



Dear «Chosen_First_Name»,

First off, I want to congratulate you all on completing your first year or semester as a Pitzer student! I have been so encouraged when talking to your New Student Guides, Community Assistants, and faculty about how you persisted academically despite a difficult year nationally and globally.

As the Director of Campus Life, the orientation experience is always one of my favorite Pitzer traditions as we welcome each class of new students into our community. Pitzer's staff and faculty are so excited that we finally get to give you all a proper in-person orientation experience this August, including an Orientation Adventure! Our teams are excited to welcome all of our Pitzer students to campus this fall, but especially to all of you who started virtually during fall 2020 and spring 2021, as first-years and transfers.

Although there is still much to be determined about what the fall semester will look like across Pitzer and the consortium, I look forward to Pitzer being the in-person campus community that you committed to attend over a year ago. Below you will find dates and information about the summer timeline and your in-person transition process. We will continue to be in contact with you throughout the summer with reminders of deadlines, sharing of resources, and program updates.

ORIENTATION INFORMATION

- Information about orientation for our returning students can be found on the [New Student Orientation website](#).
- The full August on-campus orientation schedule and Orientation Adventure details will be announced in July via email, the Orientation website, and an Orientation mobile app.
- Until then, below are important dates to note for this spring and summer:

<p>Wednesday, May 26</p>	<p>Email about how to access your summer to-do list. Some to-do items will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation Adventure (OA) Trip Preference Form • Entrance Personal Health History/Medical Examination Report Form • Pitzer ID Card Photo Submission • COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card Photo Submission • Medical Insurance Waiver • Emergency Contact & Missing Persons Contact Submission • Early Arrival Request Application
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Month of June	Housing Selection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, June 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Individual Selection Times provided ○ Roommate Grouping opens ○ Designate Group Leader ○ Room Explore • Tuesday, June 29: Final Room Selection for Sophomore Year Experience (SYE) Housing • Wednesday, June 30: General Housing Final Room Selection • Opens after room selection, due Sunday, July 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Roommate Conversations & Room Arrangement Application
Thursday, July 1	Deadline to submit most forms online
Friday, July 23	Orientation Adventure assignments announced via email
Sunday, August 22	Move-In Day for returning students participating in Orientation
Monday, August 23 – Sunday, August 29	Returning Student On-Campus Orientation Days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will include two days of Orientation Adventure
Monday, August 30	First Day of Classes

RESIDENCE LIFE & HOUSING

- **General Resources:**
 - Housing information for returning students can be found on the [Fall 2021 Returning Student Housing Information](#)
 - Tuition, fees, room and meal plan rates can be found [here](#)
 - We encourage you to follow [@pzreslife](#) for reminders and information about upcoming housing processes.
 - Let Housing know if you have any questions via email (housing@pitzer.edu), phone (909-607-3900) or by scheduling a [Calendly appointment](#) with us
- **Housing Selection Next Steps:**
 - To assist in planning efforts for Housing Selection, the timeline for the next steps in our Housing Selection process (see above) have been provided. All dates are subject to change.
 - Additionally, we hope to receive more updated fall guidance from LA County in June. This updated guidance should help students know more specifics about what “campus life” may look like this fall. We hope this additional information in June will assist returning students in selecting their roommate groups.
 - Roommate Grouping – begins June 7, 2021
 - Using roommate codes or profile search functions, create groups. Those who have selected SYE Housing should plan for groups of 4 people.

