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# WELCOME TO WELLESLEY

#### **Dear Wellesley Parents and Family Members,**

A Japanese proverb states:

"The bamboo that bends is stronger than the oak that resists."

I have been thinking a lot about bamboo and its symbolism as we prepare for our Orientation with the theme of *Stretch Out Loud*.

At Wellesley, we are actively working to foster a balanced, healthy, thriving community — one in which students are stretched just beyond their comfort zones and have sufficient support for making those next strides. At its core, Wellesley provides profound intellectual challenge, introducing our students to new concepts and new ways of thinking about what they know. In addition, we embrace the challenges that come from living in community, where new relationships and perspectives also offer opportunities for personal development.

We know that challenges may lead initially to discomfort or trepidation. As with physical exercise, we need time for the subsequent stretching — the lengthening and easing of muscles and mind — so that the true benefits can be realized more fully. Students stretch out loud during their college years, as they strive to become their best, most complete selves.

As parents, of course, we hope our children will make a seamless transition. When I sent my own children off to college, I worried that I had not done all I could have as a parent to prepare them for all they would encounter, and that I had run out of time to do so. "Guess what?" my husband sagely reminded me, "you're not finished being a parent."

How true that is. As a parent of a Wellesley student, you will remain an important part of your daughter's life. At the same time, she needs to establish her identity during college, to find her own balance, and to stretch beyond her previous comfort zone. You will change, too, during the next four years. Be patient with yourselves and with one another, and remember that bamboo, as it bends, remains strong and resilient.

We are thrilled to welcome your Wellesley student to the College, and we are confident that she will find her place and purpose here. We also warmly welcome your family into the Wellesley community, and look forward to meeting you in the Fall!

Kind regards,

LORI I. TENSER

**Dean of First-Year Students** 

# NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

The 2017 Orientation theme, Stretch Out Loud, and the corresponding design, are inspired by the resilience and bold beauty of the bamboo plant. Bamboo is a flexible, determined plant—one that sways in the wind without breaking, and yet grows steadily upward. It is revered in many cultures as a symbol of possibility, wisdom, and strength.

A Wellesley education will push students and challenge them, and their experience here will provide solid support and encouragement.

At Wellesley, students will have the opportunity to grow boldly, and sway comfortably, as they pursue a liberal arts education.



#### STRETCHING OUT LOUD

New Student Orientation includes events, conversations, and activities that enrich the Wellesley experience and help students feel at home in our diverse community. During Orientation, new students find a sense of belonging at Wellesley College, and from this foundation each will create the balance that is right for her. Our programs will assist each new student's personal transition into college by:

- introducing students to the Wellesley College community, our history and shared values, and our rich tradition as a residential women's college:
- providing opportunities to meet members of the College community, develop friendships, and establish personal connections with faculty and others in the extended Wellesley family:
- familiarizing students with the campus and its resources, including academic advising and support services;
- preparing students to become actively engaged in this community of lifelong learners, as they embark on their liberal arts education.

#### **ARRIVING ON CAMPUS**

When new students arrive at Wellesley, a team of upper class student leaders will be ready to provide assistance as they begin to learn their way around. These students will be wearing T-shirts emblazoned with the green *Stretch Out Loud* logo, and they will be available throughout Orientation to provide directions, facilitate discussions, help students make connections, and answer questions.

On Wednesday, August 30, several programs and events are planned with family members in mind. In the Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center, the Resource Fair will bring together folks from various departments, eager to meet you and answer your questions.

President Paula Johnson and Vice President and Dean of Students Sheilah Shaw Horton will welcome you to Wellesley, and you may choose to attend some meetings and presentations designed to introduce parents to the campus and the College community. Toward the end of the day, we ask family members to depart, so that our new students may begin their Orientation experience with their classmates.

The schedule below gives a tentative outline of the Orientation events designed specifically for parents and other family members. Please use this to help make your travel plans to and from campus.

#### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2017

8am	Campus opens promptly for student move-in
8am-7pm	Campus Shuttle operates
9am–5pm	Student ID processing; College Bookstore open
11am	Parent Workshops
11:30am- 1:30pm	Lunch available in all dining halls for new students and their families
12:30–2pm	Resource Fair featuring representatives from a variety of departments
1:45– 2:45pm	President's Welcome to students and family members
3–4pm	Parent Workshops
4:15–5pm	Mentor Group meetings for new students; Residence Hall receptions for parents
5–6:30pm	Family Farewell Reception at the Wellesley College Club
5:30pm	Students join their Mentor groups for dinner and evening activities



# STAYING CONNECTED

As a Wellesley College student, your daughter will begin to establish her independence and become her own best advocate. The outstanding education she receives at Wellesley will be supported by our efforts to hold her to high standards of behavior and personal accountability. We encourage you to be in regular contact with your student, and therefore the following information should be helpful.



#### **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

Some students maintain daily contact with their parents as they navigate this new terrain, while others prefer to pull further away. Your family should develop a communication plan that is mutually satisfying, and is responsive to your daughter's need for independence.

As a Wellesley College parent, you will begin to allow your student to find and create meaningful connections here. This may mean that you will hear about missteps and frustrations from time to time. While the College welcomes parental feedback and contact, our obligation is to communicate directly with our students. Information regarding grades, personal conduct, and other student progress will not be shared with parents except in unusual circumstances, or with the consent of the student.

#### **MYWELLESLEY**

Incoming students have been using the MyWellesley website throughout their application process. All new students have received new login information for this site, which guides them through important information and critical tasks, including academic advising, placement tests, and Orientation information. While parents and other family members do not have direct access to this site, we encourage you to check in with your daughter and find out what she has seen there or learned about the College. Further information for parents is available online on the Entering Students website at: www.wellesley.edu/esp/entering.

#### **EMAIL**

In May, all entering students were sent their Wellesley email addresses, along with new login information to access MyWellesley (see below). The email address assigned to your daughter for MyWellesley will be her permanent Wellesley College email address. Your daughter will receive ample information and assistance regarding her use of Google Apps for Education email and other online services via MyWellesley during Orientation and throughout the first semester.

