



July 16, 2008

Dear Aquinas College First Year Students;

In about a month you will be packing up your things and moving to your new home, Aquinas College. This is both an exciting and busy time in your life and we at Aquinas want to do our best to help you make the smoothest transition into college as possible. To help with this transition we have our **New Student Orientation** program. New Student Orientation is a 3-day program, August 21-23, equipped with the essential information and activities that will guide you to a successful college start. You will have time in these three days to learn of the resources both on and off campus, participate in a community service project, meet faculty from your intended field of study but most of all meet lots of new friends and have fun.

Before you get to campus we have some vital information for you that will prepare you for your arrival and for the New Student Orientation program. The following information will highlight the steps you need to take in order to get registered for New Student Orientation as well as move in to your designated residence hall.

1. **New Student Move-in Process and Campus Map:** This piece details the process you will need to follow on Thursday, August 21, 2008 when you arrive on campus. It informs you of your preferred check in time, where you will register and where you begin the move in process. Please know that we have assembled a team of outstanding students, staff and faculty volunteers to help move you into your new home on this day. *Please bring these pieces with you.*
2. **Registration:** When you arrive for Orientation you will go to your residence hall front desk to check in. You will receive your Orientation packet, room key, and student ID card. From there you will pick up your Orientation packet. Once you have checked in you may start to unpack your car and move into your new home.
3. **Aquinas Network:** You can actually begin preparing for Orientation now by visiting our interactive, on-line, new student Orientation website. This site will provide answers to your questions, connect you with our student Orientation Leaders, and allow you to preview the orientation program. Check it out at www.aquinas.edu/students/orientation. Also, don't forget to sign up to participate in the Mentor Program; you can sign up online through the orientation website.

As your summer continues to wind down take some time to prepare for the start of your college career. Contact your roommate, make sure you are signed up for all your classes, read Mountains Beyond Mountains, and get ready to have fun at the New Student Orientation. If you have any further questions feel free to contact me at (616) 632-2457 or freesar@aquinas.edu. See you on August 21.

Sincerely,

Sara Frees
Director of Student Activities and Orientation