

Lewis & Clark College

New Student Orientation

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Dear New Pioneer,

I hope that this letter finds you well, and that your summer is turning out the way you want it to, and that you're getting excited for your transition into a new and exciting period of your life at Lewis & Clark! Here on campus, students, staff, and faculty are working tirelessly to make sure that your New Student Orientation is memorable, valuable, and enjoyable. As your beginning at Lewis & Clark draws near, I'm sure that you're preparing yourself for the myriad of experiences and challenges that you will have the opportunity to take advantage of and use to enrich your life. After all, as Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Life is succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood."

These days many people will try to devalue a liberal arts education as impractical and unhelpful. In reality, the skills you gain from such an education provide a foundation that you can use to be successful in any venture of life. With a Lewis & Clark liberal arts education, you will become a critical thinker, a creative problem solver, a world-minded citizen, and a well-rounded individual.

At this point in the summer, there are a few things you should have done to prepare yourself for your arrival on campus. By now you should have set up your L&C e-mail address, registered for your first class, and submitted both your Exploration and Discovery Preference Form and your Academic Advising Questionnaire. If you have not done so already, be sure to do that ASAP! If you need any assistance or have any questions, contact New Student Orientation or any of the offices on campus. A resource list of offices is included inside the back cover. We are all more than happy to help you!

The following pages will give you a sense of what to expect for your first week on campus during Orientation. During the week you will be introduced to the school that you will be attending during the next years of your life, you will become familiar with the ample resources available for you on and off campus, and any questions you might have will be answered. NSO is your opportunity to begin incorporating yourself into the Lewis & Clark community as a Pioneer, and it's our opportunity to welcome you into the community and help you have a successful transition into our College.

Even if this isn't your first college experience, and you're transferring into Lewis & Clark, there is still so much you can get from the education and the community you will encounter here. All of the resources available for the incoming first-year students are available to you, and I know I can speak for the College when I say that we're very excited to have you join our community! Even though you have already had your "first time at college" experience I want to add my encouragement to you to participate in as many of the Orientation activities as you can. Lewis & Clark is a unique place and we do things a bit differently than you may have experienced elsewhere. Recognizing that you have different needs than a first-year student, we have italicized the events on the Tentative Schedule on page 3 that we believe will be especially critical for you as a transfer student.

As you read through the materials I hope you'll get even more excited about your first few days on campus. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free contact me. I look forward to meeting you in August!

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Francis '12".

Josh Francis '12
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