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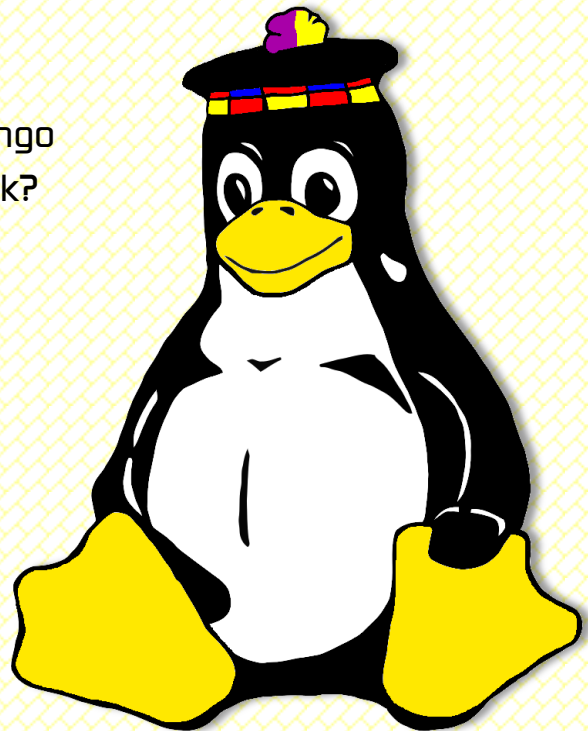
COMPUTING ORIENTATION MANUAL

Thank you for selecting Queen's Computing as your faculty for the upcoming term.

This manual will serve as your guide to all things related to Orientation Week. Please read it to ensure a smooth transition into your first week at university, and then save the booklet for future reference.

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School of Computing Welcome

Dear Class of 2017,

Welcome to the Queen's School of Computing! On behalf of the students, staff, and faculty of the School, I am writing to bring you greetings and let you know how delighted we are that you have decided to join us. You will be glad you came.

As you know, the Queen's School of Computing provides a great variety of innovative undergraduate programs of exceptional quality. In addition to the School's flagship Computer Science program, you can choose from a diversity of specialized and multidisciplinary programs, including Biomedical Computing, Cognitive Science, Software Design, and Computing and the Creative Arts. Several unique courses, such as Computer Animation, Computer-Assisted Surgery, and Game Design, are highlights of our offerings.

Undergraduates in the Queen's School of Computing have several opportunities to undertake an industrial internship, engage in cutting edge research with our world class researchers, as well as being involved in enriching outreach activities.

You may also be interested to know that our classes are small, that our doors are always open, and that the School enjoys a warm, supportive, and caring environment.

I am very proud of the Queen's School of Computing, its excellent instructors, its superb administrative and technical staff, and its talented and inspiring students.

It is a wonderful and exciting time to be a computer scientist. You live in the age of information. Computing is changing the world in which we live in profound ways, from medicine to business to entertainment, and everything else in between. As well, the computational paradigm is helping answer fundamental questions in the natural and physical sciences. And Computing has been around for less than a century. Imagine what the other fields of knowledge were like when they were this young. The future is bright for our discipline.

Enjoy Orientation Week and best wishes for an exciting and rewarding first year!

Sincerely,

Selim G. Akl
Professor and Director

School of Computing Welcome

Welcome Students!

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all into our School of Computing Family! One of my most important goals is to help ensure that your undergraduate years here are some of the most rewarding and enjoyable of your lives!

I have worked in Queen's School of Computing for 32 years and I continue to find every September exciting and exhilarating with the arrival of the new and returning students! Each year brings with it a new set of challenges and new heights of success! As with everything in life, you will get out of your University experiences what you put in! Work hard, don't be afraid to ask questions, seek help if you need it and make friends!

I will be talking to you as a group during Orientation in September, but I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to drop by my office, Goodwin Hall, room 534 so you can get to know me a little better and I can get to know you.

If you have any questions or concerns over the summer about courses and/or registration please feel free to email me and I would be very happy to help.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer break and I will see you in September!

Take care,

Irene LaFleche

Undergraduate Program Assistant

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High Tech Welcome

Hello World!

My name is Lucas Marcelli, the Orientation chair (known as the High Tech) for O-Week 2013! I am just about to finish up my third year of university, my second at Queen's. This has been a crazy year of planning for the Tech Committee and I, so I hope you really enjoy what we have in store for you.

