USPP Summer Bridge Orientation

Monday May 30, 2011

Welcome to UVM!
We are very happy you are here!
Please be sure to call home to let them know you have arrived safely.

Tuesday May 31, 2011

8:00 am   Meet your Program Assistants in your dorms

You'll meet your Program Assistants (Xiecheng Yuan, Xinyao Tan, Patrick Yee and Lead Program Assistant David Maciewicz) in the lobby of your dorm room building and discuss the schedule for the week. You'll then walk over together for breakfast to the dining hall.

8:30 am   Breakfast with Program Assistants and Sodexo

*Location: Harris Millis Dining Hall*

The majority of your meals during Summer Bridge will be “cafeteria-style” in Harris Millis Dining Hall. Summer Bridge Staff will take you there this morning to show you how things work at the UVM dining halls. Mr. Paul Bahan, from Sodexo (the UVM food service providers), will talk to you about how to use your meal plan.

9:30 am   CatCard Office

*Location: The Davis Center*

Program Assistants (PAs) will take you to the Cat Card Office where you will get your photo taken for your UVM ID Card. This card is very important and is necessary for many processes (and even discounts!) at UVM and in the Burlington community.

10:00 am  Locate your mailboxes

You will travel with your program assistants over to the Davis Student Center to locate your mailboxes where you’ll be able to pick up your mail over the summer.

10: 30 am  Davis Center Tour

You will take a tour of UVM’s student center (The Davis Center) and visit the different dining options that are available over the summer.
11:00 am Visi the Bookstore to pick up the books for your summer classes

12:00-1:30 pm Lunch at Harris Millis Dining Hall and meet members of the CSSA

You’ll have your first lunch at Harris-Millis. Members of the Chinese Students and Scholars Association will join you to welcome you and provide advice about getting settled in Burlington.

1:30-4:00 pm Running Errands

Summer Bridge staff will take small groups on the following trips.

- To shop for necessary items (take bus to University Mall)
- To set up a bank account (You must bring your passport and I-20)
- To buy a cell phone (if you want one)
- To buy a computer (if you need one)

4:30-6:30 pm Dinner at Harris Millis Dining Hall

6:30-7:30 pm Residential Life Floor Meeting

Meet with your Resident Advisors (Maggie Stone and Preston Carter) on your floor in U-Heights South to learn a little more about each other!
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Wednesday June 1, 2011
Location: Living and Learning Center Commons Building, Room 315

9:00-10:00am Opening Circle, Introduction of OIE staff, Immigration Check-in and Ice Breakers

Bring your immigration documents with you:
— Passport
— I-20
— I-94 card (white card you receive when you enter the U.S.)
— Immunization forms

“Circles” are a way for us to connect and share information as a community. You will continue to experience “circles” in your residential community at UVM as well.

“Icebreakers” What is an “icebreaker”? It is both “a ship with a reinforced bow to break up ice and keep channels open for navigation”, and “a beginning activity that relaxes a tense or formal atmosphere”. Icebreakers are designed to help us relax and get to know each other.

10:00-11:00 am F-1 Immigration Regulations

Your International Student Coordinator, Ms. Amelia Lushia, will tell you all you need to know about immigration regulations and the benefits and responsibilities of holding an F-1 student visa.

11:00-11:45 am Complete Paperwork and Tax Information

Time to fill out forms for the university.

11:45 am Tour Office of International Education

12:00-1:00 pm Lunch and Time for Questions in Harris Millis Dining Hall

USPP Summer Bridge Staff will answer your questions and give tips about life in Burlington, where to shop, how to get around, great things to see and do in Vermont and Burlington
1:00-2:00 pm  Center for Health & Wellbeing and Health Insurance  
Location: Living and Learning Center Commons Building, Room 315

Ms. Margaret Johnson (insurance and immunization records), Ms. Jill Hoppenjans (Student Health Center) and Ms. Denise Walter (Counseling Services) from the Center for Health and Wellbeing will talk about what to do when you are sick, the health services available on-campus and your health insurance.

2:00-2:15 pm  Closing Circle, Instructions for Campus Resources Hunt

2:30-8:00 pm  Conversation time with Dana and Cathy  
Location: University Heights South Study Room & Lounge

Each student will have a brief meeting with Dana (pronounced ‘Jana’) and Cathy, USPP English instructors.

2:30-4:30 pm  Campus Resources Treasure Hunt

During the time you are not having a conversation with Dana, you and a team of other USPP students will be going on a hunt for resources around campus (finding important offices you need to know!)

4:30-6:30 pm  Dinner in Harris Millis Dining Hall
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1:00 pm  English Assessment

*Your ELL instructors will assess your English writing skills.*

2:30 pm  Math Assessment
  Location: Kalkin Computer Lab

*All students will need to take a computerized test assessing their math skills.*

4:30-6:00 pm  Welcome Reception
  Location: Billings

*Vice President for Enrollment Management, Mr. Chris Lucier (pronounced “loo-SEAR”) will host a reception for students, faculty and staff involved in the USPP program. A group photo will be taken of all USPP students at this time.*
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Friday June 03, 2011
Location: Living and Learning Center Commons Building, Room 315

9:00-11:00 am  Campus Tours and Library Tours

UVM student tour guides (called “AdvoCats”) will lead you on a Campus Tour. You will also tour the UVM Library, also called the Bailey Howe Library.

12:00-1:00 pm  Lunch

1:00 pm  Opening Circle

1:15-2:00 pm  Safety and You

Officer Sue Roberts, will join us for a discussion on campus security and safety. Do not hesitate to ask her any questions or concerns you may have.

2:00 – 3:00 pm  Strategies for Managing Cultural Transition

Your International Student Coordinator, Amelia Lushia, will discuss strategies of how to make a successful transition to living in the United States.

3:00 pm  Introduction to Mentors Program

David Maciewicz, Lead Program Assistant, will provide an explanation of the Mentors Program for USPP students.

4:00 pm  Closing Circle

4:30-6:00 pm  Dinner in Harris Millis Dining Hall
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Saturday June 04, 2011

10:00 am – 4:00 pm  Ropes Course

Students will spend the day at the Adventure Ropes Course on the UVM Campus, which consists of elements, constructed of cables, ropes and wood, attached to trees. Your day will begin with warm-up and trust activities, then move into problem-solving initiatives, and low and high challenge course elements. You will spend the day getting to know this summer’s USPP Summer Bridge group in the great outdoors.

Free Time to Discover Burlington

Program Assistants will take groups of students downtown, or show you how to get there.

Jazz Fest happening in Burlington this Weekend. [http://www.discoverjazz.com/](http://www.discoverjazz.com/)
Location: Waterfront World Tent

Attend a concert down town on Burlington’s waterfront with all of the USPP students and program assistants. Hear the music of The Wailing Souls, The Itals and The Easy Star All Stars.