DEAR CHC CLASS OF 2017,
PREPARE TO BE IMPRESSED.
This is your year, class of 2017! The year that you will begin to make history in your city, your home for the next four years: Philadelphia. We want you to Fall in Love with it!!

“Fall in Love with Philly:” Orientation 2013

Congratulations to you on taking the next (exciting) step in your life story. Your college chapter begins here at Chestnut Hill College! On behalf of the 2013 Orientation staff, we would like to be among the first to welcome you to CHC. We can say, we are so excited to get started! Are you itching for a new adventure in a new city or maybe an old city you have yet to explore? Chestnut Hill College is the place that will give you the opportunity to dive into all the history, music and entertainment, art, food, and outdoor fun that Philadelphia has to offer. Falling in love may be tricky, but we don't think Falling in Love with Philly is...and we are going to do our best to see that you get a proper Orientation to Chestnut Hill and Philadelphia—your city. We as a staff are anxiously wondering:

Is the next Chase Utley in this class? What about the next CEO of PECO? Will CHC educate a curator for the Philadelphia Museum of Art, or maybe a manager for the Philadelphia Flyers? Will a freshman in the Class of 2017 find a special place in his or her heart for the concert scene in Philly, or maybe for the amazing cuisine? Who among this class will become the avid Philadelphia sports game-goer, and who will be at every First Friday in Old City? How many first years will work for places like The Franklin Institute, Five Below Headquarters, or maybe even at Philadelphia City Hall after graduation? And most importantly...how can Orientation 2013 help these things to happen??

During Orientation weekend, we have jam-packed activities planned that will help you make friends, learn about yourself and others, and find your new place at Chestnut Hill College—and in Philadelphia. There is so much to learn, and so little time! So, hurry here, Class of 2017, so we can Fall in Love with Philly together!

With love,

Helena DeBald and Katie O'Neill
Co-Coordinators of Orientation 2013
Orientation is a three day program in which students participate in presentations, activities, and team-building experiences designed to familiarize them with academic and student life. Students will attend sessions that will answer questions, address concerns, and familiarize them with all of the services and activities available at Chestnut Hill College for students. There are numerous opportunities to meet and connect with other new students.

Students will be divided into groups based on the t-shirt color they are assigned. Each color group has 3-4 Orientation Leaders, commonly known as OLs, who will lead the students through the three day program. Each OL is carefully selected through an application process and participates in extensive training at the end of May, mid-July, and August. OLs are known for their enthusiasm and commitment to Chestnut Hill College. “Ready for any good work,” they are genuinely dedicated to welcoming new students and making them feel at home at Chestnut Hill. They help to meet the goals of Orientation by providing students with information and resources on a very informed and personal level.

Planning for orientation begins in the late fall and carries on throughout the summer. Orientation is incredibly important at Chestnut Hill College, because we want students to feel at home and like Griffins as quickly as possible. We are proud of our program and feel honored to welcome new students into our community.

**Friday, August 23rd**

**Commuter Students**

Commuter students will be assigned to a color group with both residents and commuters. Commuter students are expected to attend the three day Orientation program. Commuters are welcome and encouraged to bring family to Convocation and the Family Barbecue. After the barbecue, events are for new students only. **Check-in for commuters is 12:30pm-2pm in Fitzsimmons Hall Lounge**

**Resident Students**

Resident students are assigned a move-in time based on last name (see below) and will receive all of their orientation information at residence hall check-in.

**Orientation for Family Members**

Opening Day of Orientation includes activities for parents as well as new students. Events include:

- 3pm-Convocation-Sorgenti Arena
- Welcome Barbecue-Summer House Lawn (immediately following Convocation)

The remainder of the Orientation program is specifically designed for the new students to experience with the Orientation groups.

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**Move-In Day Schedule**

**Friday, August 23rd**

Please see your Housing Assignment Packet for additional Move-In Day details!

**A to H: 8am-10am**

**I to P: 10am-Noon**

**Q to Z: Noon-2pm**

Due to limited parking, new students are divided into time slots using last names.

