



Yale College



Dear Student,

I am delighted to join my colleagues in the Yale College Dean's Office in welcoming you to Yale. We are very excited that you will be coming to campus in the fall and joining our community.

I want to recognize the impact that Covid-19 has had on all of our lives. Many of you are adjusting to significant lifestyle changes and added responsibility. Currently, our university staff is working remotely and adapting to the new normal of our temporary virtual community.

Please be patient with us as we strive to meet both the demands of the current emergency and plan for your arrival. The kindness, patience, and solidarity exhibited by everyone here at Yale during this trying time is a testament to the strong and resilient community you will be joining next fall. We cannot wait to meet you all and welcome you to Yale!

In the months ahead, you will receive many messages that will help you prepare for your transition to college. Whether you are planning your move or thinking about classes, you will soon have more information to guide you. As you will soon learn, help is always available.

Some messages -- including this one -- will require prompt action on your part, particularly those that will come from Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Hannah Peck, and from the Office of Student Affairs. Expect to hear from us regularly over the summer, and please be sure to check your Yale email account since that will be our main form of communication with you.

The first thing you need to do is [activate your Yale NetID](#), which gives you access to all of Yale's network resources. **Please complete the activation on a computer.** The process is not compatible with phones and tablets. Write your NetID in a safe place so you remember it. It may take a few days for your NetID to fully activate through all of Yale's information systems. If you have difficulty activating your NetID, please contact the ITS Help Desk at 203-432-2900 or visit their [website](#) to start a chat or report a problem.

Once your NetID is activated, you may log into [Yale Connect](#) and access the [Class of 2024: Important Dates and Deadlines](#). This list will be your guide to everything you are required to complete over the summer.

On Wednesday, June 24 at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, you can click [HERE](#) to learn your residential college assignment, the names of your suitemates, and your first-year counselor.

Residences open for first-year students at 9 a.m. on Friday, August 28, 2020, and orientation begins that evening. All first-year students are required to attend orientation and be on campus for their first seven days.

We encourage you to consider participating in a [pre-orientation program](#). If you do choose to attend one of these programs, please note you will need to arrive on campus earlier. The application to attend a pre-orientation will open on May 1, 2020 in Yale Connect.

Once the orientation calendar is finalized, a list of orientation events designed for both first-years and their families will be located [here](#), as well as in Yale Connect, for you to share with anyone accompanying you to campus this fall. Currently, the link allows you to view last year's orientation schedule to give you an idea of what to expect. This site and Yale Connect will be updated throughout the summer, so please check them regularly.

I wish you a memorable summer, and our team looks forward to meeting you in August.

With best wishes,

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