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 2022 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 offerings, 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.

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 I look forward to meeting many of you during International Student Orientation!

Best,

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MONDAY, AUGUST 20

7pm–9pm
S'MORES LATE NIGHT EVENT
Kick back and enjoy a relaxed evening filled with delicious s'mores! Toast marshmallows, mingle with fellow international freshmen, and meet the iPHINS!
Location: College Green

9pm–11pm
MOVIE NIGHT
Location: Heyer Sky Lounge, Harrison College House

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

8am–2pm
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WELCOME CENTER
Meet the iPHINS, pick up orientation materials, and learn how to get started at Penn. International students will have the option to do their immigration check-in with representatives of ISSS who will be on site from 9am-10am & 12pm-1pm.
Location: Perry World House, 3803 Locust Walk

9am–5pm
STUDENT SERVICES EXPO AND CAMPUS EXPRESS
Come to your “one-stop shop” for essential services.
Location: Houston Hall

1:30pm–3:30pm
SHOPPING TRIP
Take a bus to buy necessities for your room. See event on NSO website to register.
Location: Meet at the corner of 33rd & Walnut streets

6pm–8pm
WELCOME RECEPTION FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES
Penn Global and the Office of Parent Outreach and Development welcome new international undergraduate students and their families to Penn. Meet other new families from around the globe and hear from Penn officials as we celebrate the world at Penn! Event is by invitation only and advanced registration is required.
Location: Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, 3680 Walnut Street

11pm–1am
FROM PHILLY TO VEGAS: CASINO NIGHT
A night of snacks and fun mocktails where students will be able to eat, drink, mingle, and play classic games in an exciting casino atmosphere.
Location: 2nd Floor, Houston Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

9am–5pm
STUDENT SERVICES EXPO AND CAMPUS EXPRESS
Come to your “one-stop shop” for essential services.
Location: Houston Hall

9:15am–10am
FLASH TALKS
Learn how to balance a busy life at Penn and how to make a healthy transition. Presented by Weingarten Learning Resources Center and Counseling and Psychological Services.
Location: B1, Meyerson Hall

10am–10:30am
ISSS PRESENTS: PENN TRIVIA
Fight jet lag with trivia! International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) is your office for anything immigration or integration related. It’s the office you visit upon arrival, throughout your time at Penn and beyond graduation. Team up with classmates from around the globe to learn more about ISSS and compete for amazing prizes!
Location: B1, Meyerson Hall

10:30am–12pm
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WELCOME SESSION
Dr. Rudie Altamirano, Director of ISSS and Director of Immigration & Integration Services, provides a welcome presentation on the life of an international student in the U.S. The Assembly of International Students (AIS) and the iPHINS give an interactive introduction to life at Penn and in Philly.
Location: B1, Meyerson Hall

12pm–1pm
LUNCH WITH iPHINS
Enjoy lunch with the iPHINS and learn more about their Penn experiences.
Location: College Green

2pm–4pm
ISO WATER CUP
Come cool down with your fellow international students at the International Student Orientation (ISO) Water Cup. You will get wet!
Location: The Button on College Green

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/isss/orientation for available check-in times and information about the check-in process.
Location: August 20 & 21: Perry World House (3803 Locust Walk) • August 22, 23, 24, & 27: ISSS (3701 Chestnut Street)
DEAR FGLI STUDENTS,

Welcome to Penn! We are so excited to have you on campus! First generation and/or low income (FGLI, pronounced fig-ly) students at Penn face unique challenges, but we are thriving.

We invite you to become involved in our community. Penn First, among other student groups on campus, is a resource for all FGLI students at Penn. It was founded in 2015 by 12 students who noticed a lack of community for students who shared similar life experiences. The goals of Penn First have always been to create a unified community of FGLI students at Penn and to connect students to the resources they need to succeed. For more information about how to get involved, please like our Facebook page, Penn First, and join our Facebook group, Penn First Members.