Students will be asked to unload their cars in the area of their residence hall. Signs and staff will be outside to direct you. Once parked in the unloading zone, students will proceed to check-in. Family and friends may remain with the students’ belongings as we carry them to the room. Once you have unloaded your car, we ask that you move it to the lower parking lot.

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Have a Question?

Require special accommodations?

Contact:

Emily Schademan
Director of Student Activities
3rd Floor St. Joseph Hall
215-248-7083
SchademanE@chc.edu
www.chc.edu/orientation

A complete orientation schedule will be distributed during check-in on August 23rd.

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Be sure to read the checklist for important due dates!
OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE

Your RA

Resident Assistants (RAs) are dedicated to the mission of providing residential students a safe, clean and compatible living and learning environment in the residence halls. The RAs have broad responsibilities extending to all areas of the students’ physical, social, academic, and emotional well-being.

An RA is an upper-class student who lives on your floor and is someone who you can go to for almost anything. RAs are a great source for information and provide programming to develop a greater sense of community.

Housing Assignments

Once you have completed and submitted the Housing Application and Questionnaire you will be eligible to receive housing. Please note that all housing forms must be received by June 14th. Assignment Packets will be mailed late July, and will contain information about your room number, move-in, and your roommate’s contact information. After Assignment Packets have been mailed, no room changes may be processed.

Residence Hall Facts

Our four residence halls, each with a distinct personality, offer single and double rooms as well as suites. You’ll be on a floor with other students who will quickly become your extended family. First year students are housed in either Fournier Hall or Fontbonne Hall.

Each student will have a standard twin bed, a desk with chair, a dresser and a closet or wardrobe. Each room is equipped with a phone jack with a campus extension already assigned, which will be given during move-in day. The halls are wireless so your laptop or PC is good to go from most locations in the hall. Rooms are tiled in Fontbonne and Fournier Halls.

Fontbonne Hall

Fontbonne Hall was built in 1961. It was named after Mother Saint John Fontbonne, who restored the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in Lyon, France in 1808, after their dispersal during the French Revolution. Fontbonne Hall is a co-educational residence hall for first year students. Rooms are mostly double occupancy with common hall bathrooms on each floor. A few single rooms are available.

Fournier Hall

Fournier Hall is named in honor of Mother Saint John Fournier, the foundress of the Philadelphia Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in 1847. It was originally the Mount Saint Joseph College, founded in 1928, then became Chestnut Hill College in 1938. Fournier Hall is a co-educational first year and upper-class building. New Transfer students are also housed here. There are many room options, including double rooms and triples, as well as suited rooms (bedrooms connected by a bathroom).

Roommates

Roommates are assigned based on the answers to questions in the Housing Questionnaire. Residence Life will make a reasonable effort to accommodate requests to be assigned with a particular roommate, provided that interest in sharing a room is mutual, and each resident has designated the other as a preferred roommate. Please note that requests must be submitted by June 14th to the Office of Residence Life.

Before you arrive you should call your roommate to introduce yourself. If you are in a suite, contact your suitemates so that you can plan ahead for necessities for the room and bathroom.

PACKING UP

Suggested Items to Bring
- Alarm Clock
- Standard Size Twin Sheets
- Cleaning Supplies
- Desk Supplies
- Desk Lamp (non-halogen)
- First Aid Supplies/Medications
- Hangers
- Surge Protector
- 3-2 prong adapters
- Ethernet cord
- Laundry supplies
- Personal Toiletries
- Fridge/Microwave (1/room)
- Wastebasket
- Window Fan

Please Do Not Bring
- Cooking appliances including but not limited to blenders, toaster ovens, hot plates and George Foreman grills. Coffee makers are permitted as long as they have an automatic shut-off function.
- Halogen lamps, lava lamps, strand/string lights
- Air conditioners and portable heaters
- Extension cords: only power strips or Energy Star extensions permitted
- Candles (even as decoration), incense or any item meant to be burned
- Live greens, such as wreaths and Christmas trees
- Sub woofers/amplifiers
- Alcohol containers, shot glasses, bongs or anything used for alcohol or drug consumption
- Pets or animals of any kind, including fish
Meal Plans

All resident students receive the 19 meal plan, which can be used in the Dining Hall or during meal equivalency hours in the Griffin’s Den, CHC’s Grab ‘n’ Go. Dining dollars may be used in the McCaffery Lounge Cafe. All residents are automatically enrolled in this plan. Commuters may choose from two dining options. The Freedom 25 Meal Plan includes 25 meals and $50 dining dollars to be used throughout the semester. The Griffin Plus option allows you to add Dining Dollars to your ID card in increments of $25. For more information visit: www.dineoncampus.com/chc

Laundry

Laundry facilities in Fournier Hall are located on each floor. Laundry facilities in Fontbonne Hall are located on the ground floor. All laundry facilities are coin-operated.

