

WELCOME, CLASS OF 2020!

FROM THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

Hello Class of 2020!

On behalf of the Student Body I would like to officially welcome you to Muhlenberg College! With the amount of upperclassmen that have already joined your Facebook group, I am sure you can tell how excited we are to meet all of you. If you are anything like I was entering college, you're feeling a lot of different emotions right now. Coming into my freshman year I was just as excited and nervous as you are. As cheesy as it sounds, believe me when I say that you're not alone. When I arrived on campus I was surprised by the amount of people that were there to make me feel comfortable. I expected the effort from the faculty and staff, but I had no idea how invested other students would be in making Muhlenberg into my second home. You are all now members of this strong community and I'm excited to see what each of you will bring to it. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions you have over the next few months. I can't wait to meet you all in August and I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer!



Christian Balodis
Student Body President

FROM THE DEAN OF ACADEMIC LIFE



Welcome to Muhlenberg! Your first semester on campus will be my first as Dean of Academics. Like me, I imagine that you are both excited and a bit anxious about the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. These feelings are normal. You will get settled in quicker than you think. Since I have taught in the Chemistry department for 21 years (everything from General Chemistry to Laser Chemistry) before taking over as Dean, allow me to give you three pieces of advice on how to succeed at Muhlenberg. 1) I'm sure you chose Muhlenberg because of its size, reputation for excellence, and you wanted the chance to get to know your professors. Well, surprise! Those are the same reasons that the faculty are here. So, get to know your professors. Find out who has kids of their own in college (or still in diapers), who has a dog (cat, goldfish, pet rock), what's their favorite book (movie, poem, type of music), and what they are passionate about intellectually. Once you get to know them, then it will be easier to talk with them if you have questions about their class. 2) Start studying the first night – even if nothing is due the next day. Getting into a routine of studying every night will be important to your long term success. 3) Figure out what works for you when you study. Do you study in your room, the library, a classroom? Do you study with a group, a partner, or by yourself? The answer is probably all of the above. Try things out and see what works best for you. Finally, remember that balance is important in life. We expect you to work hard, but you should play hard as well. So make time to go for a walk (or the gym), join a club, go see a speaker on campus, or debate with your friends about who should be the next president. I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing you on campus in August!

Bruce Anderson
Dean of Academic Life

FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

I know the summer months are moving quickly and move-in day is just around the corner! My staff and I are excited to welcome you and your family to the Muhlenberg community. During your time at the 'Berg, we look forward to partnering with you to help you make the most of your college experience in and outside the classroom. While you are here, you will be exposed to incredible opportunities for growth and learning, and our hope is that over your four years, you will develop into critical thinkers and active citizens. Enjoy the rest of your summer and in just a few weeks, all of our Student Affairs Offices including Athletics, Community Engagement, Counseling and Health Services, Camps Safety, Multicultural Life, Residential Services, Student Activities, and Leadership Development will all be here ready to kick off your first year with you!

Allison Gulati
Vice President of Student Affairs
And Dean of Students



FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Member of the Class of 2020:

Greetings from Muhlenberg! I hope you're enjoying the summer.

Orientation is approaching and we soon will be embarking on a new journey together. That journey will be filled with exciting new adventures and discoveries, not the least of which will be your first college courses, getting involved in new activities and making new friendships. As you arrive on this beautiful campus in late August, you'll be taking your place among a global community of Muhlenberg students, faculty, alumni and parents who care about and support one another.

The Class of 2020 promises to be one of the most dynamic, diverse and exciting in Muhlenberg's 168-year history! Your class has many astounding accomplishments, both in and out of school, and you will bring unprecedented diversity of cultural backgrounds, religious faiths and life experiences with you to Muhlenberg. These are the ingredients for a class that will make an indelible mark on the College during your four years on campus – and forge class bonds that will last forever.

Now, as you prepare to head off to college, I'll offer just a few words of advice. Of course, you should come to campus prepared to put forward your best effort academically, but you will have a schedule with more "free time" than you've ever had before. As a result, you will also have more responsibility to invest your time wisely. In fact, *where* you invest your time and energy – both in and out of the classroom – will largely determine the overall quality of your Muhlenberg experience. Your first semester will fly by very quickly, so come prepared to hit the ground running. Plan to work hard in your courses, and know you will have plenty of support resources available to help you – not only your professors but also the Academic Resource Center and over 200 peer tutors. Each of your professors is ready to meet with you during office hours and I strongly encourage you to take advantage of that opportunity on a regular basis.