Orientation week at Queen's is probably the most amazing venture I have ever seen. I've never directly experienced it as an incoming student, but I fell in love with it after being a frosh leader last year. The week is one of the best ways to make friends and learn about the Queen's campus and community. It's run by the students for the students.

One of the important things to remember is that you always have resources and people you can turn to. This handbook contains a lot of information about the different services that Queen's offers, however this is just a small fraction of what you can do or where you can turn to. During my first year at Queen's I know that I was too afraid to get involved because I didn't want my marks to suffer. Having gone through a second year now, I can tell you that getting involved is what made this year so amazing for me. I would strongly encourage all of you to get out there and get involved.

Since November, your Tech Committee (myself and the other planners of your events) have been coming up with activities, contacting sponsors, booking events, and trying to make your frosh week as fun as we can. We have a great slate of events for you to attend. We have events where you can learn about campus, about your classes, about your new friends and about yourselves. There are events where you can run around and have fun, and events where you can just sit and relax, and events where you can get astoundingly dirty.

On a final note, I have to ask every person that reads this to do one thing: Take a big deep breath. Don't you feel better? No one, and I mean no one, can come to Queen's less prepared than I was. I didn't have my courses registered. I found a place to live the day before classes started. My arm was in a cast. I had no idea what or who to turn to for help with any of this. All in all it was a very difficult and rushed time for me. I have two pieces of advice for you from that experience. One: Don't do what I did. Two: If I can make it through being that unprepared, then so can you. It will be scary, it will be different, but you're going to make it and I am going to help you. Promise.

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High Tech 2013
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P.S Email me
P.P.S Seriously, Email me

COMPSA Welcome

Welcome Class of 2017!

I am pleased to welcome you all to Queen's University, and the School of Computing. The years you spend here will foster growth, both academically and personally. Each student, staff and faculty member is here to ensure that you reach success. It would be very hard to find a group of students more tight-knit and supportive as those in computing. It has truly grown into an amazing family.

Not too long ago I was in your very place, taking my first steps into the Queen's community. The amount of information and emotion, and even the culture shock, that comes at you can be intimidating, but do not worry, before you know it, you will be completely at ease in your new home.

The Computing Students Association (COMPSA) is always here to offer support. We are an entirely student-run government acting as the main representative body for all computing students at Queen's. Your needs, voices and interests are represented to various bodies such as other faculty societies, the AMS or the School of Computing administration. We offer support for all students through private tutors, a Buddy Program and student-run tutorials for many of the courses you will take during your time here at Queen's. We also host amazing events such as our semi-formal and End of Year Banquet. Our annual LAN Party, movie nights and weekly coffee with profs foster an amazingly inclusive environment. There are a number of ways for you to get involved so check out our website (<http://compsa.queensu.ca>), check us out on Facebook (COMPSA – Computing Students Association), join the Class of 17 Facebook group, or check us out on Twitter (@compsa).

I look forward to meeting you as you take your first steps into your new community. Queen's and Kingston will become your new home and I encourage you to make the most of your time here.

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions, concerns, or just want to say hi!

Sincerely,

Sahib Purba

President

Computing Students' Association

president@compsa.queensu.ca

AOC Welcome

Dear Class of 2017,

Congratulations on entering Queen's and beginning a new era in your life as a student. You are now a member of an academic community that values and promotes scholarly achievements as well as the various social, cultural and personal skills demanded by the professional world. Queen's University welcomes you as a member of this community and encourages you to challenge yourself to develop the highest scholarly standards while also involving yourself in the many other possibilities offered here.

Seize the opportunity to be introduced to our academic community and resources by attending the academic events during Orientation Week. Once the academic year starts, take time to meet your professors, talk to your teaching assistants, and be ready to engage in all your classes, labs, and tutorials. Take advantage of the many resources and people available to support you in meeting your academic goals. A positive attitude toward your academic career is the best way to appreciate fully the many opportunities and experiences that our community offers you.

As you become a fully engaged member of Queen's University, we ask you to keep the following in mind. For first-year students, the pressures accompanying university life can sometimes be overwhelming when combined with the stress of being away from home for an extended period of time. Therefore, it is not uncommon for grades to fall in the early stages of the first year. Though marks are an important gauge by which to judge a student's work ethic and understanding of subject, incoming students should focus on developing effective study skills, communication with their professors and peers, and an open attitude toward intellectual life in general.