It is vital that students realize the importance of protecting personal information and passwords, so please remind your daughter to keep confidential information to herself and not share it with anyone, including family and friends, as this will help her develop good security habits. Students are encouraged to review the Responsible Use of Information Technology Resources Policy at: www. wellesley.edu/lts/policies.

#### **TELEPHONE SERVICE**

Because individual phone service is not available in student rooms, most Wellesley students use cell phones as their primary phone service. The College does provide courtesy/emergency telephones on each floor of all residence halls, which allow students to place free calls to on-campus extensions, the local calling area, and toll-free numbers. However, these telephones do not accept incoming calls from off-campus locations.

Since cellular service plans vary, please consult your service provider regarding telephone reception on and near the Wellesley campus.

Wellesley has arranged a discounted long-distance telephone service plan with MobilSphere. For more details regarding telephone service, including details about the MobilSphere discounted service, please visit www. wellesley.edu/lts/techsupport/phones.

#### MAIL SERVICES AND PACKAGE DELIVERY

While your daughter is at Wellesley, her campus mailing address will remain the same, although her housing assignment will change from year to year. Each student is assigned a Unit number corresponding to an assigned mailbox in the Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center, where students pick up their mail. All entering students will receive their Unit number and combination through the Entering Student portal in late summer. In addition, instructions about arranging package delivery, along with a set of Wellesley College Delivery Labels for packages to be delivered on August 31 and thereafter, have been included in this mailing.

In this era of email and cell phones, a letter from home can really brighten a student's day. To send mail or packages to your Wellesley student, please use the following format:

[Student's name] Unit XXYY 21 Wellesley College Road Wellesley, MA 02481-02XX

(XX refers to the first two digits of the assigned unit number)



#### PARENT & FAMILY PROGRAMS

The Office of Parent & Family Programs serves as your point of contact for questions about resources available to your student. Families are invited to share in the vibrant life of the College through on campus and regional events and activities. To keep you informed of campus events and important deadlines, the Parents Office emails a monthly newsletter to all families, so please be sure we have your current email address. The Parents Office mails the award-winning Wellesley Magazine to the families of our current students each quarter.

Families are encouraged to get involved in the Wellesley community in many ways:

- Attend a Wellesley parent event or alumnae club event in your area. The Parents Office will email families with notices of events that are local to them.
- Cheer on the Blue at local athletic competitions, or attend a local choir concert.
- Join one of the many Friends groups that support the work of the College including Friends of Athletics, Friends of Art, Friends of Library, and Friends of Botanic Gardens and the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life.
- Make an annual gift to the Parents Fund. Every year, parents join Wellesley alumnae and friends in supporting the College with an annual gift. Every gift makes a difference, no matter the size, and is put immediately to use in areas such as academic innovation, residential life, and library resources.
- Volunteer! The Office of Parent & Family Programs
  has many volunteer opportunities for all of our families
  through membership in the Parents Council. Council
  members are a valuable resource to the College and
  share their time in a number of ways:
- Welcome and outreach—host a local event for families in your area, provide welcome phone calls to new families.
- Career Education—share your career connections and expertise with students and help us extend the Wellesley Network by sponsoring internships or job shadowing opportunities or hiring Wellesley students and alumnae.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS WEEKEND AND HOMECOMING OCTOBER 13–15, 2017

Family & Friends Weekend and Homecoming will be held on Friday, October 13, through Sunday, October 15, 2017. The weekend is a special occasion to reconnect with your student, explore Wellesley, and discover the beauty of the campus. You will have the opportunity to attend classes, concerts, performances and to celebrate alumnae being honored at the Alumnae Achievement Awards Ceremony. For more information, please contact Parent & Family Programs at 781-283-2808 or visit www. wellesley.edu/family. Registration for this event will open on July 15, 2017.

 Encourage other Wellesley parents to join you in supporting the College with a gift to The Parents
 Fund. Parents Fund volunteers are key ambassadors for the College as we seek to provide an extraordinary educational experience to each student.

In addition to the concerts and lectures to attend or watch via Livestream throughout the year, families are invited to many on campus events, including Family & Friends Weekend and Homecoming (Oct. 13-15), the Tanner Conference, which celebrates student experiences outside the classroom (Oct. 31), and the Ruhlman Conference, which highlights student research (May 2).

As a Wellesley College student, your daughter will begin to establish her independence and become her own best advocate. The Office of Parent & Family Programs is here to help you navigate College services and support your daughter during her time here.



#### **RESIDENTIAL LIVING**

All first-year students at Wellesley live in campus housing, and a team of residential life staff members works to build a strong community within each residence hall. Wellesley's 21 residence halls vary in size, and most house students from all four class years in a combination of single, double, and triple rooms, as well as suites. All residence halls include laundry facilities and small kitchens for student use.

The standard furniture provided in the room for each student includes: an extra-long twin bed and mattress, bookcase, desk, desk chair, dresser, and mirror. Students have the option of bunking their beds, but the College does not provide bed rails. Custodial staff is available to assist with the bunking of the beds by contacting a professional Residence Life staff person in the hall.

Today, with all the electronic devices students bring, we require that all of these items be plugged into a surge protector as a safeguard for everyone in the residence hall. Each residence hall room has a working high-speed Ethernet port for each occupant and all of the residence halls have wireless connections throughout the building. If a student chooses to use the Ethernet port she must bring her own cord to connect the computer to the outlet.

#### **LAUNDRY AND LINEN SERVICE**

Some Wellesley students choose to order

Some Wellesley students opt for a laundry and hall lobby and return the cleaned items to

The Office of Residential Life and Student Housing manages the assignment of students to campus housing. First-year students are assigned one or more roommates. Your daughter will receive notification of her residence hall and roommate assignment through MyWellesley in July. For more information, please visit www.wellesley.edu/reslife.

Storage in the residence halls is very limited. Therefore, students whose home address is 300 miles or less from Wellesley College are not permitted to store items on campus. Students who live 300-600 miles may store two plastic storage bins, and those living more than 600 miles away may store up to four bins. Storage is at the student's risk. We do have three reliable storage vendors that will pick up items from students in the spring and deliver it to their fall assigned room for a fee.

