WELCOME! We are SO excited to welcome you as part of our Aquinas College community! Your packet contains a lot of information about living on campus. This note is to share with you what time to arrive and what to expect with our mandatory orientation activities. Please read everything in this packet thoroughly. Orientation is August 21-23, 2014.

Schedule of Events for Thursday, August 21, 2014

8:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Residential Student Move-In Please identify your room number and living community from the information sent from Residence Life and refer to the move in schedule on the reverse side of this letter. You will then see a range of rooms and times when we encourage your arrival for #New2AQ volunteers to move you into your new home. If you are living in Regina Hall, please use the Robinson Street entrance to campus. St. Joseph Hall Residents should enter campus on Fulton Street. We strongly recommend arriving on campus at your requested time listed below; this helps us have the appropriate number of volunteers at various areas at correct times to ease your move-in process. We appreciate your flexibility. Please double-check the website at www.aquinas.edu/students for any updated move-in information on 8/20!

11:30 a.m.—1:30 a.m. Campus Community Luncheon You will be able to interact with faculty, staff, alumni and current students in an opening event that is a “float in and float out” type of experience (no formal program). So, you will have time to unload your vehicles, grab a bite and do some unpacking or errand running before Convocation. You will receive a Saints Squad t-shirt in your room; please make sure that you wear it to Convocation for the Class of 2018 picture! Lunch is complimentary. Please consider only bringing essential family members that can assist with your move as parking is limited due to construction on campus.

2:00 p.m. Convocation You will hear from Aquinas College President Dr. Juan Olivarez, members of the Board of Trustees, our Provost, faculty, staff and students and participate in this academic ceremony that officially welcomes you and your family to life as an Aquinas College Saint. You must be seated by 1:45 p.m. in the Sturrus Sports and Fitness Center.

3:00 p.m. Families Depart & Orientation Begins! You will be saying goodbye to your families immediately following Convocation. Your orientation leaders will be gathering your group and allowing you to have a few minutes to thank your families and see them on their way. We have a packed schedule for the remainder of the afternoon in order to get you ready for classes on Monday. And if you haven’t heard already, by attending all of the required sessions, you are automatically eligible for a $300 gift certificate to the AQ Bookstore! And, yes, we have built in time for unpacking after your family departs!

The New Student Orientation program is designed to accomplish three specific goals:

- To provide you with a knowledge of campus
- To teach you that YOU are responsible for your learning at AQ.
- To help you meet your fellow students, the faculty, staff, administration and alumni that made Aquinas your college choice. We will help make this place YOUR place.

Common Reading Experience

If you attended a STAR day in June, you have already received a copy of our Common Reading Experience selection, *Our Voices*, a collection of essays by our own Aquinas students. If you are an August 5 STAR participant, you will receive your copy at STAR that day. There will be plenty of time to read the book before orientation. If you are an August 20 STAR participant, we have included the book in your mailing. If you did not receive a book at all, please contact our department and we will discuss getting a new book to you. It is imperative that you take the time to read the book thoroughly before arriving for orientation. You will need to bring the book with you to orientation as we will be discussing it on Saturday evening.
We have tried to account for everything that you may be asking while preparing for your first days at AQ. A summarized schedule of events, information about your orientation leaders, Project Unite, and a list of frequently asked questions are found at www.aquinas.edu/students. If you need further assistance after reviewing this information please contact Campus Life at 616.632.2983 or at campuslife@aquinas.edu.

**After Orientation**

Please note that GET AQquainted Days begin on Sunday, August 24 and run through September 6, 2014. This event kicks off the academic year with new and current students enjoying a multitude of different activities that are free or of minimal cost. Some campus traditions occur during this time. For a complete schedule, please go to www.aquinas.edu/students. Please consider bookmarking www.aquinas.edu/events or downloading the AQ App so that you have the most up to the minute information about events, activities, and what is up for the weekends. We look forward to helping you enjoy every second of your of your years at Aquinas College.

We look forward to seeing you in just a few short weeks! It’s great to be a Saint!

Sincerely,

Heather B. Hall, M. Ed,
Director of Campus Life

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**Residential Student Move-In Schedule**

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All other new students living in Hruby Hall, Dominican Hall, any theme houses (Knape, Meijer, Woodcock, Willowbrook, K house, or Fulton House), or apartments will check in at the Performing Arts Center (Robinson Road) at 10 AM.