University life is both a privilege and a responsibility. Therefore, the Queen's community expects that its members will respect the rights, dignity, and differences of others, respect city and university property, and behave in such a manner as to be effective ambassadors for Queen's at home or abroad. Above all, strive to realise your full potential, whatever it may be, and learn to know yourselves.

Again, welcome to Queen's and good luck in your first year of university life.

Academic Orientation Committee

2013

Tech Committee

The Tech Committee (TC) is a group of 7 upper year students who have been hard at work organizing Orientation Week 2013. They will be some of the first people you meet in the fall.



Lucas Marcelli (High Tech)

Meet Lucas Marcelli, your High Tech. Lucas attended Ottawa University for the first year of his Computing undergraduate career. He was then recruited to Queen's computing for his physics prowess and Defense of the Ancients skills. However, the skill did not come cheap. He burned off his left eyebrow during an overclocking incident, when trying to make his computer powerful enough to run DotA. He simply drew on a new one with a marker, and continued improving. Perseverance; that is what makes the High Tech so great. He will stop at nothing to ensure that the Frosh have the best week of their life.

His likes include goto statements and boilerplate code. His dislikes consist of long walks on the beach, and social interactions.

Nickname: High Tech



Anthony Piersanti (Treasurer)

Nothing is known of Anthony's background. There are only stories and legends, most of them apocryphal, passed down through the ages. In truth, Anthony is a mystery for whom the only true biography is description: he is a universal force, a consumer of worlds. He is a being of the void, at times corporeal, other times ethereal; a beast between the planes. Anthony has taken place as the treasurer for Computing Orientation. It remains a mystery why this being from another dimension believes the struggle for orientation week is worth entering our physical plane, but apparently an upset in the balance of money in this world has repercussions in adjacent dimensions.

Nickname: Sleeping Beauty



Catherine Chisnell (Sponsorship)

She is the Xena of Computing; the Ada Lovelace of Orientation Week; the Marie Curie of kickin' butt. Raised in a castle as a viking princess in the small Ontario town of Pembroke, Catherine spent her days riding her pet unicorn and going on secret CIA missions to outer space. Catherine is a puzzle, wrapped in a mystery, consumed by an enigma, disguised as a riddle. She came to Kingston for some "big city livin'" and to turn Queen's University completely inside out. The sponsors won't be able to escape this cowgirl's lasso, and she's here to make sure Orientation Week 2013 is a hootenanny.

Nickname: The Lone Ranger



Christopher Keeler (Fundraising)

The hometown hero Christopher Keeler has spent many months training to prepare for the best Orientation Week ever. A descendant of the mighty Samson, Chris' luxurious hair not only gives him superhuman strength, but also allows him to fundraise at a level greater than any mortal man. Having honed his event planning skills as the COMPSA Casual Events Commissioner, Chris is more than prepared to conquer anything that comes at him. Chris' job is to put the 'Fun' in FUNdraising, and is more than prepared to take on the difficult task of creating a highly strategic fundraising plan to ensure that the Tech Committee will have all of the necessary monies to create a fantastic week.

Nickname: Chicken Salad



Curtis Tremblay (Publications)

Curtis Tremblay is one beautiful man with facial hair that can surpass the awesomeness of Karl Marx's in less than 4 hours. He is one reckless dude who has won the internetz more times than you have blinked in your life and his power level is greater than 9000. Curtis also possesses the ability to speak the Klingon language very fluently and is often seen on campus playing Hello Kitty Island Adventure. Actually though, Curtis is someone who we can all count on, and is one super cool guy who will make this Frosh week an amazing week for everyone.

Nickname: Gordon Freeman



Niv Yahel (Logistics)

Originally born in Antarctica and raised by penguins, Niv Yahel found his calling as a student in the faculty of computing. His kind nature, cheery demeanor and excitement towards frosh week got him chosen as the logistics chair in the computing orientation committee. Niv's infatuation with orientation is only outmatched by his love of nurses. In Niv's spare time, when he is not saving the world from evil or completing a CISC assignment, he can be found cuddling penguins, wrestling grizzly bears or teaching small children how to read.

Nickname: Happy Feet



Sahib Purba (Academics)

Hailing from the city of Mississauga, Ontario, Sahib Purba is most likely a super villain of some sort. It is really the only explanation for how he is able to be a second year Biomedical Computing Student, Vice President of University Affairs for COMPSA (Queen's University Computing Students' Association), and our resident Academics Chair. There have also been rumors that he is always practicing an evil laugh and is looking to buy his own submarine to turn into an evil lair, though they remain unconfirmed. Through the sheer amount of swag this man possess he will soon be able to control the entire Computing Faculty and possibly Queen's University itself... from there I can only conclude he will take over the world. However, this will not necessarily be a bad thing. In fact he would probably just demand everyone calm down and listen to some "sick beats". So maybe his helping to run Orientation week is just training to rule the world, but if someone has to do it... At least he's willing to put in some practice first.