#### **Wintersession Housing**

During Winter Break and Wintersession we consolidate our students into three residence halls on campus (Bates, Freeman and McAfee). Students living in one of these buildings during the academic year who will not be attending Wintersession should be aware that another student will occupy the room during these three weeks. Students may leave belongings in the room during the break, but are advised to take home all valuables.

#### **DINING SERVICES AND MEAL PLAN**

At Wellesley, the dining halls embrace the diverse needs of students and are committed to offering variety, selection and style. This approach answers the need for convenience and comfort, and reflects the ever-changing college lifestyle. WellesleyFresh Culinary Services currently provides five campus dining locations, offering a wide variety of culinary options. Additional "grab-and-go" dining options—including coffee and tea—can be found throughout the day in the Collins Café, the Emporium in the Campus Center, and the Leaky Beaker in the Science Center. Elsewhere on campus, student groups run some popular, cash-only eateries, including El Table, Café Hoop, and the campus pub, known as Punch's Alley.

All resident students at Wellesley are required to be on the full meal plan, which is inclusive of continuous dining for breakfast, lunch and dinner meal periods. This includes meals served in our five main dining halls (Tower, Bates, Stone Davis, Pomeroy and Bae Pao Lu in the Campus Center). In addition, each student's OneCard (Wellesley ID) is credited with \$50.00 worth of flex dollars. Additional points may be purchased and added to the OneCard. For more information on dining facilities, menus, flex dollars, and how to add points, please visit www.wellesleyfresh.com.

#### CAMPUS DIVERSITY

The student body at Wellesley College is one of the most diverse on any campus in the nation. This diversity enriches the experience of all our students and provides us with incentives to respond to and support the varied backgrounds and experiences of community members.

#### **ACORNS HOUSE**

Wellesley is committed to building a living and learning environment in which each student can thrive intellectually, socially, and emotionally. The College recently affirmed its commitment by opening Acorns House in the Fall of 2016 as our newest multicultural space. Acorns joins other centers, including Harambee House and Slater International Center, in creating a network of multicultural spaces on campus that will allow our students to collaborate with and draw strength from those with whom they share a common identity while, at the same time, promoting intercultural dialogue and connection among all members of the Wellesley community.

#### HARAMBEE HOUSE

Harambee House is committed to facilitating a healthy and supportive campus environment for students of African descent, with a wide array of services and programs that foster academic, personal, and communal growth. Harambee House also offers enlightening cultural activities that raise a sense of consciousness and awareness to the history and culture of people of the African Disapora. We provide services and programs that foster academic, personal, and communal growth. We also offer enlightening cultural activities that raise a sense of consciousness and awareness to the history and culture of people of the African Diaspora.

#### **LGBTQ PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

Did you know that Wellesley is considered to be one of the most LGBT-friendly colleges and universities in the U.S.? LGBTQ-identified Wellesley students enjoy the support of many faculty, staff, and other students who consider themselves to be strong allies. Campus resources for LGBTQ and questioning students include the annual September Welcome to the LGBTQ Community Dinner, the Queer Sibling Match, and October's LGBTQ History Month programs sponsored by LGBTQ Programs and Services.

Some students become involved in Queer student groups, including blackOUT, Familia, Siblings, Spectrum, and Tea Talks. The Director of LGBTQ Programs and Services is available for individual or small group advising. Other resources include out and proud First-Year Mentors and Resident Assistants, a trans-friendly health insurance policy, and support groups offered by various departments such as the Stone Center, Religious and Spiritual Life, and LGBTQ Programs and Services.

#### OFFICE OF INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION

The Office of Intercultural Education works in partnership to examine issues of campus climate, to encourage dialogue around issues of diversity with the goal of creating broader understanding, and to respond to issues and concerns that have an impact on the quality of student life. Each member of the team engages with colleagues and students to create a multiculturally inclusive environment at Wellesley, and also works to develop a vibrant and inclusive sense of community on campus by affirming social identities through the support of cultural communities.

#### OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

The Office of Religious and Spiritual Life strives to nurture the religious and spiritual life of the Wellesley College community and engage significant questions involving religion and spirituality in society. Support for the spiritual journeys of students, faculty and staff is offered through a series of programs on moral, ethical, spiritual and life issues. In addition, all community members are invited to discover the common spiritual threads which bind us together as one human family through a series of educational programs on interreligious understanding, dialogue, and conflict resolution and through community celebrations held in the Multifaith Center and Houghton Chapel.

#### **SLATER INTERNATIONAL CENTER**

The Slater International Center promotes intercultural awareness, mutual respect, and global leadership by providing collaborative programming and support services for international students and scholars. The Center is the focal point for international activities and events that bring together members of the college community who share a desire to explore global issues and to increase intercultural understanding. Students meet here to study, learn, cook, entertain, and gather informally. The Slater staff works closely with other departments to provide a variety of services to assist international students and scholars, including advising services and referrals related to immigration, employment, academic, social and cultural issues. The Slater International Center supports international and multicultural student organizations and promotes global student leadership. For more information on the Slater International Center, please visit www. wellesley.edu/international.

sheets and towels at a discounted rate through Residence Hall Linens. This is a perfect option for those that want to have linens waiting for them when they arrive on campus. To place an order, please visit the RHL website at www.ocm.com/wls.

dry cleaning contract during the school year. E&R Campus Laundry is a local company that will pick up items from a student's residence the same location. This is convenient as the students do not need a car. Pick-up and delivery are done on a weekly basis. To learn more about their services, please visit www. EandRCleaners.com.









#### THE WELLESLEY HONOR CODE

As a Wellesley College student, I will act with honesty, integrity, and respect. In making this commitment, I am accountable to the community and dedicate myself to a life of honor.

Honor is the foundation of teaching, learning, and community life at Wellesley. Each student is expected to subscribe to and actively support the Honor Code, which is based on the integrity and maturity of every member of the College and promotes academic honesty and community trust. For detailed information regarding the College's Honor Code and the Honor Code Council, the student-led committee that educates the community about the Honor Code and is also responsible for ruling on violations against the Code, please visit www.wellesley.edu/studentlife/aboutus/honor.

#### STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

In conjunction with College Government, the Office of Student Involvement helps connect students with their interests through support of more than 150 student organizations. The focus of student organizations at Wellesley ranges broadly from the arts, culture, spirituality and literature to pre-professional, volunteer, and athletic endeavors. At the beginning of each academic year, College Government sponsors a Student Organization Fair where students can learn more about and join campus organizations. Committed to students and student learning, the Student Involvement staff promotes a shared commitment to the community, creativity, and ethical leadership.

The Office of Student Involvement guides students through the process of exploring their interests and passions in clubs, organizations, activities and events which will complement and enhance their educational, social, and relational experience at Wellesley College.

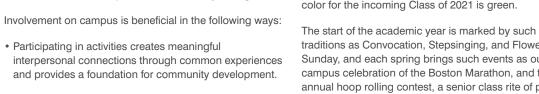
· Participating in activities creates meaningful interpersonal connections through common experiences and provides a foundation for community development.

- Attending events maximizes the opportunity to explore meaning, purpose and fosters a sense of belonging
- · Collaborating with an advisor or mentor in a student organization assists in developing leadership potential.
- · Being involved in co-curricular activities provides the balance needed to excel in the classroom.
- Collaborating with other students and organizations will enhance the relational aspects of involvement on campus while maximizing funding resources.

#### WELLESLEY COLLEGE TRADITIONS

Campus traditions invite students to participate in the vibrant campus life at Wellesley, and reflect an emphasis on building community and promoting Wellesley College spirit. Some traditions date back to the earliest years of the College, while others have been developed more recently. Each class, for example, is identified by one of the four class colors (green, red, yellow or purple); the color for the incoming Class of 2021 is green.

traditions as Convocation, Stepsinging, and Flower Sunday, and each spring brings such events as our campus celebration of the Boston Marathon, and the annual hoop rolling contest, a senior class rite of passage.







ACADEMICS AT

At Wellesley, your student will be presented with many exciting

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#### THE CURRICULUM

To read about the full range of courses and departments, please visit www.wellesley.edu/academics.

#### **FIRST-YEAR WRITING COURSES**

During the first year, every Wellesley student is required to take a First-Year Writing course during either the fall or spring semester. This course introduces students to the rigors of college-level writing, and each section delves into a different topic conducive to intensive writing instruction.

In these Writing courses, students are able to hone their writing skills, explore new topics, develop critical thinking, and prepare for further college study.

#### **FIRST-YEAR SEMINARS**

First-year seminars are optional, small, participatory classes in which first-year students work closely with a faculty member and with each other. The topics of these courses are diverse, and each seminar is designed to foster the skills and habits of mind essential for intellectual inquiry at the college level. A respected member of the faculty teaches each seminar; enrollment is limited to 15 or fewer first-year students.

#### **QUANTITATIVE REASONING**

Each first-year student must satisfy the quantitative reasoning (QR) basic skills requirement in one of two ways: by passing the QR assessment given during Orientation, or by completing the Quantitative Reasoning 140 course. An additional QR overlay course, which applies quantitative reasoning skills to a specific discipline, must be completed prior to graduation.

#### **DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS**

During their time at Wellesley, all students are expected to complete a series of distribution requirements that exposes them to the liberal arts across the curriculum. Students have the opportunity to take courses in a variety of disciplines, in such areas as language and literature, social and behavioral analysis, mathematical modeling and problem solving, historical studies, and natural and physical sciences. With so many courses to choose from, this is an exciting educational objective!

#### **SHADOW GRADING**

To encourage first-year students to explore the curriculum and support their transition into college academics, Wellesley has a shadow grading policy for students in their first semester. Students receive grades and other feedback in their first semester courses, and they use this information to learn about Wellesley's academic standard and their abilities and interests.

These grades are not reported on the official transcript, however, and will not be released outside of the College. This practice frees students to take some intellectual risks during their first semester, to focus on what they are learning in their courses, and to develop effective study skills and practices.

#### FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Each Wellesley student will demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language by completing two full years of college-level language study, or by achieving a score of 5 on the AP exam or 690 on the SAT-II. This is especially important for those students hoping to study abroad.

#### **OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

Wellesley students must choose a major by the end of their sophomore year, at which time they begin to focus more on courses which satisfy the requirements outlined by the applicable department or program. All students must satisfy Wellesley's multicultural requirement by taking a course that focuses on the exploration of different cultures or societies. In addition, students must take courses in physical education, and we encourage each student to complete this requirement by the end of her sophomore year.

For further information about degree requirements, please visit www.wellesley.edu/academicstheacademicprogram/requirements

#### **ACADEMIC ADVISING AND SUPPORT**

In addition to providing rich academic opportunities, Wellesley is committed to broadly supporting our students' intellectual growth. All students need guidance and advice as they begin to define their academic goals and start to make choices about how they want to spend their time in college and beyond. Learning how to make these decisions independently is often as important a part of one's education as the substance of what she learns in the classroom, laboratory, and library.

To ensure that our students have early opportunities for these kinds of conversations with our faculty, each incoming student is matched with a faculty advisor. The faculty advisor's role is to be a general guide through the first semesters at Wellesley, until the student has defined her interests specifically enough to choose a major (and a major advisor in her field). The faculty advisor is one person in an important network of advising resources, including first-year mentors, academic peer tutors, the class deans, and other members of the faculty and staff.

### OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

As the Dean of First-Year Students, Lori Tenser is responsible for coordinating all first-year students' general advising needs. Her office coordinates advising resources for first-year students, including the First-Year Mentor Program and New Student Orientation. Dean Tenser meets daily with students regarding the academic, social, and personal issues arising from the transition from high school to college. In helping individual students, the dean collaborates regularly with members of student advising networks to put into place the most effective strategies for student success. After the first year at Wellesley, students are guided by one class dean, from the beginning of her sophomore year through graduation. For more information, please visit: www.wellesley.edu/advising/fydean. You may contact the dean at 781.283.2327.

