

Dear New Students,

We are excited to be welcoming you to campus in a few short weeks. This email contains important information to help you prepare for your arrival.

ROOM & ROOMMATE ASSIGNMENTS

On August 1st, you will be able to login to [BearPAWS](#) and view your room and roommate assignments. We understand that some of you may want to request a different roommate (or request a roommate for the first time since you submitted your preferences). If this applies to you, please let us know by completing [this survey](#) no later than end of the day (11:59pm) on Sunday, August 6th. Please note the following:

- We may not be able to honor every request that we receive.
- We will prioritize your roommate request over your building preference. Our buildings are getting full and it is very likely that we will need to move you to another building/area to make a roommate request work.
- To request a roommate, you will need to provide their first name, last name, date of birth and Potsdam email. Your roommate will also need to complete the survey and provide your information.
- No changes will be able to be requested after August 6th at 11:59pm.

MOVING IN

Move in for new students will happen on Thursday, August 24th from 9am-4pm. We ask that you help us prepare for your arrival by letting us know the approximate time you plan to arrive to campus. Please [schedule your arrival](#) by Sunday, August 20th. All students should plan to arrive by 4pm so that you can move in and be prepared to fully participate in your new student welcome activities, which will start that day at 5pm. If you are going to arrive after 4pm, please go directly to your assigned building to be checked in.

When you arrive on campus, you will enter on Canton Drive (enter Canton Drive, Potsdam NY into your GPS) and follow the signs to complete our Drive-Through Check-in process. If your Potsdam Student Card was mailed home to you, please do not forget to bring that with you as you will need it to access your building. The PACES business office will be open for students who do not have their student card (9am – 4pm). You will receive the keys to your room at check in and then be directed to your residence hall.

If you have questions prior to your arrival, please reach out to us at reslife@potsgdam.edu or 315-267-2350. Please note that we are a small office and only have one administrative assistant. If you call and get our voicemail, it is likely because we are assisting other students and families. Please make sure to leave a voicemail; we strive to get back to people within 24 business hours.

The official welcome of new students on **Thursday, 8/24** starts with our annual First Year Funnel at 5pm, directly followed by the [New Student Welcome](#) program in Hosmer Hall - all new students are expected to attend.

Sincerely,

The Residence Life Staff

Roommate Tips!

Talking to your roommate for the first time can seem scary, but you've got this! Remember that social media doesn't give you the whole picture of a person—make sure you actually talk to them before passing judgment. Listed below are some questions that can help you have that first conversation.

- Why did they pick SUNY Potsdam?
- What are they thinking about majoring in?
- What do they like to do for fun?
- What are they looking forward to the most about coming to Potsdam?
- Also, don't forget logistics, such as:
 - Who is bringing a refrigerator?
 - Who is bringing a microwave?
 - Who is bringing a TV?