Mail

Residents will receive an on-campus mailbox located in the Griffin’s Den on the ground floor of Fournier Hall. Mailbox numbers and keys will be available in the mail room during the first week of classes. Letters to students living on campus should be addressed as follows:

Student Name
Chestnut Hill College
Box #
9601 Germantown Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19118

Telephone Service

Each residence hall room is equipped with an on-campus extension, which may be used for calls between student rooms and offices and receives outside calls All students are required to bring a phone to utilize this service.

Cable Television

Each residence hall lounge is equipped with cable television. All residence halls are cable-ready. Students interested in cable should meet with a Comcast representative on move-in day or during the first week of classes to sign up for various cable packages. To learn more ahead of time visit www.comcast.com for packages and details.

Refrigerator/Microwave Rentals

While a student may choose to bring his or her own refrigerator and microwave, MicroFridge units are available for rent for the academic year through an outside vendor. The MicroFridge is a 3.2 cubic foot two door refrigerator/freezer and microwave. This combined unit saves space and has only one plug for all three units. Limit one per room. For more information please visit:

http://www.universitylogistics.com/

Banking

The Police and Fire Federal Credit Union is affiliated with the College and hosts an ATM located in Fournier Hall. The PFFCU will be here on move-in day to set up new accounts. Visit their website at www.pffcu.org for more information.

Health Services

Health Services provides care to students during illness, makes recommendations for health maintenance and provides programs throughout the year on health related issues. The Health Services Office is staffed by Registered Nurses and a Nurse Practitioner and is open Monday through Friday.

Health services available to students include: assessment and treatment of illnesses and accidents, referral to local physicians for more serious illnesses or accidents, over-the-counter medications, health information and programs, blood pressure screening, nutrition counseling, wellness programs, and smoking cessation. The Health Services Office is located on the first floor of Fitzsimmons Hall.

Student Behavior

Chesnut Hill College’s expectations for student behavior are outlined in the Student Handbook. These policies have been set in place to support a safe and academically-focused learning community for all of our members. No student should come to campus without first reviewing the Student Handbook. All students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with these policies and abiding by them. The Handbook may be found on the Student Life section of the website.

Parking

First years and sophomore resident students are not eligible for on-campus parking privileges. Commuter students are eligible for parking and will receive information on how to register for parking permits. All inquiries about parking should be directed to parking@chc.edu.

Student ID

All students will be issued a student ID. ID pictures will be taken during Griffin Days or the first day of orientation. All students will be issued their IDs during check-in at orientation. The ID is essential for access to the meal plan, the fitness center, the library and to the residence halls. It can also be used for student discounts at area stores and restaurants.
First Year Initiative (FYI)

Transitioning from high school to college can be a challenging experience, which is why CHC, like the majority of colleges and universities around the country, requires you to participate in a special first-year course/seminar as extension of the orientation process you began during your first days here on campus. Your first-year course is called FYI, and it is designed to help you become an engaged and comfortable member of the Chestnut Hill College community, both academically and personally.

This course will help you develop essential study, critical thinking and communication skills. Your FYI team will help you understand the expectations of your professors, the benefits of a liberal arts higher education and the values of the College. We will also help increase your awareness of the many academic opportunities, resources and support services CHC has to offer. Transfer students are not required to take FYI.

LENS

The Leadership, Engagement, and Service (LENS) program brings together incoming CHC students for a four day immersion into Philadelphia. This service-based summer program exposes students to a variety of community and social justice issues occurring in the city. In addition to community service and reflection activities, the program will also take advantage of the many cultural opportunities available in Philadelphia. If you would like more information, please email Shane McCarthy at McCarthySA@chc.edu or visit www.chc.edu/service-learning.