### PFORZHEIMER LEARNING AND TEACHING CENTER (PLTC)

Located in the Clapp Library, the PLTC provides many resources to help students take full advantage of Wellesley's educational opportunities and realize their academic potential.

At the PLTC students can develop strong study habits and learning strategies and improve their knowledge of specific course material. There are several types of tutors available to students through the PLTC. Among them are academic peer tutors (APTs) based in residence halls, who help with time management, academic planning, etc.; content tutors who staff the Help Rooms and/or provide individual, one-to-one tutoring; Supplemental Instruction (SI) leaders who conduct regularly scheduled study and review sessions for specific course sections; public speaking tutors; and writing tutors. Wellesley students do not incur any additional costs for these services. For more information, please visit www.wellesley.edu/pltc.

#### **SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Students with disabilities are encouraged to participate in all College programs, activities, and events offered at Wellesley College. Staff in the Office of Disability Services work collaboratively with the Health Service, the Counseling Service, and the PLTC to help students develop a plan for obtaining access to programs and services, or to request reasonable accommodations. Students with any disability including physical, medical including food allergies, psychiatric, or learning disabilities should inform the College by contacting disabilityservices@wellesley.edu (or 781-283-2434) and completing a request form found at www.wellesley.edu/disability.





# GETTING A STRONG START

Wellesley College offers a wide array of support services and campus resources, all working to help our students develop the life skills they will need to be successful in and out of the classroom. Whether it is learning good time management techniques, connecting to campus techology, or exploring potential career paths, our departments and services are available to assist students with their choices and opportunities.



#### STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS

#### **HEALTH SERVICE**

The College Health Service is a licensed outpatient clinic staffed by board-certified physicians, nurse practitioners, and nurses who provide primary medical care, gynecological care, nutrition counseling, and physical therapy care to all students. The staff is committed to educating students and promoting healthy choices and lifestyles. The Health Service also provides general medicine services, immunizations, medical clearances, confidential HIV testing, laboratory testing, traveler's health advice, health and alcohol education, and services relating specifically to women's health. Consultation with specialists is available both locally and in Boston. For more information, including details specifically for incoming students, please visit: www.wellesley.edu/ healthservice.

In addition, you may wish to review the Massachusetts immunization requirements at www.mass.gov/eohhs/ docs/dph/cdc/immunization/guidelines-ma-schoolrequirements.pdf

#### STONE CENTER COUNSELING SERVICE

The Stone Center Counseling Service provides timelimited personal counseling and a variety of groups and outreach programs. The counseling staff consists of an experienced team of psychologists, social workers, a clinical nurse specialist, psychiatrists, and advanced trainees and interns. Counseling is confidential and there is no fee. The Counseling Service also provides referrals for long-term counseling. For further information about counseling, please visit www.wellesley.edu/counseling.

#### PHYSICAL EDUCATION. RECREATION **AND ATHLETICS**

A healthy lifestyle also includes staying physically fit. The Department of Physical Education, Recreation, and Athletics provides physical education classes and many opportunities for recreation. Students may enroll in physical education courses, and may also choose to participate in varsity athletics, club or intramural sports, and recreational programs, or to pursue their personal fitness goals by utilizing the athletic equipment, courts, field and facilities found in and around the Keohane Sports Center. For more information, please visit www. wellesley.edu/athletics.

#### **ALCOHOL AND DRUG EDUCATION**

The College encourages students to engage in thoughtful decision-making and responsible behavior with respect to alcohol and drugs. A range of educational programs and services are available to help students negotiate choices around these issues, including eCHECKUP To Go, a personalized, evidence-based, online prevention intervention. The Wellesley College Alcohol and Other Drug Policy contains information about the College's community standards, and also describe access to on- and off-campus resources for alcohol or substance related concerns. Read the policy at: www.wellesley.edu/ studentlife/aboutus/handbook/campus.

#### OTHER RESOURCES AND SERVICES

#### **WELLESLEY CAREER EDUCATION**

Wellesley Career Education is your student's window to a world of opportunity, beginning her first day on campus. The team is here to support students as they explore the intersection between self and society and consider the exciting (but often daunting!) question "What do I want to be when I grow up?" Every student is paired with her own College Career Mentor, who will help her to explore her interests through self-assessment, internships, fellowships, and civic engagement. A team of Career Community Advisors provides industry expertise and guidance as specific fields begin to pique your student's curiosity. The path is non-linear, winding, and filled with possibility—Career Education is here to help students navigate. Parents can extend the Wellesley Career Education network by serving as a resource for students as they explore opportunities in your field. Please contact careereducation@wellesley.edu with job or internship opportunities.

#### **REGISTRAR**

The mission of the Registrar's Office is to support the academic program of the College and to protect the integrity of the Wellesley degree. Available services include course scheduling, registration, grading, student transcripts reporting progress toward the degree and enrollment certification. Please consult the parents webpage for information of particular interest to parents: www.wellesley.edu/registrar/parents.

#### STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

Approximately 52% of Wellesley College students receive some kind of financial assistance from the College through a combination of grants, loans, and non-aid financing programs. Student Financial Services consists of four areas: student accounts, educational financing, student employment, and financial aid. Federal, state, and other outside scholarship aid is processed through the financial aid office. A list of frequently-asked questions, along with additional information about tuition and fee rates, educational financing options, and college insurance is available from Student Financial Services, www.wellesley.edu/sfs.

Wellesley uses an electronic billing system known as "ebill." Fall semester bills are sent in early July; the due date for payment of Fall charges is July 29. Because e-bills are sent directly to our students, parents should work closely to ensure that deadlines are met. Parents can view a student's account and make payments if the student grants them access through the "share user" function on the billing statements.

#### **CAMPUS BOOKSTORE**

The Wellesley College Bookstore is more than a bookstore—it's a support system with everything a student needs to succeed at Wellesley. Conveniently located on the 4th floor of the Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center, students and families can stop in to pick up school supplies, Wellesley spirit gear and, of course, textbooks. Students can save big on textbooks each term with the Bookstore's rental program, and also discover new, used, and digital books. Guaranteed to have the right book in the correct edition, the staff will be happy to help students find exactly what they need for class, or students can shop online for books and pick them up in store when they're on campus.

