DEAR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS,

Congratulations on your acceptance to the University of Pennsylvania! We are so lucky to have you as members of the Class of 2023 and are eagerly looking forward to welcoming you all to campus, wherever in the world you are from. As international students, you bring the world to Penn and add to the diversity of our university.

Penn has so much to offer you. In addition to its rich history and traditions, outstanding academic opportunities, and diverse extracurricular activities, Penn will also be the setting in which you make many of your fondest memories: your first SEPTA ride to Center City, a stroll under the lights on Locust Walk on a winter’s night, or the Thanksgiving-dinner-induced food coma at your roommate’s house. Here, you will find some of your closest friends, from your freshman hall neighbor to the senior who helped you through your first year of college.

In addition to being a proud Penn student, you will also have access to over 30 international and cultural performing arts groups that will help make Penn your home away from home. The diligent effort put in by International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) and other campus administrators ensures your safety and comfort at Penn, whether it be a gentle reminder to file taxes or complete support during periods of visa and travel restrictions. The Assembly of International Students (AIS) will aid you with your day-to-day concerns and serve as a bridge between you and administrators, while the Penn Student Government and the Daily Pennsylvanian will make sure your concerns are heard and discussed. The orientation programs we have provided here for you are designed specifically to help you become familiar with campus resources and your international peers.

Your time at Penn will undoubtedly be among the most rewarding years of your life, and all of us here are excited to be a part of that journey. Congratulations again, and we look forward to meeting many of you during International Student Orientation!

Sincerely,

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MONDAY, AUGUST 19

4pm–6pm
**MEET AND GREET WITH iPHINS**
Meet the iPHINS (International Peers Helping Incoming New Students)! Family members are welcome. Light refreshments will be provided.
Location: Hall of Flags, Houston Hall

8:30pm–10pm
**MOVIE NIGHT**
Come watch Creed II—filmed right here in Philadelphia—to get a taste of the City of Brotherly Love! Snacks will be provided.
Location: College Green
Rain Location: Tent on Penn Commons

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

9am–1pm
**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WELCOME CENTER**
Meet the iPHINS, pick up orientation materials, and learn how to get started at Penn. Don't forget to visit the Student Services Expo and Campus Express in Houston Hall for information on campus resources and acquiring your PennCard. International students will have the option to do their immigration check-in with representatives of ISSS who will be on site (9am-10am & 12pm-1pm). Don’t forget to complete the online tutorial and arrival information form! Visit [https://global.upenn.edu/iss/immigration](https://global.upenn.edu/iss/immigration) for available check-in times and information about the check-in process.
Location: Perry World House

6pm–8pm
**WELCOME RECEPTION FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES**
Penn Global ISSS and the Office of Parent Outreach and Development welcome new international undergraduate students and their families to Penn. This event is by invitation only and advance registration is required. Solo travelers may meet-up with the iPHINS outside Annenberg Center at 5:30pm at the entrance facing Locust Walk.
Location: Annenberg Center

8:30pm–10pm
**GAME NIGHT**
A night of snacks and fun mocktails where students will be able to eat, drink, mingle, and play classic games in an exciting atmosphere.
Location: Hall of Flags, Houston Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

M 10am–10:30am
**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WELCOME SESSION**
Dr. Rudie Altamirano, Director of ISSS and Director of Immigration & Integration Services, will provide a welcome presentation on the life of an international student in the U.S.
Location: B1, Meyerson Hall

M 10:30am–11am
**GLOBAL PENN TRIVIA**
Compete with your peers on your knowledge of ISSS’ immigration & integration resources for international students and various campus resources.
Location: B1, Meyerson Hall

11am-11:15am
**INTRODUCTION TO THE ASSEMBLY OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**
Come hear how AIS could play a part in your journey at Penn.
Location: B1, Meyerson Hall

12pm–1pm
**PENN FAMILIES WELCOME PICNIC**
Location: Tent on Penn Commons

1pm-2:30pm
**STUDENT RESOURCES SCAVENGER HUNT**
Compete in a scavenger hunt that will take you to the locations of resources on campus.
Location: B1, Meyerson Hall

2:30pm–4pm
**ISO WATER CUP**
Come cool down at the ISO water cup. Wear attire that you wouldn’t mind getting wet, and bring spare clothes!
Location: The Button on College Green

M **IMMIGRATION CHECK-IN**
All international students must check in with ISSS and bring their immigration documents for an in-person review. Don’t forget to complete the online tutorial and arrival information form! Visit [https://global.upenn.edu/iss/immigration](https://global.upenn.edu/iss/immigration) for available check-in times and information about the check-in process.
Location: Aug 19 & 20: Perry World House (3803 Locust Walk); Aug 21, 22, 23, & 26: International House (3701 Chestnut Street)