. We are hiring additional instructors and other needed staff members. We will take all measures to avoid raising caps on classes beyond the typical kinds of exceptions we make in other years, so that the small-class signature of Oxford is maintained.

This year, we will also need additional housing. We plan to add residential capacity through utilizing modular housing units on campus. These units will provide 86 single rooms with a sink, and bathroom shared with one other student, to our housing inventory. This community will have a large common space and be hosted by an additional Residence Life Coordinator (RLC).

Oxford's Residential Education and Services Office is creating a plan that will offer most of these unique rooms to sophomores, with the possibility that first-year students requesting singles may also be able to live there. This housing option will offer the benefits of a single room along with a variety of amenities and creative programming.

When it comes to dining, Bon Appétit will offer robust menu options across all three campus dining locations: the Dining Hall, Jackson Family Kitchen (in the Student Center), and Opresso (in the Library). Watch for other exciting dining programs and special events!

I hope that this update is helpful to you as you prepare for an exciting fall 2021 and start to your Oxford College career.

Sincerely,

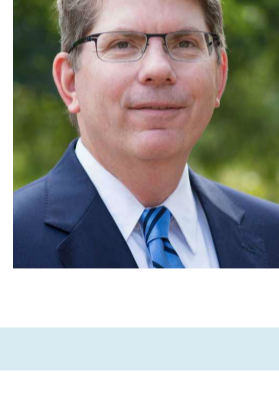
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### What's Next?

- **Discovery Seminar:** Every first-year student will enroll in a Discovery Seminar (DSC 101Q) course as the first step in Oxford's signature general education curriculum focused on Discovery, Exploration, and Reflection. Now is the time to start thinking about your Discovery Seminar for the fall!

The 3-credit Discovery Seminars are offered on a wide range of course topics and allow you to engage in inquiry-based learning with a faculty mentor, who will also serve as your academic adviser, and a small group of other first-year students. See descriptions of the 39 Discovery Seminars and submit your preferences [here](#). Be sure to submit your preference form to rank your top choices of Discovery Seminars by July 15. Students who do not submit their preferences by the July 15 deadline will be randomly assigned to a DSC 101Q course with open seats.

- **Required Health Forms and Health Insurance Waiver:** The required online Health Insurance Waiver is accessible through your [OPUS account](#). Please remember that the deadline to complete your required health forms is July 1. You must complete and upload the documents per instructions on your [Oxford Campus Patient Portal](#) by the deadline.

For more information, please visit the [Student Health Services page](#) of the Welcome Website.

- **Placement Testing:** Oxford College requires entering first-year students to complete placement exams for specific courses. These include First-Year Writing, Foreign Languages, Mathematics, and Chemistry. We want to make sure our students enroll in the right level of instruction to ensure their first year on campus is as successful as possible. The priority deadline for ALL placement exams is August 1. If you intend to enroll in a course that requires placement for Fall 2021, please complete by this deadline.

Please visit the [Placement Testing page](#) of the Welcome Website for more information about these exams, their locations, and how to access them. If you have questions, you can email the Advising Support Center at [oxadvising@emory.edu](mailto:oxadvising@emory.edu).

- **F1 Visas:** Will you be studying at Oxford with an F1 international student visa? If so, you'll need to pay the SEVIS I-901 fee before you can apply for an F1 visa. Learn more about paying the fee on the [U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement website](#). Be sure to attach a copy of the receipt of payment to your I-20 so that you can show proof of payment when you enter the U.S. port of entry.

- **International Student Welcome:** Students who plan to attend the International Student Welcome should complete the online [2021 International Student Welcome Registration Form](#) by July 2. You should also complete the 2021 [International Student Welcome Airport Pick-Up Service Form](#) by July 2 if you plan to use the airport pick-up service to get to Oxford College. Move-in day for students attending ISW is Monday, August 16.

- **Move-in & Orientation:** Move-in day will take place at Oxford on Friday, August 20, and the New Student Orientation program will begin after move-in and continue through August 24.

A detailed schedule for students will be provided later in the summer as gathering plans and guidelines are finalized. We anticipate being able to welcome parents and families to campus for move-in, with limitations on the number of guests who can enter the residential buildings or other campus facilities. New students and families will be provided additional details and protocols regarding Move-in and Orientation Week throughout the summer.

- **Ignite Leadership:** Ignite Leadership is a 4-day pre-orientation program (August 17-20) hosted by Oxford College and Emory College. The program is designed to provide a cohort of incoming first-year students with opportunities to become acclimated to Oxford College, Emory College, and surrounding Atlanta communities.

Through both large and small group presentations and activities, incoming first-year students learn more about what it means to participate in the process of leadership as Emory students. Additionally, participants have the opportunity to build a sense of community and engage with faculty, staff, and student leaders before Orientation begins. All participants are placed into small cohorts led by upper-division student mentors. Through engaging events, activities, and cohort meetings, participants explore ways to engage in involvement and leadership opportunities at Emory.