#### **Bookstore Hours**

Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm Saturday–Sunday, 12–4pm

Shop online: wellesley.bncollege.com
Contact Us: 781.283.2136
The Bookstore is on Facebook at facebook.com/
wellesleybookstore.

#### **WELLESLEY COLLEGE LIBRARY**

The College's library, including the main collections in the Margaret Clapp Library, is an essential resource for academic success in all fields. Students are encouraged to learn how to access the Library's general and special collections, and to make use of the technological resources available in Clapp, the Knapp Media & Technology Center, and the branch libraries. Research librarians and instructional technologists are eager to help all students learn techniques for successful academic work in their chosen field.

#### **COMPUTER SUPPORT**

Student computers should meet the requirements detailed in the Student's Guide to Purchasing a Computer, which is available online at www.wellesley.edu/lts/purchaseguide. Most students are able to connect their computers to the College's network easily, and additional help will be available during Orientation. There are also several computing labs around campus. Please see www.wellesley.edu/lts/hours#labs.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

The Department of Housing and Transportation at Wellesley College is responsible for supporting student transportation from Wellesley to other area locations. In addition to public transit, campus-based buses provide transportation to Boston and Cambridge. The Exchange Bus runs between Wellesley and MIT on weekdays; the Senate Bus runs from Friday evening through Sunday evening between Wellesley, Cambridge and Boston's Back Bay.

Students must purchase a ticket, token or punch pass in order to ride the Senate Bus. On Saturdays, the College also offers a bus to the nearby Natick Mall and Framingham movie theatre complex. Students pay for one way on this bus. The Wellesley/Olin/Babson Shuttle runs between Wellesley College, Olin College of Engineering and Babson College. Students may ride free of charge with a college ID card.

The MWRTA Route 8 Shuttle provides service eastbound and westbound from the campus stop at Alumnae Hall. Riders can access the MBTA Green Line at the Woodland stop as well as the Natick Mall at the Macy's stop. Student fare is \$1.00 with a valid student ID card. For more information go to www.mwrta.com.

On campus, the Wellesley College escort program provides all members of the College community and visitors a safe, reliable way to travel about the campus in a combination of walking escorts and shuttle vans. For schedules, rates, and fares, please visit www.wellesley. edu/Housing/mainpage.

#### Parking on campus

First-year resident students are not authorized to bring cars to campus. All other students must register their vehicles with the campus police department and will receive parking permits for designated parking areas. Visitors to campus and guests of students must park in the Davis parking facility. Commuter students who reside off-campus must park their vehicles in the appropriate commuter student parking areas during normal business hours. Commuting students may park in the Founders lot and the library area spaces after business hours and on weekends provided they park within lined parking spaces and do not park in reserved spaces.

#### **Zipcars**

For students who are 18 or older, Wellesley College maintains a relationship with Zipcar, which has automobiles available for short-term rental. There are six Zipcars parked on campus; two are located at campus police at the Davis Parking Facility, and four are parked in the Gray Lot. For further information, please visit www. zipcar.com/wellesley.

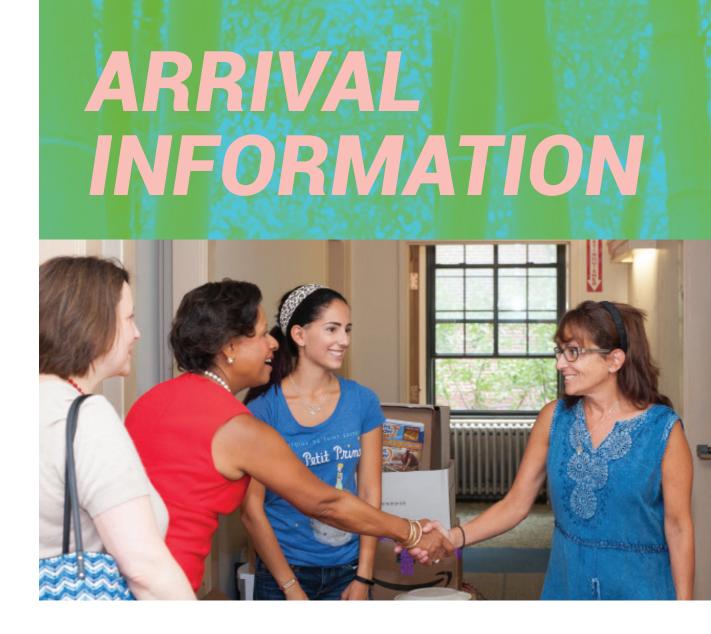
#### **CAMPUS POLICE**

The Wellesley College Police Department is a full-service public safety agency serving the Wellesley College community. The police department, located in the Davis Parking Facility, is open 24 hours per day, every day.

The department provides leadership in the Wellesley College community by serving as role models, educators, community partners, and problem solvers. All members of the department are highly trained, dedicated, and committed to creating a campus environment where community members can live, learn, and work relatively free from the fear of crime. The department is guided by the values of integrity, respect, and service.

All Wellesley College police officers have the same authority as other police officers in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, when they are operating on property owned or controlled by Wellesley College. Additionally, officers are also granted police authority from the Town of Wellesley.

More information about the services provided by the Wellesley College Police Department services can be found at www.wellesley.edu/police/.



#### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

If you plan to stay overnight in the area, please contact the following local hotels and inquire if they offer a special college rate. Please note that family members may not stay overnight in the residence halls during Orientation.

### WELLESLEY COLLEGE CLUB AT WELLESLEY COLLEGE

On campus, on the corner of College Road and Route 16 727 Washington Street Wellesley, MA 02482 781.283.2700 www.wellesleycollegeclub.com Offers full continental breakfast. Parents Welcome!

