

Getting Started for Students

Move-in date: August 22nd, 10:00am – 4:00pm

Students should plan to arrive no earlier than 10:00am. Students who arrive earlier will not be able to register or pick up room keys. For issues on the day of move-in, please use 703-966-8940.

Registration will take place at: The Buchanan
 320 23rd Street South
 Arlington, VA 22202

**If you or any of your family members require handicap entrances, please contact us immediately.*

***Due to height restrictions in the Buchanan Garage, large/tall vehicles will have to use a separate entrance. Please contact us if you will be arriving in such a vehicle.*

Orientation: Monday, August 22nd, 5pm – Thursday, August 26th, 10pm

Welcome: 8/22, 5:00pm – 6:00pm, Great Room at the Buchanan

A session for students and parents (**students are required to attend**)

- Welcome to DC
- Buchanan informational session
- Program overview
- Review of Orientation Schedule
- Q&A

**The remainder of the Orientation schedule will be discussed at our opening session. However, students should plan on a full schedule for Monday - Thursday.*

Mail:

Please make sure you have arranged for your mail to be forwarded from campus to your new address in DC for the Fall semester.

If you have not already done so, campus Postal Services' Forwarding Mail Procedures may be found at: <http://www.wm.edu/offices/facilities/services/postalservices>. When the semester concludes, you may want to check in with campus Postal Services again to make sure that the forwarding address has been lifted.

You may use your new address at the Buchanan as well as the W&M Washington Office (see insert) for both letters and packages. Also, there is a US Post Office and a FedEx Kinkos within walking distance of your apartment building.

Move-out date: Monday, December 12th, 12 midnight

Students should be completely moved-out of their apartments no later than midnight on December 12th. Keys must be returned in accordance with the housing policies explained in the student binder. (If this presents a problem, students should contact Roxane *well before the 12th*.)

Directions:

For specific directions from your location, we encourage you to visit:

<http://maps.google.com>

<http://www.mapquest.com/>

General directions to the Buchanan:

320 23rd Street South

Arlington, VA 22202

Driving from the North:

- Take I-95 South
- Take exit 52 for Baltimore-Washington Pkwy / MD-295 South, toward BWI Airport
- Stay on 295 South for about 30 miles
- Take the exit onto New York Ave / US-50 West, toward Washington
- Stay on Route 50 for 5 miles
- Make a left onto 395 South
- Continue on 395 South to Route 1 South
- Take Exit 8C (Crystal City/Alexandria/Pentagon City)
- Turn left onto 23rd Street
- The Buchanan is on the right

Driving from the South:

- Take I-95 North
- Continue on I-395 North
- Take exit 8C (Crystal City/Alexandria/Pentagon City)
- Turn left onto Army-Navy Drive
- Turn right onto South Eads Street
- Turn left onto 23rd Street (cross over Route 1)
- The Buchanan is on the right

From Metro:

- Take the Blue or Yellow line to the Crystal City stop
- Proceed left through The Crystal City Shops North
- Follow signs to 23rd Street and exit
- The Buchanan is straight ahead

Airports:

- Reagan National Airport (about 1 mile from the apartments)
- Baltimore Washington International Airport (about 35 miles from the apartments)
- Dulles International Airport (about 35 miles from the apartments)

Parking:

For move-in day, if there is more than 1 person in the car, we suggest that you (the student) come in through the front of the building and meet us in the Great Room on the first floor to check in, while someone waits in the car with flashers on in front of the building on 23rd Street. (If you can find legal street parking there, even better!) Once you have your keys from us, we will show you how to get to the parking garage/ loading dock to unload your car.

If you cannot find a space in front of the Buchanan or have no one else with you to stay in the car while you come in, you will want to park in the Buchanan garage. For move-in day ONLY, you will be able to park for free in the Buchanan garage. The entrance is just around the corner from the front of the Buchanan – on Clark Street, a few buildings down from *Legal Sea Foods* on the Corner (see map attached). You will need to pull a ticket as you enter the garage and follow the signs to **restaurant parking** on your left – stay on B-1. Come up through the door marked “Leasing Office.” The Buchanan will then validate your ticket as a one-time courtesy. If you choose to park on the street, that is fine too, but the Buchanan prohibits moving items through the lobby. (You will need to move your items in through the parking garage/ loading dock and elevators.) Parking meters are in front of the restaurants along Crystal Drive.

Either way, your first stop needs to be the Buchanan Great Room for check-in and then we will get you where you need to be for unloading.

DURING THE SEMESTER: As you know, there are parking spaces available to rent in the Buchanan garage. These spaces will cost \$50 per month. If you are interested in renting a space and haven't already done so, please contact Roxane.

Please be wary, though, parking is VERY limited in DC – and the driving is much faster than in Williamsburg! In addition, confusing circles and one-way streets make navigating the city extremely difficult. We strongly recommend that you DO NOT DRIVE into the city unless you know where you are going and have a garage lined up in which to park.

Hotel Information:

For any parents who wish to remain in DC overnight, there are numerous hotels near the Buchanan and in DC that may accommodate you. Please refer to the hotel insert included in the Family Weekend packet.

Please call with any and all questions!

Roxane: 202-939-4001 (office), 703-966-8940 (cell)