College is about more than your academics, of course, and a wide variety of extra-curricular activities await you at Muhlenberg. If you look around, you should have little difficulty finding activities that suit your interests. I look forward to seeing you at athletic events, theatre and dance performances, concerts, lectures, faith services, and more.

As you progress through your first year, seek out mentors to provide helpful advice and guidance. Muhlenberg students often develop invaluable and long-lasting mentor relationships with professors, coaches, staff members, alumni, and even parents of their friends. Building and maintaining your personal support network will be extremely helpful not only during your time at Muhlenberg but throughout whatever subsequent career you may pursue.

Each Muhlenberg student is unique. Yet, you will likely find other students who are quite similar to you in various ways. Perhaps they live in your dorm, perhaps on the same floor, and they may be from the same state as you, even the same neighborhood. They may have the same racial and religious background as you, and may even like the same music. You will find it easy to make friends with these students, based on all you have in common. However, I urge you to take this special opportunity to reach out and make connections with students who are different from you. Seek out and make friends with as diverse a set of classmates as you can. You will find they have much to offer you precisely because they have grown up with different cultural norms, with different views and perspectives. Build bridges. The skills and knowledge you gain in the process – along with the potential lifetime friendships – will be of immense value for the rest of your life. Your class is one of the most diverse Muhlenberg has assembled and we expect classes coming behind you will be even more diverse, offering you more opportunities to really get to know other students who offer different perspectives. I hope you'll make the most of those opportunities.

A popular educational opportunity among Muhlenberg students is the chance to study abroad. These international experiences offer students an exciting and immensely valuable opportunity to be immersed in a different culture. Muhlenberg offers many such opportunities in several countries. The usual timing for such international experiences is during the junior year, but it's never too early to start thinking about study abroad. Speak with your academic advisor about how you may need to be planning the courses you take during your first two years in order to take advantage of the opportunity to study abroad during your junior year.

Finally, plan to have lots of fun during your years at Muhlenberg. The campus is beautiful, the food is terrific, and the people truly care about one another. Far more than a college, Muhlenberg is an exciting, caring and supportive *community* bound together by our common love of learning and desire to make a difference in the world in the years ahead. Welcome!



John I. Williams, Jr.
President



IMPORTANT INFORMATION - BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

The following items require your attention prior to arriving at Muhlenberg College. Failure to complete them may result in delays in checking in to your room or inconveniences to the services offered during the weekend.

○ Class Schedule and First Year Seminar

A recent mailing includes information from the Registrar with your password to CapStone, our student information system, and information about your course schedule. Please note that most changes will be made during Orientation weekend **after** consultation with your advisor. The only exception is for students who have a compelling reason – such as a conflict with a varsity sport – to change their seminar. Most seminars are at capacity, so we cannot guarantee a change. Please write a detailed e-mail to [Dr. David Rosenwasser](mailto:rosenwas@muhlenberg.edu) (rosenwas@muhlenberg.edu) or [Dr. Jill Stephen](mailto:stephen@muhlenberg.edu) (stephen@muhlenberg.edu), Co-Directors of the Writing Program, by **August 8th**. Please include the following information: why you need a seminar change; 4-6 seminars that you would be interested in taking; your schedule information (class titles with meeting days and times); and contact information (e-mail and telephone number required) for your whereabouts between July 23rd to August 11th. Drs. Rosenwasser and Stephen will need to contact you either to confirm your seminar change or to collect additional information. Requests will not be accepted after **August 8th**. Incomplete information means that the College will be unable to entertain your request. No exceptions. **NO OTHER SCHEDULE CHANGES WILL BE MADE BEFORE ORIENTATION WEEKEND.**

Please recall that your advising group is the same as your seminar group. Each seminar has a Faculty Advisor, who is often the seminar instructor, and a Writing Assistant. Whether your seminar meets in fall or spring, you will spend Orientation Weekend in a variety of activities with your classmates and advisors.

