

## Wellesley College

# Slater International Center International Student Pre-Orientation Program

August 24-26, 2012

## Welcome to Wellesley!

#### Friday, August 24

**Assigned Residence Halls** 9.00 AM Drop off luggage at your assigned residence hall Student Leaders will be available at each residence hall to assist you and to distribute keys and swipe cards. Alumnae Hall Ballroom 9:30 AM Registration Sign-in and pick up Welcome/Orientation packets. (Remember to carry all of your immigration documents with you for Immigration Check-In at 2:00pm) Alumnae Hall Ballroom 10:00 AM Welcome Breakfast Karen Zuffante Pabon, Director of Slater International Center Debra DeMeis, Dean of Students Kathryn Lynch, Dean of Faculty Affairs, Office of the Provost Staff Members from the Division of Student Life will welcome new international students and family members to Wellesley College. Hostesses are invited. A light continental breakfast will be served. 11:00 AM Leave from Alumnae Hall Campus Tour (for students and family members) **Ballroom** Join Slater Student Leaders and student representatives from the Office of Admissions for a brief campus tour. 12:00 PM **Tower Court Dining Hall** Lunch (for students and family members) Family members must have tickets distributed at Registration. 1:00 PM Slater International Center Getting to Know You (for students) Averie Sesskin, Slater International Center Slater Student Leaders **Student Orientation Coordinators** The Slater International Student Leaders will conduct a fun interactive session. 1:30 PM Library Lecture Room Parent & Family Information Session (for family members) Scott Juedes, Director of Student Financial Services John O'Keefe, Director of Advising and Academic Support Services Michelle Lepore, Assistant Dean of Students Karen Zuffante Pabon, Director of Slater International Center Deans and Directors will introduce parents and family members to the work of the Division of Student Life and discuss key immigration, academic and financial issues.

2:00 PM Immigration Check-in (for students)

<u>Mandatory</u> for all international students with visas. **You must bring your immigration documents: passport, Form I-94, Form 1-20 or Form DS-2019.** Copies of your documents will be made and you will complete some federally required paperwork. Snacks will be served.

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2:30 PM Third Culture Kids (TCKs) (for students)
Michelle Lepore, Assistant Dean of Students
Grace Abuhamad, Class of 2013

Library Lecture Room

This session is geared toward students who are not in a particular visa status but have grown up in a second culture or multiple cultures.

4:00 PM Getting Connected (for students)

Doug Chudzik, Help Desk Manger Lisa M. Diethelm, Manager Voice Services, LTS/Systems & Networks Alana Kumbier, Research & Instruction Librarian Brackett Reading Room Clapp Library-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Learn about computing support and library services at Wellesley, as well as how to get connected on campus. Following the session, you will have the opportunity to work with Help Desk student staff. **Bring your laptops!** 

4:30 PM Parent & Family Reception (for family members)

Parents and family members are invited to visit Slater International Center for some light refreshments.

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5:30 PM **Dinner** 

7:30 PM Hang out at Slater

Come spend some time with the Slater Student Leaders, play games, watch movies, or just chat! (optional)

Tower Court Dining Hall
Slater International Center

#### Saturday, August 25 – for students

7:00 AM **Breakfast** Tower Court Dining Hall

9:00 AM Staying Healthy

Vanessa Britto, Director of Health Services
Tanya Sullivan, Associate Director of Health Services
Claudia Trevor-Wright, Assistant Director of Health Education & Wellness

Tishman, Campus Center

Learn about resources on campus and in the community to help you stay healthy at Wellesley. You will also be able to check to see if you have met your health and immunization requirements and receive a TB test if necessary.

11:00 AM Immigration Information Session

Karen Zuffante Pabon, Director of Slater International Center Laura Till, Associate Director, Financial Aid Student Employment Collins Cinema

Collins Cinema

<u>Mandatory</u> for students in F-1 or J-1 status. This session will explain how you can maintain your legal status in the U.S., as well as discuss employment authorization information and travel requirements.

12:30 PM Lunch Tower Court Dining Hall

2:00 PM **U.S. Academics 101** 

John O'Keefe, Director of Advising and Student Services Lori Tenser, Dean of First Year Students

This session will offer an overview of what to expect in a Wellesley classroom, provide some guidance on interacting with faculty and classmates, and describe the various academic support services available to all students on campus.

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3:00 PM	Cultural Adjustment Student Panel Slater Student Leaders	Collins Cinema
	What is Culture Shock? Slater Student Leaders will share their personal experiences and perspectives on adjusting to life in the U.S. and at Wellesley.	
5:30 PM	Dinner	Tower Court Dining Hall
7:00 PM	Beach Blanket Bingo  Join student leaders and athletes on campus for a fun social gathering.  Beach attire recommended. A yogurt dessert bar will be available.	Tishman, Campus Center
8:00 PM	Hang out at Slater Come spend some time with the Slater Student Leaders, play games, watch movies, or just chat! (optional)	Slater International Center

## Sunday, August 26 – for students

7:00 AM	Breakfast	Tower Court Dining Hall
8:45 AM	Meet in Front of Chapel	
9:00 AM	<b>Trip to Boston</b> Slater Student Leaders will lead groups to various areas in downtown Boston, including Quincy Market, Chinatown, the North End, Downtown Crossing, and Newbur	ry Street.
1:30 PM	Meet at Park Street Station	
2:00 PM	Shopping Trip to Target	
4:30 PM	Meet at Buses to Return to Campus	
6:30 PM	Dinner	Tower Court Dining Hall
8:00 PM	Hang out at Slater  Come spend some time with the Slater Student Leaders, play games, watch movies, or just chat! (optional)	Slater International Center

## Monday, August 27

### Campus-Wide Orientation Begins (see Orientation schedule)

All 4 year degree seeking students should plan to attend the campus-wide Orientation Program to learn more about the Wellesley College community and additional support services and resources at the College. It is also a great opportunity to meet new students and connect with Faculty and Staff.

**Note:** Some sessions and services will not be applicable to Exchange Students and Special Assistants. Please consult with Slater International Center staff for guidance.

## **Special Events for Exchange Students and Special Assistants**

#### Thursday, August 30

3:00 PM Exchange Student & Special Assistant Registration Session

John O'Keefe, Director of Advising and Student Services

Clapp Library Computer Room

Do you need additional help with your course registration? Do you have more questions about what courses to take? This session will help you finalize your class schedule!

#### Friday, August 31

9:00 AM Exchange Student Gathering

Jennifer Thomas-Starck, Director of Office of International Study

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Join us for an informal gathering and to meet the staff of the Office of International Study. A light breakfast will be served.

## **Tuesday, September 4**

12:00 PM Special Assistant Gathering

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Slater International Center invites all Special Assistants, Language Department Heads, Language Instructors, and Administrative Assistants to lunch, to discuss the role of Special Assistants at the college.

(Remember to carry your immigration documents with you, in addition to your Social Security number application and On-Campus Work Authorization Letter.)

1:30 PM Trip to the Social Security Office

Transportation will be provided for Special Assistants to visit the Social Security Office and apply for social security numbers.