During the Fall 2016 semester, Penn’s FGLI Program, housed in the Greenfield Intercultural Center (GIC), was formally established. The FGLI Program houses many resources for FGLI students, including a donated textbook library, community kitchen, food pantry, study groups, and more — including their loving staff, who advise and support students. We encourage you to acquaint yourself with the FGLI Program early in your Penn career, as it will be one of your most valued resources. You can learn more about the program and what it offers at www.vpul.upenn.edu/fgli.

The programs we have provided for you during New Student Orientation (NSO) are meant to help you become familiar with your fellow FGLI peers, valuable resources, and allies throughout the University. As your peers, we hope that your journey through Penn and Philadelphia is filled with unending joy, triumph, and life-changing experiences. Whether you are searching for a community or not, we hope you know that you have a place among us. We can’t wait to meet you all!

Sincerely,

Your 2018 FGLI PHINS Coordinators
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**TUESDAY, AUGUST 21**

9am-2pm
***FIRST GENERATION AND/OR LOW INCOME STUDENT WELCOME CENTER***
Meet the FGLI PHINS, pick up orientation materials, and learn how to get started at Penn.
Location: 1st Floor Lobby, Houston Hall

1:30pm–3:30pm
***SHOPPING TRIP***
Take a bus to buy necessities for your room. See event on NSO website to register.
Location: Meet at the corner of 33rd & Walnut streets

5pm–6pm
***PENNKIPP WELCOME ORIENTATION***
 Incoming KIPP scholars are invited to meet the PennKIPP class of 2022 cohort, current PennKIPP scholars, and program director. PennKIPP is a proud FGLI ally. *For PennKIPP scholars only.*
Location: Greenfield Intercultural Center, 3708 Chestnut Street

6:30pm–8:30pm
***WELCOME BBQ AND INTRO TO PENN FIRST AND THE FGLI PROGRAM***
Enjoy dinner at the Greenfield Intercultural Center (GIC) and meet fellow FGLI freshmen, upperclassmen, and staff. Become familiar with the various academic and social resources for FGLI students and how you can best access them.
Location: Lenape Garden, Greenfield Intercultural Center

9pm–11pm
***FGLI NEW STUDENT MIXER***
As you wind down after a long day of unpacking and socializing, make your way to Harrison College House for a night of fun!
Location: Heyer Sky Lounge, Harrison College House

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**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22**

9am-11am
***BREAKFAST WITH FGLI PHINS***
Up early for your first official day of NSO? Stop by the GIC and enjoy breakfast with the FGLI PHINS.
Location: Greenfield Intercultural Center

11am-1pm
***LUNCH WITH FGLI PHINS***
Enjoy lunch with the FGLI PHINS and learn more about their Penn experiences.
Location: College Green

12:30pm-1:30pm
***INTRODUCTION TO CULTURAL AND FIRST GENERATION RESOURCES AT PENN***
Hear from returning students and resource center staff as they describe the programs and services provided to support ethnic, LGBT, and first generation students, as well as those interested in intercultural programs. Refreshments will be provided.
Location: 208, ARCH

2pm-3pm
***FGLI WELCOME SESSION***
Learn about resources on campus specifically for FGLI students. Hear from FGLI Program staff and representatives from FGLI student groups on campus.
Location: 208, ARCH

3:30pm-4:30pm
***HOW TO “FINESSE”***
Hear FGLI upperclassmen share insight into how to best utilize the University’s resources to fulfill your needs as FGLI students. Students attending will have the opportunity to ask questions.
Location: Greenfield Intercultural Center

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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 25**

10am-11:30am
***HILL AND CHILL***
Eat brunch with the FGLI PHINS at Hill College House!
Location: Hill College House
DEAR PENN EXCHANGE AND INTERNATIONAL GUEST STUDENTS,

You’ve come from far and wide, some from different hemispheres, some from the other side of the equator, and some from neighboring lands... but you are now here and you are an integral part of what makes Penn unique. Welcome to the University of Pennsylvania and to New Student Orientation (NSO)!