○ Summer Reading and Assignment

The article, "Speaking in Tongues" by Zadie Smith, will be discussed during your Sunday (August 28) FYS meeting and will be the point of departure for your first college writing assignment. **Please bring the completed assignment and the article with you to the Sunday FYS meeting during Orientation.** [You can find the article here.](#)

○ Plagiarism and Academic Integrity Statement

The College statement on plagiarism and academic integrity **must be read** before your arrival to discuss at that same Sunday FYS session. [Find them here.](#)

○ Dietary Needs and Family Meals – Orientation Weekend

In order to serve you and your family better during Orientation Weekend, you are asked to complete a brief survey regarding dietary needs and family meals. [Please click here to access the form.](#) *The survey needs to be completed by no later than **Friday, August 19, 2016** so that we may be best prepared to meet your dining needs.*

○ Mandatory Online Courses

Muhlenberg College is committed to the health and well-being of the entire campus community and providing a supportive learning environment for its students. As an introduction to college life, we require all first year students to complete two online courses. These courses are "AlcoholEdu" and "Haven: Understanding Sexual Assault". Each course has two parts. The deadline for completing Part 1 of each of these courses is August 21, 2015. *You will not be permitted to move into your residence hall if the course has not been completed prior to your arrival on campus.* [Complete login instructions are available here.](#) After an intersession of 45 days, you will receive an email notification to complete Part 2 of each course.

If you have any questions about school policies, procedures, or support resources related to alcohol and other drugs, dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, please contact [Lee Ann Kolbe](mailto:kolbe@muhlenberg.edu), Title IX Coordinator, Muhlenberg College at kolbe@muhlenberg.edu.

○ Muhlenberg's Strengths-Based Campus Initiative

The Strengths program will identify your top five "Themes of Talent," which you can use as building blocks for academic and personal success. There will be an Introduction to Strengths session as a part of the Weekend. You will not be able to participate fully if you do not complete the assessment ahead of time.

To complete the assessment, login to your Capstone account and select "StrengthsQuest" from the menu on the right. You will be provided with a personal access code and a link to the StrengthsQuest website. Following the instructions on the site or [download here](#), enter your personal access code and complete the assessment. Print out a copy of your Signature Themes Report and bring it with you to Orientation Weekend.

WHAT TO BRING

One of the questions you might be asking yourself is: "what should I bring to school?" In order to help you get started we have compiled a suggested list of things for you to bring. When you are shopping, don't forget that you'll want these purchases to last you for four years, so pick items with some durability. Finally, every student should compile their own personal "can't leave home without it" list. We can offer suggestions, but only you can decide what it takes to make you feel at home.

Are There Items That Could Be Shared?

You may want to think about contacting your new roommate before getting any items that could be shared for your room such as rugs, TV, microwave, etc.

What's Not Allowed?

Electrical cooking items such as hotplates, heating coils, toasters and toaster ovens are not permitted in the residence halls. In addition, ironing, use of electric heaters, multi-head lamps with plastic shades, and halogen lamps are prohibited. All other electrical appliances and cords must be UL approved. In order to provide for a safe living environment, the College reserves the right to remove, at any time, any items it deems unsafe.

Muhlenberg strongly encourages the use of surge protectors for the electrical supply of multiple items. "Octopus" plugs are a fire hazard, so please refrain from bringing them.

The Basic Necessities

Of course the first step is to get all your basic necessities in order, such as your laundry, bathroom, and desk supplies, as well as linens and other important things for survival. Here are our suggestions:

Bathroom

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| <input type="checkbox"/> shower bucket/carrier | <input type="checkbox"/> deodorant | <input type="checkbox"/> robe & flip-flops | <input type="checkbox"/> shampoo/conditioner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> towels/washcloths | <input type="checkbox"/> pain reliever | <input type="checkbox"/> soap | <input type="checkbox"/> hair styling products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> razors/shaving cream | <input type="checkbox"/> medications | <input type="checkbox"/> first-aid supplies | <input type="checkbox"/> contact lens products |

Laundry

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| <input type="checkbox"/> laundry bag/basket | <input type="checkbox"/> detergent | <input type="checkbox"/> fabric softener | <input type="checkbox"/> drying rack |
| <input type="checkbox"/> quarters | <input type="checkbox"/> knowledge of how to do laundry | | |

