Welcome to Williams!

We are thrilled that you have chosen to join us here in the Purple Valley and become an Eph! The Dean’s Office is here to ensure that entering the Williams community will be as smooth and straightforward as possible. With that goal in mind, let’s begin by sharing some important information with you to get you started.

Priority #1: Set up your new Williams email address.

This is the last email you’ll receive at this personal email address! From now on, we’ll only be contacting you via your new Williams email address. To
set up your official Williams email, follow these instructions.

**Priority #2: Schedule a doctor's appointment.**

A physical is required for all students within 12 months prior to July 1, 2024. You can access the Health Portal and learn more about those requirements here.

**Mark your calendar...**

Move-in for first-year students and the beginning of our First Days programming will take place on **Thursday, August 29**. If you are a Williams First or an International student, take a close look at the information behind those links and plan to arrive **Monday, August 26**. You will hear more about our pre-orientation programs in June.

...and be on the lookout for more info from us.

**Starting in early-June, the Dean’s Office will be in weekly communication with you.** These are highly interactive communications featuring videos to help you learn about Williams, links to forms, tutorials about academic processes, reminders of deadlines and timelines for completing your summer processes, and welcomes from many campus resources! These newsletters will be sent out each Tuesday and will be key in walking you through the many steps of preparing for your first year. It is very important to look out for these newsletters and follow the communications in them each week to stay on track.

In **early August**, the Registrar will send you information about pre-registration for fall courses, and you’ll be matched with a faculty advisor who can introduce you to academic life at Williams, help you explore the benefits of a liberal arts education, and guide you in making decisions about your fall course selections.

**In the coming months**, you will receive information about the first-year housing system. You'll be able to apply for your housing assignment in late July. All incoming students will be assigned to an entry and a set of Junior Advisors (JAs). The first-year entry defines a physical space—a set of dorm rooms and common spaces occupied by a group of 25-40 first-year students and their JAs—and also represents a community of students who are learning to live and work together. It serves as a home base for exploring Williams at-large. Entry-
mates and JAs provide an important source of camaraderie, support, and stability as you begin your Williams journey. So much of what makes Williams amazing involves the connections you make with the people who are part of your entry community.

Rest assured, the Dean’s Office will be in touch by email throughout the summer. And if you get stuck at any point, just email us at first-year@williams.edu or call 413-597-4171. We are excited to work with you as you transition to becoming an Eph and beginning a journey that will change your life!

Best wishes,

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