Nickname: Master Chef



TECH COMMITTEE

Techs

Your Orientation Leaders or “Techs” are a larger group of upper year students who will be leading the individual Orientation Groups. If you have any questions throughout the week, these should be the first people you ask!



Adam Chirnside
General Computing
Class of 2015



Addie Stewart
Software Design
Class of 2016



Alexander Vallance
Software Design
Class of 2015



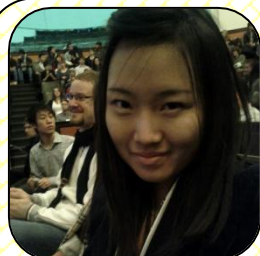
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Biomedical Computing
Class of 2016



Chris Radford
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Class of 2016



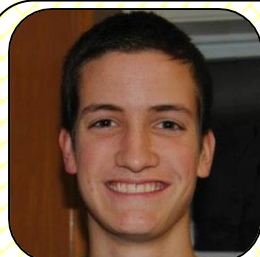
Christina Chan
Software Design
Class of 2016



Claire Kim
Life Science
Class of 2014



Conor Fitzpatrick
Cognitive Science
Class of 2015



Daniel McKiltrick
Software Design
Class of 2015



Elena Pakka
Cognitive Science
Class of 2016



Erin Gallagher
Biomedical Computing
Class of 2016



Jamie Bannerman
Software Design
Class of 2015



Keith Weaver
Software Design
Class of 2016



Laura Brooks
Software Design
Class of 2016



Liam Collins
Software Design
Class of 2015



Mufan Yang
General Computing
Class of 2016



Peter Ju
General Computing
Class of 2016



Scott Wallace
Software Design
Class of 2016



Shannon Kleff
General Computing
Class of 2016



Sylvester Chang
Biomedical Computing
Class of 2015

What is Orientation Week?

Orientation week (also commonly known as “Frosh Week”) is the week prior to classes which contains a series of fun and informative activities. These activities are designed to familiarize with things you may encounter during first year, as well as with the campus and the community. All first year students are placed into frosh groups which are led around by upper year computing students. These upper years are known as Techs and are excited to answer all your pressing questions about any topic of your choosing. Computing students are classified as Arts and Science students but we offer our own orientation events so that you can get to meet all the fantastic people you will be taking classes with for the next four or more years.

Orientation Week at Queen's is run entirely by students, for students. There is an incredible amount of pride, energy and sheer excitement generated during Orientation Week that maintains itself year after year and you will soon be a part of this longstanding tradition.

Besides being a ridiculous amount of fun, Orientation Week for all faculties and schools at Queen's strives to further the following goals:

- To make all new students feel welcome;
- To facilitate a smooth transition into university;
- To build a strong and inclusive community of students;
- To make new students comfortable in their academic, social and environmental contexts;
- To provide a solid foundation for a successful university experience.

Orientation Week for computing is all about making you feel comfortable in your surroundings. For us that means jams, coveralls, cheering, fun, excitement, friends, and great times that you will look back on fondly. During Orientation Week, you'll learn all about the great things Queen's has to offer. Orientation Week sets the stage for the rest of your university career and is an important step between being a high school student, and being a Queen's student.

All frosh week events are completely voluntary, and you don't even have to be a participant of frosh week to get the important academic information, however participating is strongly recommended because your Tech Committee can't wait to meet you and neither can your techs (and your fellow students too we hope!)

All activities are monitored by several different bodies within the school such as the Orientation Round Table, the Senate Orientation Activities Review Board and the Academic Orientation Committee for safety and to ensure that principles of inclusiveness and enjoyment are upheld.