Click [here](#) for more information, and contact Veronica Roman at [veronica.roman@emory.edu](mailto:veronica.roman@emory.edu) with any questions.

- **Housing:** Don't forget to submit or confirm your roommate requests on your MyHousing page by Monday, June 7. To do this, log in to your [MyHousing account](#), click on the Room and Roommate button on the left side of the page, followed by Select Roommates. From there, change the term to Fall 2021.

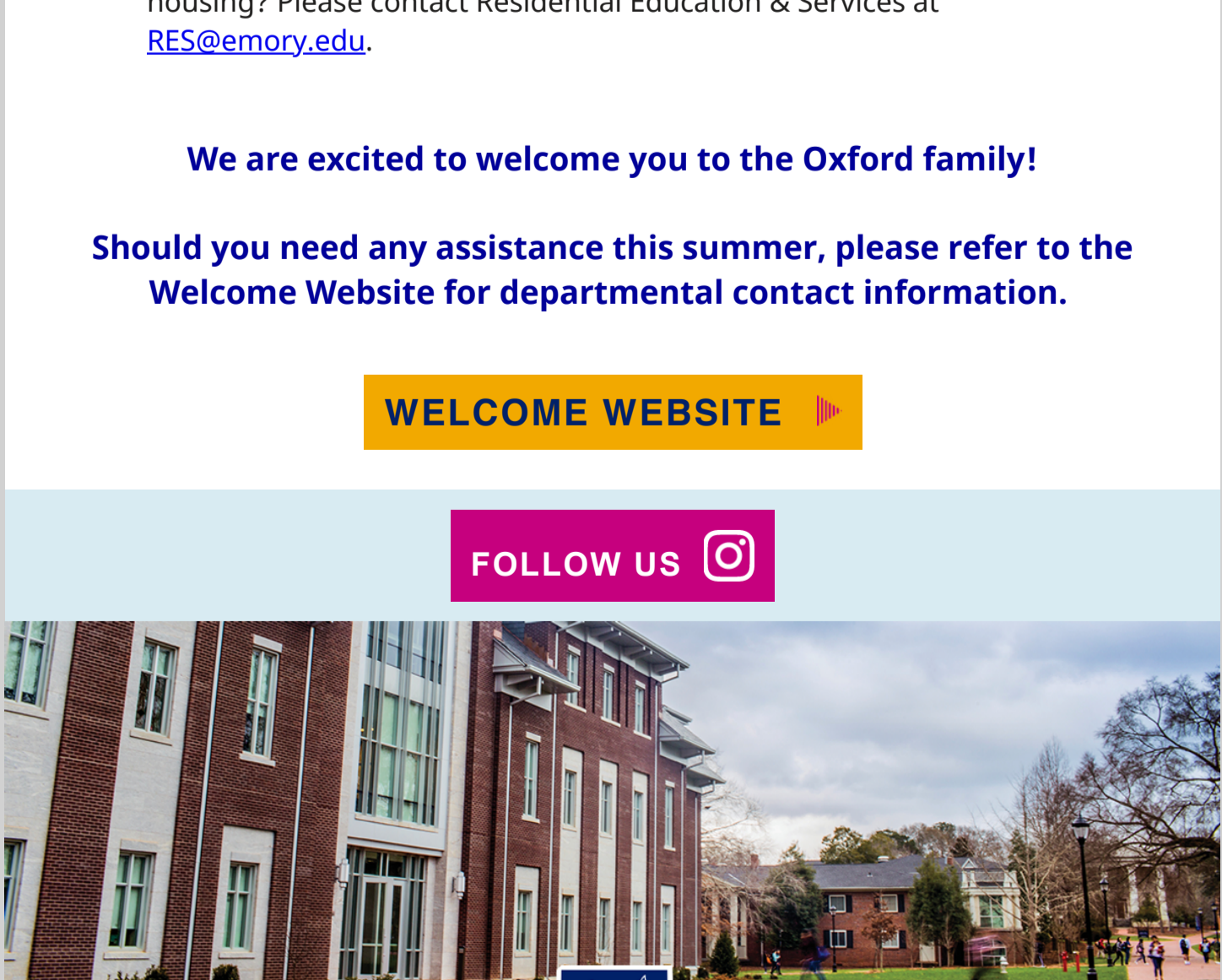
If you do not match with a roommate, we will match you with one based on your responses to the housing application questions. Have questions about housing? Please contact Residential Education & Services at [RES@emory.edu](mailto:RES@emory.edu).

**We are excited to welcome you to the Oxford family!**

**Should you need any assistance this summer, please refer to the Welcome Website for departmental contact information.**

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