As an exchange or IGSP student for the semester or academic year, you are a full-time Penn student. This entitles you to take advantage of all the resources that our vast campus offers including world-class libraries, research opportunities, engaging clubs and societies, tools and resources for learning, expansive health services, sporting events, opportunities to network and learn from top tier faculty and students, and so much more. During NSO and over the coming months, open yourself to new experiences, opinions, and people; this will make your time here memorable and impactful.

We know the journey to get here has been long and, for some, taken many years. Take a moment to pause and reflect on your past. You’ve proved that with hard work, time management, and dedication, personal and academic success is within reach. While at Penn, keep this in mind and take advantage of every opportunity you have to learn, grow, and expand your international network. Use your colleagues, faculty, advisors, and resources to the fullest extent. Seek support when needed. The time that you are here is temporary and will go by quickly. Make the most of it.

Sincerely,

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

8:30am-5pm
MOVE-IN AND PENNCARD PICK-UP
Exchange and IGSP students can begin moving into their assigned College Houses at 9am. Students can pick up their PennCards between 8:30am and 5pm at the Penn Bookstore.
Location: Penn Bookstore, 3601 Walnut Street

9am-5pm
STUDENT SERVICES EXPO AND CAMPUS EXPRESS
Come to your “one-stop shop” for essential services. See inside left flap for details
Location: Houston Hall

1:30pm–3:30pm
SHOPPING TRIP
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Location: Meet at the corner of 33rd & Walnut streets

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Location: Houston Hall

9:15am-10am
FLASH TALKS
Learn how to balance a busy life at Penn and also how to make a healthy transition. Presented by Weingarten Learning Resources Center and Counseling and Psychological Services.
Location: B1, Meyerson Hall

10am-12pm
CHECK-IN AND WELCOME SESSION
Check in upon arrival. Penn Abroad and LPS give interactive introductions to life at Penn and Philly, as well as provide information about your program.
Exchange Students Location: 200, College Hall
IGSP Students Location: 419, Fisher-Bennett Hall

12pm–1pm
ePHINS LUNCH
Enjoy lunch with the ePHINS and learn more about their Penn experiences.
Location: College Green

1:30pm–2:30pm
PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERPERSONAL HEALTH
Learn about resources that will help you maintain your health, safety, security, and well-being while at Penn.
Location: 200, College Hall

2:30pm–3:30pm
CAMPUS TOUR
Explore campus and discover its many resources.
Location: Leaves from 200, College Hall

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

M 9am-10am
ISSS CHECK-IN & BREAKFAST
Bring appropriate documents including passport with visa and entry stamp (I-94), I-20 forms, and PennCard for immigration check-in.
Location: 200, College Hall

M 10am-10:45am
CULTURAL ADJUSTMENT PRESENTATION
Learn more about cultural adjustment from experts at Penn.
Location: 200, College Hall

M 10:45am–11:30am
PANEL WITH CURRENT PENN STUDENTS
Hear about campus, social opportunities, and student life from current Penn students.
Location: 200, College Hall

11:30am-1pm
LUNCH
Enjoy lunch with your new friends and colleagues.
Location: Hill, Kings Court English, NCH, 1920 Commons, and Falk at Penn Hillel.

M 1pm-2:30pm
ACADEMIC RESOURCES AND INTEGRITY OVERVIEW
Learn about the role of academic advisors at Penn, including course registration and academic support resources from Penn advising offices and the Weingarten Learning Resources Center. Discussions will include rules regarding plagiarism and cheating at Penn.
Location: 200, College Hall

M 2:30pm-4pm
ACADEMIC ADVISING
Exchange students will meet with their Academic Advisor from their respective school. Time, date, and location will be distributed during orientation.
IGSP students will have the option to meet with their IGSP advisor for any questions or course concerns during open walk-in hours at Suite 100, 3440 Market Street.