Orientation Week Schedule

When	What	Where
Wednesday September 4th, 2013		
8:30am – 10:00am	Frosh Welcome	Chernoff Field
10:00am – 11:30am	Welcome Forum	ARC / Grant Hall
11:30am – 1:15pm	Caf Lunch with Leaders	Ban Righ Cafeteria
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Course Confirmation / Leadership Games	Walter Light Hall
2:30pm – 3:30pm	Van Painting	Walter Light Hall Parking Lot
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Queen's at the Park	Kingston City Park
5:00pm – 12:00am	Wolfe Island Corn Maze	Wolfe Island
Thursday September 5th, 2013		
9:00am – 11:00am	Sidewalk Sale	University Ave.
11:00am – 11:30pm	Meet at Walter Light	Walter Light Hall
11:30pm – 12:30pm	Caf Lunch with Leaders	Leonard/Ban Righ Cafeteria
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Sexperts and QFA	Dupuis Auditorium
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Academic Success 101	Dupuis Auditorium
2:30pm – 7:00pm	Summerhill BBQ	Summerhill
7:00pm – 12:00am	CompSci Idol/Talent Show	Common Ground
Friday September 6th, 2013		
9:00am – 10:00am	COMPISA/School of Computing Welcome	Dupuis Auditorium
10:00am – 10:30am	Student Card Validation	JDUC
10:30am – 11:00am	Prof Talk	Dupuis Auditorium
11:00am – 12:00am	Game Show	Dupuis Auditorium
12:00pm – 2:00pm	Buddy Games Event	Across from Goodwin/Walter Light
2:00pm – 4:30pm	Coverall Painting/Games	MacDonald Park
4:30pm – 12:00am	Games Night/LAN Party/Movie Night	Goodwin & Walter Light
Saturday September 7th, 2013		
8:30am – 10:00am	Tamming and Traditions	Grant Hall
10:00am – 12:00pm	Frosh Adventures	Across Campus
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch	TBA
1:00pm – 4:00pm	CompSci Cup	City Park
6:00pm – 9:00pm	High Table Dinner	Lower Ban Righ Hall
9:00pm – 12:00am	ASUS Semi-Formal	Grant Hall

Event Descriptions

Wednesday, September 4th, 2013

Frosh Welcome

Chernoff Field

8:30am – 10:00am

This is the first event in the most fun-filled four days of your life! You'll meet your fellow first-years and super frosh leaders in front of Chernoff Hall. Then, you'll be introduced to the awesomeness that is Orientation Week. Be prepared to learn some cheers!

Welcome Forum

ARC / Grant Hall

10:00am – 11:30am

Meet some of the Deans in Arts and Science, as well as the Arts and Science Student Government! These are important resources that you can rely on during your time here and that are here to help you. We'll also be practicing those cheers you just learned!

Caf Lunch with Leaders

Ban Righ Cafeteria

11:30am – 1:15pm

Get to know your Tech Group (and other Computing students) at the cafeteria! Eat up! You'll need your energy!

Course Confirmation

Walter Light Hall Computing Lab

1:30pm – 2:30pm (Rotation)

Ensure you're registered in all the right courses, complete your SOLUS registration (if not already done), and set up your CASLab account by coming out to the Course Confirmation. Your Techs, TCs & our Undergraduate Assistant will be there to help.

NOTE: If you miss this event, **MAKE SURE** to complete your SOLUS registration **BEFORE** picking up your student card on Friday September 6th.

Leadership Games

Outside Walter Light Hall

1:30pm – 2:30pm (Rotation)

Get to know your fellow group members and frosh leaders better while engaging in fun games to bring you out of your shell and get you into the spirit of Orientation week.

Van Painting

Walter Light Hall Parking Lot

2:30pm – 3:30pm

Help decorate the Computing Orientation van! This is the vehicle your TC will be driving around in throughout the week, so make sure to show off your creative side!

Queen's at the Park

Kingston City Park

3:30pm – 4:30pm

Learn about the academic and social services, as well as all sorts of clubs Queen's has to offer. Each booth has a variation of information, prizes, and activities for everyone!

Wolfe Island Corn Maze

Wolfe Island

5:00pm – 12:00am

The Wolfe Island Corn Maze is a major Kingston attraction that Computing Orientation goes to every year. Get to participate in fun games run by the host family, enjoy some deliciously prepared food by them if you're hungry, and the topper to the night: the maze! Think you can get through the maze in dark?

Thursday, September 5th, 2013

Sidewalk Sale

University Avenue

9:00am – 11:00am

This event will introduce you to some of the local businesses in Kingston, and a few clubs on campus. You also may be able to get your hands on some free stuff and great discounts!

Caf Lunch with Leaders

Ban Righ / Leonard Cafeterias

11:30am – 12:30pm

Re-fuel for the afternoon activities with your Tech Group. They will tell you which cafeteria you will be meeting at.