Linens

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| <input type="checkbox"/> sheets (2 sets x-long) | <input type="checkbox"/> egg crate | <input type="checkbox"/> blankets | <input type="checkbox"/> mattress pad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> pillow cases | <input type="checkbox"/> pillows | <input type="checkbox"/> comforter | |

Desk

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| <input type="checkbox"/> chargers | <input type="checkbox"/> calculator | <input type="checkbox"/> daily planner | <input type="checkbox"/> desk lamp/bulbs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> desk organizer | <input type="checkbox"/> flashlight | <input type="checkbox"/> highlighters | <input type="checkbox"/> scissors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> pens/pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> stapler/staples | <input type="checkbox"/> tape/tacks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> computer/printer | <input type="checkbox"/> printer paper | | |

Room (General)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> alarm clock | <input type="checkbox"/> fan | <input type="checkbox"/> small trash can | <input type="checkbox"/> TV/DVD player |
| <input type="checkbox"/> posters/pictures | <input type="checkbox"/> microwave* | <input type="checkbox"/> refrigerator** | <input type="checkbox"/> hangers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> mug/glass | <input type="checkbox"/> plates/bowls | <input type="checkbox"/> silverware | <input type="checkbox"/> basic cleaning supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> snacks | <input type="checkbox"/> storage bins | <input type="checkbox"/> power strip with surge protector | |

**Refrigerators must be 4.9 amps or less and each student can have one.

*Microwaves may not draw more than 600-700 watts and there can be only one per room.



SHIPPING ITEMS AHEAD OF TIME



Because of limited storage facilities, first-year residential students are permitted to ship items **ahead of time** as long as they arrive **between August 15-26**.

Addressing

The college's official mailing street address is 2400 Chew Street. MILE houses are part of the college and, therefore, the Chew Street address must be used. Mail for students must be addressed as follows:

[First Name], [Middle Initial], [Last Name]
Seegers Union Box # _____
Muhlenberg College
2400 Chew Street
Allentown, PA 18104-5586

Where possible, please also use your middle initial as many students have the same first and last names. Your box number will further identify you in the event that names are similar. Room

numbers, residence hall names, missing box numbers, nicknames and mail in the name of a parent, will either delay the delivery of your mail or it may be returned to sender, if the recipient cannot be identified. **Please do not address mail to "P.O. Box _____" as this is not a post office box.**

Mail Delivery

Mail is delivered daily to students' mailboxes located on the lower level of Seegers Union. Mailbox numbers usually remain the same for the duration of a student's stay at Muhlenberg.

Packages are to be picked up at the Mailroom, located in the General Services Building behind the Haas College Center. You will receive an e-mail if we receive a package for you. Simply come to the mailroom with your student identification card to claim your package(s). Packages should be picked up within five business days from the date received. **Perishable, refrigerated, and fragile** shipments are discouraged as the mailroom does not have adequate storage facilities. Please remind family and friends **NOT** to send cash through the mail.

Mailbox Combinations

Combinations may be accessed by logging onto Capstone. Click on *Directory Information* and select *Muhlenberg Mail Box* from the drop-down list. Students may also stop by the Mailroom with proper photo identification to obtain mailbox combinations. **Remember to lock your mail box after each use.**

Additional information regarding the [Mailroom's procedures may be found on the web site here](#).

ORDERING TEXTBOOKS FROM THE 'BERG BOOKSHOP

The 'Berg Bookshop is pleased to offer several options for you to obtain the books you need for fall classes.

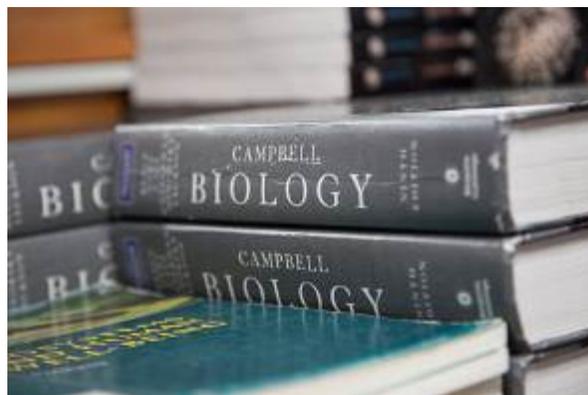
The Textbook Reservation Program or eliminates the confusion and uncertainty of finding the correct texts as well as the need to stand in long checkout lines by offering you the opportunity to order them online. When you receive your course schedule, [access the web page](#) and click on **Fall 2016 Books**. Place your order online beginning July 24th and your books will be available for pick-up on move-in day (Friday, August 26) at the Bookstore! There is a \$5 fee for this service which will be included on your receipt.