Get Involved on Campus

Student clubs and organizations offer Griffins opportunities to gain leadership skills and take on new challenges and experiences. Clubs and organizations are a great way to meet new people and share common interests. CHC has clubs and organizations in a range of interest areas and if we don’t have what you’re looking for, you can easily start your own!

Be sure to visit the Club and Organization Fair at the beginning of the semester to learn about all of the groups on campus and how to get involved. Or visit the Student Activities Office (St. Joseph Hall Room 349) for more information.

Events and Trips

Wondering what there is to do on weekends? Student Activities offers free events, low-cost trips and tickets, and giveaways to further enhance students’ experiences. Check out Fridays after Dark programs held every Friday from 9pm-1am. They’re fun, free, and offer something for everyone. Interested in exploring the City of Brotherly Love? Check out the ticketing program for free and reduced-price tickets to attractions like the Art Museum, Camden Aquarium, the Zoo and much much more! Want to catch a Broadway show or a Phillies game? It’s as easy as visiting the Student Activities Office to sign up. Friend Student Activities on Facebook to find out about all of our upcoming events by searching CHC STUDENT ACTIVITIES!

CHECK LIST

Important Dates to Remember:

- Check the mail for your New Student Information packet in a big red envelope, which will contain important information
- Visit my.chc.edu and complete the New Student Guide checklist
- Register for a Griffin Day
- Send Final Transcript to CHC
- June 14th: Resident Students: Complete Housing Questionnaire and Housing Application
- July 14th: Complete Financial Responsibility Agreement
- Attend a Griffin Day: June 21st or 24th or August 2nd. Students must pre-register online.
- July 31st: Return Health Form and Meningitis Form. Note that students must have these forms completed in order to move in to residence halls.

CAMPUS LIFE

What is a Griffin Day?

Your Griffin Day will give you and your family a chance to explore campus, meet future classmates, and plot the course of your journey. To make the transition easier you will take a test in math, attend seminars about academics and financial services, participate in fun activities and enjoy a delicious lunch. We look forward to seeing you in June or early August!
Academic Advising

The Office of Academic Advising provides support that engages students in the process of exploring, evaluating, and choosing academic programs. The Office also helps students with transfer credits, studying off-campus, and shares information about study abroad opportunities. Questions? Contact advising@chc.edu

Faculty Advisors

All students, including those who are undeclared, are assigned a faculty advisor. Your advisor’s information can be found on the My.CHCH portal. When students declare a major, they will receive a new faculty advisor in their discipline. The role of the faculty advisor is to help students understand major requirements and choose classes.

Choosing Your Major

Choosing a major can be a very difficult decision. It is suggested that students choose a major by the spring of their sophomore year, but it is never too early to start exploring your options. Stuck? Why not set up a meeting with your faculty advisor or visit the Office of Academic Advising? Still not sure? Visit the Career Development Blackboard site and take the FOCUS assessment. Career Development is also available to share information about what you can do with a variety of majors and to discuss the results of your FOCUS assessment.

Transfer Students

Whether the class of 2015, 2016 or beyond, transfer students are heartily welcomed to CHC as new Griffins. As such, it is expected that transfer students attend New Student Orientation in August. Orientation will cover critical information about being successful at CHC. In addition, Orientation is a terrific opportunity to meet other new and transfer students.

Placement testing will take place at Griffin Days. Additional Testing Days will be scheduled on a weekly basis during the month of August. When transfer students register for fall classes, transferrable credits as well as a current class schedule will be viewable on the My.CHCH portal under the Academics tab. Instructions for the My.CHCH log-in will be mailed out in May. If you have questions about your current schedule or transferrable credits, don’t hesitate to contact the Office of Academic Advising at advising@chc.edu.

Fitzsimmons Hall

Fitzsimmons Hall is a co-educational upper-class building with four and six person suites. It is suite style with two bedrooms connected by a common room and bathroom. The first floor is a 24-hour student center.