Sexperts and QFA

Dupuis Auditorium

12:30am – 1:30pm

Get valuable advice from the sexperts of the Sexual Health Resource Center and Queen's First Aid to ensure you enjoy a safe and healthy Queen's experience.

Academic Success 101

Dupuis Auditorium

1:30pm – 2:30pm

Learn how to succeed academically at Queen's through a presentation organized by your Tech Committee.

Summerhill BBQ

Summerhill

2:30pm – 7:00pm

Get to eat great food with your fellow groups prepared by your very own Tech Committee. When not eating you can engage in games such as throwing around a Frisbee or football or maybe some pickup soccer. Also get to learn your frosh dance step by step so that way we may wow the other faculties. Includes a special appearance by the School of Nursing!

CompSci Idol/Talent Show

Common Ground

7:00pm – 12:00am

Definitely a highlight – You won't want to miss this! Visit Common Ground, a student-run coffee shop, for a night of karaoke. You will also have the chance to showcase your unique talents and cheer on fellow students at our talent show!



Friday, September 6th, 2013

**COMPISA/School of Computing Welcome
Dupuis Auditorium**

9:00am – 10:00am

Looking to get involved at Queen's? Wondering about course requirements? Here, you'll get to meet important people in the School of Computing who can help you through university. You will also be introduced to your student association and learn about what services it provides you and how you can get involved.

Student Card Validation

IDUC

10:00am – 10:30am

Come pick up your student card! If you forgot to send in a picture during the summer you can have one taken here. You **MUST** complete SOLUS registration prior to picking up your student card.

Prof Talk

Dupuis Auditorium

10:30am – 11:00am

Got questions? Profs have answers! Sit down with some School of Computing Faculty and have a chance to ask anything you can think of.

Game Show

Dupuis Auditorium

11:00am – 12:00pm

How much do you remember? We'll be playing a trivia game about some of the information you've learned in the last few days as well as a selection of other general knowledge questions.

**Buddy Event/Swedish Beaver Lunch
Across from Walter Light Hall**

12:00pm – 2:00pm

Meet some awesome upper year students while you relax and enjoy a delicious lunch sponsored by Swedish Beaver. A variety of choices are available including vegetarian and vegan options. If you have a specific dietary concern, please inform one of your Techs/TC prior to this event.

Coverall Painting/Games

MacDonald Park

2:00pm – 4:30pm

Your coveralls are ready! Now for the fun part...making them your own! Paint them in any design you want to showcase your Queen's spirit and personality. Then join in some fun activities organized by the Tech Committee.

**Games Night/Movie Night/LAN Party
Kingslon City Park**

5:00pm – 12:00am

Watch an awesome movie, try out some board games or take part in our LAN party, where you will be provided with video games sponsored by Steam.



Saturday, September 7^h, 2013

Tamming and Traditions

Grant Hall

8:30am – 10:00am

Learn all about the traditions of Queen's and receive your official Computing Tam. Remember not to put it on until after the ceremony and make sure it covers your ears.

Frosh Adventures

Across Campus

10:00am – 12:00pm

A campus-wide photo scavenger hunt! Learn about important resources on campus and earn gigapoints by taking creative pictures!



CompSci Cup

City Park

1:00pm – 4:00pm

The final challenge of Orientation Week! Put your debugging skills to the test, conquer various challenges presented by the TC and show your leaders your appreciation by getting them unbelievably messy!

High Table Dinner

Lower Ban Righ Hall

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Put on your best semi-formal attire and have a nice dinner with your peers, techs and TC. We'll have a slideshow highlighting the week, closing words from your techs and TC and the presentation of the CompSci Cup and various other awards.

ASUS Semi-Formal

Grant Hall

9:00pm – 12:00am

Dance the night away with your Computing friends and members of the faculty of Arts and Science.



Campus Map



1. Chernoff Field	6. Summerhill
2. ARC/Common Ground	7. Clark Hall
3. Ban Righ Cafeteria	8. JDUC
4. Walter Light Hall	9. Grant Hall
5. Dupuis Hall	10. Goodwin Hall

Getting Involved at Queen's!

There are so many opportunities at Queen's to cater to any of your interests through clubs, societies, committees, and more! Be sure to watch your Queen's email account in September for more information on these and other exciting opportunities to get involved with your school. In the meantime, here are a few groups on campus that can help get you started!