In addition, you can [rent textbooks and have them shipped to the Bookstore](#). These books can be picked-up along with any books purchased on your reservation.

Finally, the 'Berg Bookshop carries select eBook titles which can be ordered as well.

The deadline for reservations is one week prior to the start of class. Please note that we are unable to accept textbook reservations via FAX or over the phone.

Students who have taken advantage of these programs in the past were very glad they did!



ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The Academic Calendar will provide you and your family with important dates happening in the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 semesters. This includes when classes begin, all breaks, and the final exam periods. [It can be accessed here.](#)

MOVE-IN DAY!



A schedule for the weekend is available [here](#).

Move-in for first-year residential students begins at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, August 26, 2016. *You will not be permitted to move into College housing other than during the times listed above, unless you have received prior approval (pre-orientation programs and fall athletes) from the College.*

When you arrive in Allentown, please follow the signs based on your assigned residence hall. Traffic in and around campus that morning follows a particular pattern in order to get you to your residence hall and unloaded quickly and efficiently. [Download the map of the morning traffic pattern here.](#) Alumni and staff are on hand to greet you and your parents in the holding lines, welcoming you to campus and providing beverages while you wait to enter campus.

Upon arriving on campus, you should go to the lobby of your residence hall to check in and retrieve your room key. The driver of your vehicle must stay with the vehicle.

Once your vehicle is in front of your residence hall, upper-class students will be on hand to assist you in taking items from your vehicle to your assigned room. It greatly aids the process if all of your items are clearly marked with your name and room assignment. This is most easily done with masking tape and a permanent marker.

After items have been taken to your room and you've settled in a little, you will need to pick up your Orientation Weekend materials at the Welcome Center, located in the Light Lounge of the Seegers Union between 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Tickets for the Family Farewell Lunch-on-the-Go will be available at the Welcome Center in the Seegers Union Light Lounge. You can redeem the ticket for a box lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Seegers Union and then choose to dine at nearby tables, out-of-doors (weather permitting) or back in a residence hall room. Kosher and vegetarian options will be available. Please be sure to have responded to the survey listed above to help the College with providing adequate meals.

Separate activities for families and students are scheduled to begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. It is therefore suggested that you say your farewells over the lunch hour, as students will be engaged in orientation activities for the remainder of the afternoon.



Are you a Commuter?

You may pick up your Orientation Weekend materials at the Welcome Center, located in the Light Lounge of the Seegers Union any time between 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.



Special Weekend Traditions

The Sedehi Diversity Project

The Sedehi Diversity Project is a campus resource dedicated to fostering conversations about diversity and multiculturalism at Muhlenberg College. Every year, the "SDP" produces a new documentary theatre piece that is viewed by all First Year students during Orientation Weekend.

The piece is created by an ensemble of sophomores, juniors and seniors drawn from all corners of the campus map. It stages the actual words of Muhlenberg students, professors, staff members and administrators as they talk confidentially about what it means to be part of a diverse college community.

Sometimes provocative, the views expressed in each year's play are not intended to speak for either the College or the SDP ensemble. Rather, they are intended to provide new students with an informed glimpse into real campus conversations about the issues, in the hope that they continue to join the conversation. [Click here for more information.](#)

Opening Convocation

Opening Convocation is always a powerful experience for incoming students. As you sit in our beautiful chapel, you will be dazzled by the array of our colorful regalia worn by faculty and administrators. The silver mace, an exquisite piece crafted just for Muhlenberg, will lead the procession for this first important ceremony in your career at the college. Four years later, you, your family, and the friends you have made will see the faculty in academic regalia and the mace at Commencement.

Welcome Back Barbecue

The Welcome Back Barbecue for all students, faculty, and staff is scheduled for Sunday, August 28 on Brown Mall (on the North side of the Seegers Union Building) beginning at 4:15 p.m. It will give you the opportunity to acquaint yourself with the Muhlenberg Community.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

FYS assignment

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BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE!

[Please click here for information for various Muhlenberg College departments and college partners.](#)