#### **BOSTON MARRIOTT NEWTON**

Five miles from campus, off of I-95 2345 Commonwealth Avenue Newton, MA 02466 617.969.1000 | 800.228.9290 www.marriott.com

#### **CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL**

Five miles from campus, on Route 9
1360 Worcester Street Natick, MA 01760
508.653.8800 | 800.2crowne
www.crowneplaza.com
(free shuttle from Logan Express in Framingham for
quests of the Crowne Plaza Hotel)

#### **HAMPTON INN**

Five miles from campus, off of Route 9 319 Speen Street, Natick, MA 01760 508.653.5000 | 800.hampton www.hamptoninn.com

#### MARRIOTT COURTYARD

Five miles from campus 342 Speen Street, Natick, MA 01760 508.655.6100 |800.235.6426 www.marriott.com

#### **RED ROOF INN**

Five miles from campus 650 Cochituate Road, Framingham, MA 01701 508.872.4499 | 800.733.7663 www.redroof.com

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#### **GETTING HERE**

Please refer to the Arrival Planning Guide 2017 for more details on getting to Wellesley. It is included in this mailing. Be sure to bring it with you.

#### **ARRIVING BY CAR**

Wellesley College is conveniently located close to the Massachusetts Turnpike and I-95/Route 128. For driving directions to the College, please refer to the Arrival Planning Guide.

#### **ARRIVING BY BUS**

Take the Greyhound or Peter Pan bus to the Riverside Terminal (one stop prior to Boston). From there take a taxi to Wellesley College.

#### **ARRIVING BY PLANE**

If you arrive at Logan airport in Boston, there are several way to get to campus.

 The Logan Express offers bus service between Logan Airport and Shoppers World in Framingham. The fare is \$12 one-way and \$22 round trip. Information is available 24 hours a day. Call 800.23.logan (tty: 800-262.3335).
 Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Diners Club are accepted. If you will be using a wheelchair, please call Logan Express 24 hours in advance at:

Framingham LEX Service Fox Bus Company 508-865.6000

- On August 28 and 30, the College will run a shuttle from the Logan Express at Shoppers World to your students' residence halls at the College. The charge will be \$10 per person. Prior reservations will be required. Please refer to the Arrival Planning Guide for further details.
- Another option is to take the Silver Line to South Station and follow the directions for arriving by train.

#### **ARRIVING BY TRAIN**

Take Amtrak to South Station. From there, take the Commuter Rail (Framingham Line) to Wellesley Square. From there take a taxi to Wellesley College.

#### **TAXI SERVICE**

You may choose to take a taxi to Wellesley from the airport, bus terminal, or train station. To facilitate travel, you may contact a taxi service in advance to arrange for pick-up. Prices may vary.

Bay State Taxi Service 617.566.5000 www.baystatetaxi.com Wellesley Town Taxi 781.237.2201 www.wellesleytowntaxi.com

Veteran's Taxi 617.527.0300 www.veteranstaxi.com

#### SHOPPING IN THE AREA

You may want to do some last minute shopping once you arrive in the Wellesley Area. Here is some information about what's nearby.

#### STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY MOVE-IN SALE

On Saturday, September 2, Wellesley will host a studentonly sale of gently used items (school supplies, kitchen items, room essentials) for purchase at a fraction of the retail cost.

#### **WELLESLEY CENTER**

Within a short walking distance from campus along Route 135, you will find small specialty shops, banks and eateries. Wellesley students frequent CVS, the Gap, the Paper Source, and some of the small coffee shops and restaurants. Wellesley Center is a place where our students mingle with town residents and other locals who come to Wellesley to shop and eat. When parents are in town for a visit, some students and their families head for a nice dinner at Alta Strada, Juniper, or Café Mangal.

#### **LINDEN STREET SHOPPING AREA**

Also within walking distance of the campus is the Linden Street shopping area. There you will find a supermarket, several banks, and a few retail clothing stores. Students often take time to enjoy the food at Qdoba, California Pizza Kitchen, Dunkin' Donuts, Five Bites Cupcakes, Pinkberry, and Starbucks.

#### THE NATICK MALL

Located in nearby Natick, this shopping mall has 270 retail stores, featuring Nordstrom, Neiman-Marcus, Macy's, Sears, and Lord & Taylor and many small retail shops. The Cheesecake Factory, P.F. Chang's, and Met Bar & Grill are just a few of the featured restaurants.

Adjacent to the Natick Mall is the Container Store, which sells many storage and organizational accessories that work well in college residence hall rooms.

Mall Hours:

Monday-Saturday, 10am-9pm; Sunday, 11am-6pm

#### **SHOPPERS WORLD**

Located in Framingham, this outdoor shopping place includes a number of retail stores, including Old Navy, TJ Maxx, Marshall's, Best Buy, Barnes & Noble, and an A.C. Moore Craft Store.

Store Hours:

Monday-Saturday, 9:30am-9:30pm; Sunday, 11am-6pm

#### **TARGET/HOME GOODS**

Target, located in Framingham on Route 30 near Shoppers World, is a well-known discount retailer, offering a wide array of linens, clothing, and electronics. Home Goods, found in the same plaza, offers linens, towels, and a variety of home decorating options.

Store Hours:

Monday-Saturday, 8am-10pm; Sunday, 8am-9pm

#### **LOCAL BANKING**

Many national and regional banks have branches in the town of Wellesley, including Bank of America, People's United Bank, and Santander Bank.

On campus, there is a full-service Bank of America ATM in the Wang Campus Center, and a cash-only Santander ATM in Billings Hall. Please note that opening a local personal checking account may take a week or more, and any student working on campus must have an account for her direct-deposit paycheck. Please see the New Student Guide for more detailed banking information.

## SUGGESTED READING FOR PARENTS

You may find some of the following books useful as you think about your own transition as a parent of a Wellesley College student.