Computing Students' Association (COMPSTA) – COMPSTA is our Computing Student Government and offers lots of great ways to get involved such as intramural sports, social events, tutoring, or even positions on its Council. This year, one of the positions available is the First Year Representative, to be elected in the Fall term. The person who takes this position will represent all First Year students at COMPSTA meetings and will help relay information back to them. If you're interested, you can always sit in on a few General COMPSTA Assemblies and see how it works for yourself! For more information about COMPSTA, check out the website at <http://compsa.queensu.ca>, and always feel free to contact any of this year's current Council with any questions/concerns.



Arts and Science Undergraduate Society (ASUS) – Being a member of the School of Computing also means you're a member of the Faculty of Arts and Science. ASUS is their Student Government and offers various volunteer positions in their charities and on their committees, as well as running various social events throughout the year. The COMPSTA VP Operations sits on the ASUS Assembly, so if you ever want to know what happens or want to give your input to ASUS feel free to get in touch with next year's VP Operations (contact information available on our COMPSTA website or just talk to the High Tech!). You can also sit in and watch the meetings yourself. For more information on ASUS, check out their website at <http://queensasus.com>



Alma Mater Society – The Alma Mater Society represents all the undergraduate students at Queen's. They offer most of the student-run services you see on campus, as well as most clubs. The COMPSTA President and VP University Affairs both sit on the AMS Assembly, so if you ever want to know what happens or want to give your input to the AMS, feel free to get in touch with next year's President Eril Berkok (a fellow Computing student) or VP University Affairs. (contact information available on the COMPSTA website). Check out the AMS website at <http://myams.org>

If you want information ahead of time but aren't sure where to start, contact the COMPSTA Council to point you in the right direction, or you can ask other Queen's upper years questions on either of the following Facebook groups:

Queen's Computing Class of 2017 Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/queenscomputing2017>

Queen's University: Class of 2017 Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/queensclassof2017>

A Linguistics Lesson: Queen's Lingo

Many words are specific to Queen's. You'll use and hear them a lot, so get to know them!

AMS: The Alma Mater Society is the central undergraduate student government. They provide services, and volunteer/employment opportunities.

ARC: The newly built Athletic Recreation Centre right beside the Queen's Centre. This holds all of your gym needs as well as a full sized pool, squash courts, and much, much more.

ASUS: Arts and Science Undergraduate Society. As Computing students you fall under ASUS. They have many different services offered and hold many events throughout the year.

Blue Light: These are the security lights found around campus. They have blue light bulbs. If you ever feel unsafe or need help, hit one of these and you can talk directly to security.

CoGro: Short form for the Common Ground held in the Queen's Centre. This is a great spot on campus for coffee, comfy couches and conversation.

COMPSA: The Computing Students' Association. They run events for Computing students with everything academic and social in mind.

Flex: The best way to get food on campus quickly. Your meal plans come with flex dollars (depending on your plan) and the money is stored on your student card. One swipe and you are good to go.

Frosh: First year students. That would be you!

Gaels: The name of Queen's Varsity teams. Examples would be the football team, the soccer team, volleyball and many more.

Golden Words: GW is the humour newspaper on campus, run by EngSoc (the Engineering Society). Get it every Wednesday!

JDUC: John Deutsch University Centre, at University and Union. This is one of the major places where students come to hang out between classes. It holds the AMS offices, some university offices and other services such as the Queen's Pub.

Gords: Another location to buy food on campus. It is located in the bottom of the Gordon as part of Gordon-Brockington House.

The Lazy Scholar: A very convenient place to buy food with your flex dollars. It is located in the basement of Victoria Hall.

Mac-Corry: Arts and Science offices and a food court are found in this building, along with some classrooms. If you have classes here, go early – it will take some time for you to figure out the layout of Mac-Corry!

Main: Main Campus. This is where most of your classes will be, as well as most of the residences, cafeterias, the JDUC, the Queen's Centre and a whole lot more.

Oil Thigh: This is the Queen's fight song you will know and love. This is the song we sing to show our pride in our school and its heritage. It is sung very frequently during Orientation week, as well as every time a touchdown is scored at football games because it is the only inter faculty cheer.

SOLUS: The Student On-Line University System. Access your schedule and a variety of other information here. Available by logging into your My.QueensU profile on www.queensu.ca

Tech: These are your frosh leaders and some of the most amazing people you will meet at Queen's. They're here to show you all the amazing things about Queen's.