Loyola Lodge

Loyola Lodge is located on the SugarLoaf portion of campus. It is a co-educational building reserved for upperclassmen, with double rooms each equipped with private bathrooms. The newly renovated Pool House contains a large screen TV and a pool table.

Questions about Housing or Residence Life?

Email: Housing@chc.edu

Commuter Corner

In addition to all clubs/organizations and all Student Activities events, commuters are also welcome to join the Commuter Club. The Commuter Club plans special commuter events and acts as a voice for the commuter population. There is also a Commuter Lounge located in the basement of St. Joseph Hall where commuters can meet, relax or study. Commuter students are also eligible to use lockers located in the Griffin’s Den. Interested in getting involved or using a locker? Contact Emily Schademan at SchademanE@chc.edu.
FINANCES

Student Financial Services

Paying for college can be a large undertaking. That’s why the Office of Student Financial Services is here to help. The Office serves as a resource for students who need help paying their college costs. Some of the resources may include grants, scholarships or loans. It is essential that students apply for financial aid using the FAFSA form. What is a FASFA? The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) is an application that asks for your financial information so that the Office of Student Financial Services can determine your financial need. After the form is completed the Office of Student Financial Services will review your application and determine if you are eligible for financial aid.

The Office of Student Financial Services is also responsible for billing tuition and fees each semester. Since financial aid may not cover all of your tuition and fees, it is your responsibility to cover the remainder. If needed, Student Financial Services will work to develop a payment plan that is right for you. This could include many payment options.

Financial Aid Questions:
Please call 215-248-7182

Billing/Payment Plan Questions:
Please call 215-248-7116

Financial Tips

Staying money savvy in college can be tricky, but there are lots of ways to still have fun without breaking the bank. Here are a few tips to help you stay ahead of the game:

- Take advantage of free activities at CHC (movies, comedians, musicians)
- Use the Fall in Love with Philly ticketing program for discounted tickets to area attractions
- Eat out less
- Keep track of your spending
- Don’t abuse your credit card (try using it for emergencies only)
- Find a part-time job or work-study position
- Use your student ID for discounts to restaurants and other venues

TECHNOLOGY @ CHC

Email

All students are issued a CHC email address. Using this email is vital for success at Chestnut Hill. Important announcements, emails from professors, and useful information are all sent to this email address.

My.CHIC

My.CHIC is your place for seeing your course schedule, viewing grades, checking your account balance and much more. This tool is your key to success at CHC. All students are issued a username and password, which will be mailed to you. Visit my.chc.edu to learn more.

Blackboard

Blackboard is the place to go for online information and learning. Blackboard is designed to be an online tool that provides access to class syllabi, online discussion boards, assignments, class notes and more. Log-in information will be provided in mid-June.

Computer Choice

Many new students ask if they should get a PC or a Mac? Laptop or desktop? Your computer choice is really based on your preferences, your interests and your career goals. Chestnut Hill College is considered a Microsoft Office campus and as such Windows 7 is recommended for maximum compatibility. A laptop is definitely an advantage over a desktop, because of its convenience and portability. PC and Mac Computer labs are also available on campus for student use.

Emergency Notification Service

Chestnut Hill College provides a web-based service that uses voice messaging, text messaging, electronic mail and RSS feeds to send critical messages to the campus community. It is subscription-based and requires members of the Chestnut Hill College community to opt into the service. While the service is free, standard voice and text messaging charges may apply. Sign up for Emergency Alerts

Chestnut Hill College Terms You Need to Know:

CHAT- Chestnut Hill Activities Team- Student programming board
Griffin & Kostka- the President’s dogs who live on campus
OL- Orientation Leader- Your guides through orientation
RA- Resident Assistant- Assists with your living community
Registrar- Office responsible for course registration and academic records
SGA- Student Government Association- Voice of the student body
SSJ- Sister of Saint Joseph (founders of CHC)
**AREA INFO**

**Hotels**

**Hilton Garden Inn**
530 W. Pennsylvania Ave.
Fort Washington, PA 19034
215-646-4637
*Mention CHC for a discount*

**Hampton Inn**
2055 Chemical Road
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462
610-567-0900

**SpringHill Suites**
430 Plymouth Road
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462
610-940-0400

**Shopping**

**Andorra Shopping Center**
(Acme, Kohl’s, Staples)
701 East Cathedral Road
Philadelphia, PA

**Metroplex Shopping Center**
(Target, Best Buy, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Giant, Barnes and Noble)
2410 Chemical Road
Plymouth Meeting, PA