Letting Go: A Parents' Guide to Understanding the College Years by Karen Levin Coburn and Madge Lawrence Treeger (Harper, 2016)

Don't Tell Me What to Do, Just Send Money: The Essential Parenting Guide to the College Years by Helen E. Johnson & Christine Schelhas-Miller (St. Martin's Press, 2011)

Your Freshman/Baby is Off to College by Laurie Hazard and Stephanie Carter (Independently published, 2016)

How to Raise an Adult by Julie Lythcott-Haims (St. Martin's Press, 2015)

You're On Your Own (But I'm Here if You Need Me): Mentoring Your Child During the College Years by Marjorie Savage (Touchstone, 2009)

Happiest Kid on Campus: A Parent's Guide to the Very Best College Experience (for You and Your Child) by Harlan Cohen (Sourcebooks, 2010)

The iConnected Parent: Staying Close to Your Kids in College (and Beyond) While Letting them Grow up by Barbara K. Hofer & Abigail Sullivan Moore (Atria Books, 2011)

This resource may be of particular interest to parents whose children are the first in their family to attend college: www.firstinthefamily.org/pdfs/First%20in%20 Family manuscript.pdf









#### 2017-2018 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

International Students arrive Orientation Program begins (Registration required)	Monday, August 28
New First-Year and Transfer Students and Davis Scholars arrive Campus opens at 8:00 a.m.	Wednesday, August 30
Orientation for all new students	Wednesday, August 30– Monday, September 4
Course registration for	Saturday, September 2

FALL SEMESTER	
Labor Day (no classes)	Monday, September 4
First day of classes	Tuesday, September 5
Convocation	Tuesday, September 5
Flower Sunday	Sunday, September 17
Fall Break (no classes)	Monday, October 9– Tuesday, October 10
Family & Friends Weekend and Homecoming	Friday, October 13– Sunday, October 15
Tanner Conference (no classes)	Tuesday, October 31
Thanksgiving recess (no classes)	Wednesday, November 22– Sunday, November 26
Classes resume	Monday, November 27
Last day of classes	Tuesday, December 12
Reading period	Wednesday, December 13- Thursday, December 14
Exam period*	Friday, December 15 & Monday, December 18– Thursday, December 21

WINTER SESSION: Thurday, January 4-Thursday, January 25

#### **SPRING SEMESTER**

First day of classes	Monday, January 29
Presidents' Day (no classes)	Monday, February 19
Substitute Day (Monday schedule)	Tuesday, February 20
Spring Break	Thursday, March 22– Friday, March 30
Classes resume	Monday, April 2
Patriots' Day (no classes)	Monday, April 16
Ruhlman Conference (no classes)	Wednesday, May 2
Last day of classes	Friday, May 11
Reading period	Saturday, May 12– Tuesday, May 15
Exam period*	Wednesday, May 16– Tuesday, May 22
Commencement	Friday, June 1

Although many final exams are self-scheduled, students should plan on being at Wellesley for the entire exam period and make travel arrangements accordingly.

\* Residence halls close for the fall semester 24 hours after the exam period ends and close for the spring semester 72 hours after the exam period ends. All students must vacate their residence halls by these times.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

#### **ADVISING AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES**

John O'Keefe, Director and Dean Schneider Center 781.283.2326

#### **CAMPUS POLICE**

Lisa Barbin. Chief of Police EMERGENCY: 781.283.5555 TTY: 781.283.2303 Non-emergency: 781.283.2121

#### **COUNSELING SERVICE**

Robin Cook-Nobles, Director 216 Stone Center 781 283 2839

#### **DEAN OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS**

Lori Tenser. Dean Schneider Center 781.283.2327

#### **DEAN OF STUDENTS' OFFICE**

Sheila Shaw Horton, Vice President and Dean 342 Green Hall 781.283.2322

#### **DINING SERVICES**

Cherie Tyger, Resident Director 781.283.3192

#### **DISABILITY SERVICES**

James J. Wice, Director 316 Clapp Library 781 283 2434

#### **HEALTH SERVICE**

Vanessa M. Britto, M.D., MSC, Director Simpson Infirmary 781 283 2810

#### OFFICE OF INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION

Robin Cook-Nobles. Interim Dean 216 Stone Center 781.283.2839

#### **PARENT & FAMILY PROGRAMS**

Tara Henrichon, Director 144B Green Hall 781.283.3442

#### PHYSICAL EDUCATION, RECREATION AND ATHLETICS

Bridget Belgiovine, Chair Keohane Sports Center 781 283 2001 Athletics hotline: 781.283.2900

#### **RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL LIFE**

Tiffany Steinwert, Dean 210 Billings Hall 781.283.2685

#### **RESIDENTIAL LIFE AND STUDENT HOUSING**

Shawn DeVeau, Interim Director 108 Billings Hall 781.283.2679

#### **SLATER INTERNATIONAL CENTER**

Karen Zuffante Pabon, Director Slater Center 781.283.2082

#### STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

Schneider Center 781.283.2360

#### FIND ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

www.wellesley.edu/esp/entering/contacts



#### **EMERGENCY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

Wellesley College's emergency management group, led by the Chief of Campus Police, meets regularly to plan responses to possible emergency situations. Communication with the on-campus community and with parents is an important part of the College's emergency planning.

An automated notification system enables campus police or other college administrators to contact students, faculty, and staff in case of an urgent and serious emergency. Members of the campus community can be contacted by text message, voicemail, and email with public safety information.

It is important to note that the College would use the system only in cases of extreme emergency, not for routine announcements. Families will receive an email from the College in the event of an emergency.

For emergency situations that do not present a threat to public safety, information will be communicated via the email system and Wellesley's website: www.wellesley.edu.

Wellesley's emergency information line is a listen-only mailbox that provides parents with updated information via phone in the case of campus emergency. This dedicated mailbox can be accessed by calling 781.283.2450 and listening to the automated message.

#### A NOTE ABOUT CONFIDENTIALITY

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) governs how all colleges protect and release information about students. The principle behind FERPA is that college students have access to the educational records schools maintain about them. According to these guidelines, certain directory information may be released to the public by the College without the student's explicit consent.

At Wellesley, directory information includes identifiers such as name, class year, and College email address. Participation in officially recognized sports and activities. as well as height and weight of student athletes may also be made public in certain circumstances. In addition, Wellesley College maintains a photo directory of students. staff, and faculty available only within the College community. Other information is released to parents or others only at a student's request or with prior notice to the student.

College policies discourage the indiscriminate release of any information about individual students. FERPA allows individual students to place limitations on the release of specific information. A student who wishes to do so must inform the Registrar in writing each year by July 1 for the following academic year. For details about how Wellesley maintains educational records and complies with FERPA. please consult a class dean or the Registrar's office.