The Journal: Queen's own newspaper, published twice a week for most of the semester and once a week closer to the end of term. Look to the Journal to keep up to date on everything going on around campus.

Tricolour: Red, gold and blue. These are the official Queen's colours.

West: West Campus. More residence and arguably the best cafeteria at Queen's!

What Do I Wear During the Week?

During Orientation Week, you should wear comfortable shoes, comfortable shorts or pants, and your Orientation T-shirt (provided at the Frosh Welcome event). Please note that you may opt to get dirty or wet during some activities, and you should choose your clothes appropriately (Techs will inform you of these events beforehand).

Other things you may want to bring/wear include sunglasses, sandals, an older pair of shoes (for the corn maze), a hat, a small backpack, and a light jacket (cool mornings/rainy days).



You will need semi-formal clothes for the High Table Dinner Semi-Formal.

- For males – we suggest a golf shirt or other collared shirt, dress pants and dress shoes (ties and suit jackets are optional)
- For females – see suggestions for males above or we suggest a dress, or skirt and shirt, with appropriate shoes

What else should I bring?

A reusable water bottle will be provided and water is available at all events. Additional items you may wish to bring include sunscreen, a camera (we suggest disposable and/or waterproof), asthma or other medication, epi-pens, identification (driver's license, etc.), spirit, a smile, an open mind!

You may wish to bring extra money for optional expenses such as the Sidewalk Sale. There are TD Canada Trust bank machines located on campus if you need additional spending money. Your Orientation Leaders will be happy to help you locate these machines if you desire.

The Oil Thigh

'The Oil Thigh, circa 1898, is the Queen's University fight song. It is sung frequently during Orientation Week as an inter-faculty cheer, as well as after every time the Gaels score a touchdown at football games. The repeated lines in the chorus translate to "The College of the Queen forever." The Oil Thigh is a proud Queen's tradition that exemplifies the spirit and strong sense of community among Queen's students. Here are the lyrics but don't worry about memorizing it - you'll get plenty of practice soon!

Chorus:

Oil thigh na Banrighinn a'Banrighinn gu brath!

Oil thigh na Banrighinn a'Banrighinn gu brath!

Oil thigh na Banrighinn a'Banrighinn gu brath!

Cha-gheill! Cha-gheill! Cha-gheill!

(Pronounced "Kay-Yal Kay-Yal Kay-Yal")

Sing!

Queen's College colours we are wearing once again,

Soiled as they are by the battle and the rain,

Yet another victory to wipe away the stain!

So, Gaels, go in and win!

Sing!

Oil thigh na Banrighinn a'Banrighinn gu brath!

Oil thigh na Banrighinn a'Banrighinn gu brath!

Oil thigh na Banrighinn a'Banrighinn gu brath!

Cha-gheill! Cha-gheill! Cha-gheill!

Sing!

What's the sport of Kings?

Queen's! Queen's! Queen's!

Oil thigh na Banrighinn

Cha Gheill! Cha Gheill! Cha Gheill!

Oil thigh na Banrighinn

Cha Gheill! Cha Gheill! Cha Gheill!

Go Queen's!

Your Summer “To-Do” List

Here are a few things you don't want to forget to do over the summer before coming to Queen's!

The last date for residence application and deposit is June 10, 2013. Go to <http://residences.housing.queensu.ca/> to book a room if you want somewhere to live next year!

In early June, you will be sent a registration information postcard directing you to visit the Arts and Science website www.queensu.ca/artsci for course registration information. Make sure you check SOLUS for your enrollment appointment time on July 2, 2013 and select your courses before August 2, 2013.

Complete the photo-ID form that will be sent to you this summer. Otherwise, you'll have to wait in line to get your picture taken, and nobody likes lines!

Make your minimum payment to the University by September 1, 2013. If you miss this date, you risk losing your spots in classes and in residence!

Plan what you need to pack, and then PACK! You don't want to forget anything at home, but you also don't want to fill up the space in your residence with unnecessary belongings.



Computing & Orientation:

Make sure to **register** on the Computing Orientation website (www.queenscomputingfresh.com) to sign up for orientation week. Also, check out the COMPSA website <http://compsa.queensu.ca> for more great info on what your student government does for you, including tutors, events, merchandise and more.

Check out the AMS website at <http://www.myams.org> to get more info about the AMS and the great things they can do for you.

Say goodbye to friends and family, and prepare yourself for the BEST WEEK OF YOUR LIFE,

COMPUTING ORIENTATION WEEK 2013!