- Groups of 3 people can be made in coordination with the Residence Life office. The fourth space will be filled later by a transfer/exchange/incoming student during the summer by Residence Life.
 - Those students who selected the General Housing process should make groups that match CCA or Mead suite sizes.
 - Each group should designate the Group Leader. The Group Leader is the only student who will need to log on at the designated time for Final Room Selection.
- Individual Selection Times provided – June 7, 2021
 - Each student will have their own individual selection time.
 - The Group Selection Time will be the best individual selection time in the group.
- Room Explore – begins June 7, 2021
 - Students can see the Suites available for selection. Group size must exactly fit the amounts of beds available within a suite.
 - Exact fit suites will be highlighted in blue.
- Room Selection – June 29/30, 2021
 - When the Group Selection Time arrives, the Group Leader will select the suite and place their group members in each space.
- Roommate Conversation and Room Arrangement Application – due July 11
 - Want your bed lofted? Who is bringing the TV? Coordinate with your new roommate to complete this optional, but helpful, form.
- **Move-In Information:**
 - Returning students who will be participating in Returning Student Orientation will move in on Sunday, August 22, 2021 during the times associated with the first letter of their last name. Each student may have up to two (2) persons assist with move-in. Students may arrive with their helpers anytime during their 2-hour move-in slot.
 - A-F 8:00am – 10:00am
 - G-K 10:00am – 12:00pm (noon)
 - L-R 12:00pm (noon) – 2:00pm
 - S-Z 2:00pm – 4:00pm
 - We encourage everyone to review both the [CDC](#) and [Los Angeles County Department of Public Health \(LACDPH\)](#) guidance on travel. **There are different travel and arrival guidelines for those who are, or are not, vaccinated.**
 - As a reminder, **we highly encourage you to explore flexible travel arrangements** as there are many factors that could affect your arrival plans such as an increase in COVID-19 cases in other countries or other local areas leading to changes in CDC/LACDPH travel guidance.
 - More information related to move-in day will be provided at a later time.
- **Early Arrival to Campus Housing:**

- Student athletes, some students in special programs, and students arriving via international travel who still need to be vaccinated may need to arrive to campus early. These students should communicate with their supervisor/advisor/coach for more information.
- All early arrival students must complete an Early Arrival Application on Residence for an approved move-in date - *due 7/1*
- **International Students:**
 - All international students should be in contact with [Todd Sasaki, Director of International Programs](#) for informed advice on your arrival date and support. Your arrival date will depend on a variety of factors, including: campus orientation schedules, visa considerations, international travel considerations, vaccination status, and potential 7-10 day self-quarantine upon arrival.
- **Housing Insecurity Support:**
 - If you have any additional housing support needs outside of our regular housing dates (i.e., early arrival or winter break housing needs) please reach out to us at housing@pitzer.edu.

DINING HALLS AND MEAL PLANS

- Pitzer students will not have access to the other Claremont Colleges' eateries (and conversely, other Claremont Colleges students will not have access to Pitzer's eateries).
- Pitzer's McConnell Dining Hall, the Pit Stop Cafe and the Shakedown Café will be open for served or grab-and-go food, with options for students with dietary restrictions; extended hours will be offered.
- Only outdoor eating will be available, with additional outdoor furniture provided in several locations across campus and near campus eateries.

PARKING

Students living in the residence halls are not permitted to bring vehicles to campus during their first two years at Pitzer due to limited parking availability. First- and second-year students may petition for exceptions to this policy via this [online form](#). The Transportation Coordinator and the Office of Student Affairs consider exceptions on a case-by-case basis. Please note that an exception may be made on a temporary basis and that an exception one year does not apply to following years.

OTHER FALL 2021 PLANNING

Many details about the fall semester are yet to be determined, including specific COVID-19-related health and safety measures on campus (i.e., social distancing, face coverings, guests, gatherings, etc.). We will work closely with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) this summer and will provide updates to the community as they become available. We encourage students to stay tuned to their email for updates. As always, we appreciate your patience throughout the process.

COMMUNICATION & NEXT STEPS

The Pitzer Orientation team and other campus offices will be sending communications to you throughout the summer. We encourage you to check your Pitzer email account regularly to stay up to date. Be sure to follow [@pz_orientation](#) on Instagram as well, since we will continue to post regularly throughout the summer about both New Student Orientation as well as Returning Student Orientation.

We look forward to getting to meet you finally in person this August and helping you as you make your physical transition to Pitzer! Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Pitzer Orientation team via email at orientation@pitzer.edu if you have any questions.
Sincerely,

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