**Plymouth Meeting Mall**
500 W. Germantown Pike
Plymouth Meeting, PA

**Plymouth Square Shopping**
(Weis Market, Marshall’s)
Ridge Pike and Butler Pike
Conshohocken, PA

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**CAMPUS MINISTRY**

Wondering how you can make a difference and share your spirit with others? There are diverse ways to do that at CHC and Campus Ministry offers opportunities to grow, to learn, to share and to be yourself. You can feel safe here, find your unique contribution, seek your spirituality, deepen your relationships with self, others and God – no matter your faith or creed. If you want to make a difference in the community, reflect on your unique passion, and share your passion with others, Campus Ministry is the perfect place.

**Tea Time**

Campus Ministry has “Tea Time” Monday-Friday from 3pm-4pm. Tea Time is an opportunity to unwind from a busy day of classes and share conversation with others.

**Retreats**

A retreat is a step away from the ordinary day and time to reflect upon your life, relationships and journey. A retreat is different for every person and each retreat campus ministry offers is different. Retreats include: SEARCH Retreat, First Year Retreat, Life Choices Retreat, Silent Retreat and Finding God in All Things Busy Persons Retreat. There are plans for other retreats offered every other year such as a Mission and Legacy Retreat, and a Young Alum Retreat.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Campus Ministry offers a variety of service opportunities on a regular basis. Visit the Campus Ministry Office SJ348 and SJ 337 for more information!

For More Information Contact: Sister Mindy Welding, IHM at WeldingM@chc.edu

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**MISSION AND CORE VALUES OF CHC**

**Mission**

“The mission of Chestnut Hill College is to provide students with holistic education in an inclusive Catholic community marked by academic excellence, shared responsibility, personal and professional growth, service to one another and to the global community, and concern for the earth.”

**Core Values**

- We Value Personal and Professional Growth throughout the Community.
- We Value Academic Excellence.
- We Value Ethical Principles.
- We Value Catholic Intellectual Tradition, History, and Legacy.
- We Value Spirituality.
- We Value Service.
- We Value Concern for the Earth.
- We Value Holistic Pursuit of Truth, Integrity and Justice.
Fall Semester 2013
August 26
• Classes Begin
September 1
• Last Day to Drop/Add Classes
September 2
• Labor Day Holiday
September 2
• Withdrawal Fee Begins
October 11
• Residence Halls Close, 6:00pm
October 14 & 15
• Fall Break
October 14
• Midterm Grades Due
October 15
• Residence Halls re-open, 12:00 Noon
October 16
• Classes Resume
October 21
• Last Day to Withdraw from courses w/o failure/Last day to Change status (p/f, audit)
November 26
• Residence Halls close, 6:00pm
November 27
• Thanksgiving Holiday Begins
December 1
• Residence Halls re-open, 12:00 noon
December 2
• Classes Resume
December 9-13
• Final Exams
December 13
• Residence Halls Close, 6:00pm

Spring Semester 2014
January 7
• Late Registration Fee Begins
January 12
• Residence Halls Open, 12:00 Noon
January 13
• Classes Begin
January 19
• Last Day to Drop/Add Classes
January 20
• Withdrawal Fee Begins
February 28
• Residence Halls Close, 6pm
March 3
• Midterm Grades Due
March 3-7
• Spring Break
March 9
• Residence Halls Open, 12:00 Noon
March 10
• Classes Resume
March 10
• Last Day to withdraw from courses w/o failure/Last Day to change status (p/f, audit)
April 16
• Residence Halls Close, 6:00pm
April 17-21
• Easter Break
April 21
• Residence Halls Open, 12:00 Noon
April 22
• Classes Resume
May 1-2, 5-7
• Final Exams
May 7
• Residence Halls Close, 6pm
May 10
• Residence Halls close for grads and volunteers, 12:00 Noon
May 10
• Commencement

Look for information in the fall about family-focused CHC events!