Learn More:
Pre-Orientation Programs

Parent & Family Programs Webinar Series
May 12, 2020 | 7 PM EST
Preparing for Life as a University Student
PLUS 2020
Center for Student Diversity
PLUS 2020

- PLUS provides a supportive (online) introduction to life at William & Mary.
- Due to ongoing social distancing recommendations related to COVID-19, this program will shift from an in-person to a virtual program for summer 2020 with the hopes to have an in-person retreat in the Fall.
- We will engage in scheduled video conferences and presentations that will give students an opportunity to talk with relevant campus faculty and staff and get to know each other.

**Dates:**
July 12 – 16, 2020 (online)

**Fall Retreat:**
August 28-30, 2020 (On-campus)

**Program Cost:**
None. University-sponsored.

**Application Deadline:**
Sunday, May 31, 2020
PLUS 2020 Schedule Highlights

• Class Sessions
• Evening Activities
• Group Sessions w/ PLUS Counselors
• Introduction to the Center for Student Diversity
• Introduction to Undergraduate research opportunities
• Panel Discussions w/ current W&M students
• Presentations about campus resources
• Workshops
Apply to PLUS 2020

Deadline to apply:
Sunday, May 31, 2020

For more information visit:
www.wm.edu/offices/studentdiversity/plus

Stay connected:
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Facebook: @wmPLUScsd
Instagram: @wmstudentdiversity
Neurodiversity Summer Bridge Program

A virtual welcome

Saturday, July 25, 2020
What is “neurodiversity”?

• A philosophy
• An emerging Civil Rights movement

“Acknowledging and appreciating the wide range of human neurologies, including Autism and ADHD, for example, while also acknowledging and appreciating the challenges of brain difference, is key to neurodiversity.”
NEURODIVERSITY

- Autistic Spectrum Disorder
- Dyslexia
- Tourette's
- ADD
- Developmental Co-ordination Disorder
- Gifted
- Sensory Integration Disorder
- Auditory Processing
- OCD
- Anxiety
- ADHD
- Trauma
- Developmental Disabilities
- Cultural Diversity
- ODD
- Specific Learning Difficulties
W&M’s Commitment to Neurodiversity

• Neurodiversity Initiative
  – Neurodiversity Working Group
  – Neurodiversity Student Group
  – Courses on neurodiversity
  – Neurodiversity Bridge Program
  – Expansion of value to other universities
“Neurodiversity postulates that some degree of neurological difference is part and parcel of the human genome, which evolved in us because it benefits our species even when it disables some individuals. The emerging view of autism is that of a neurological difference that confers a mix of gift and disability. That viewpoint is now being extended to other inborn neurological differences, like ADHD and dyslexia.”
ND Summer Bridge Program

- Began in 2016; now occurs annually in July
- Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon
- 4 student/alum peer leaders
- 12-15 incoming student participants
- Participants self-identify as “neurodivergent”
- Program designed with neurodiversity in mind
- NO COST to students! (except travel, if applicable)
ND Summer Bridge Program 2020: Different format, same goal

• Welcome students to W&M in a neurodiversity friendly and accepting way
• Consider sensory needs and overstimulation
• Intentionally encourage breaks, fidget or “stim” toys, valuing students as they are
• Make peer connections with participants and peer leaders via group chats, social media, and encouraging communication among the participants
Components of Program

• Orient students to campus life
• Social engagement and connection before, during & after the program
• Preparatory information on “what to expect,” from living to learning
• Introduction to campus resources
• Mock lecture(s) from W&M professor(s)
• Parent & Family connections
### July 25, 2020 Online Format

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<td>Student Accessibility Services</td>
<td>Lesley Henderson &amp; Anna Whiston, SAS</td>
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<td>11:00 - 11:40</td>
<td>Mock Mini-Lecture*</td>
<td>Dr. Josh Burk, Psychological Sciences *Include lecture etiquette for in-person &amp; virtual classes</td>
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<td>Living well on campus</td>
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<td>Student Panel</td>
<td>W&amp;M Neurodiversity – students &amp; alums speak to students specifically (students ONLY!)</td>
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<td>*4:00 – 5:00</td>
<td>Parent &amp; Family Panel</td>
<td>W&amp;M staff and faculty (Dr. Burk, Dean Zeman, Lesley, Anna, P&amp;F representative) speak to incoming parents and families of students; Q&amp;A</td>
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Benefits

- Early connection opportunities
  - Students
  - Parents/Families
- W&M Resource Book
- Program guide
- Blackboard site*
- Continued connections on campus, even after the program
Quotes from participants

“I think this experience changed my life. Everyone was so nice and accepting. I felt like I found my family…. I feel like I walked away from this with new standards of how I should be treated by people in my life. I made so many new friends and I can't wait to see them in the fall.”

- Summer 2019 participant

“Our daughter had such a wonderful experience at 2019 Summer Bridge Camp. You could even say it was life affirming. She was elated to find people who understood her and she them.”

- Summer 2019 parent
Student Registration Information

Registration deadline is **Tuesday, June 30th**.

Neurodiversity Summer Bridge Program

Registration Link:
https://wmsas.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2sg8elopuwEZtfT

Questions about ND Summer Bridge Program? Contact us at [sas@wm.edu](mailto:sas@wm.edu) or 757-221-2512
7 Generations

Building & Serving Community

August 17-21
Office of Community Engagement
Office of Community Engagement

- Education
- Reflection
- Action
Education

Reflection

Action
Education

Reflection

Action
Reflection

Action

Education
7G2020: Sustainability

Environmental

Social

Economic
Exploring Your New Community

- Campus Tour
- Civic Scavenger Hunt
- Concert in Colonial Williamsburg
Don't Forget

Register by July 15

$135 registration fee

• Free to FGLI
• $75 scholarships available

Show Day & Aim 4
Due to COVID-19, all Pathways programming for the 2020-2021 school year is tentative.
Pathways 2017
Pre-orientation adventures
Pathways

W&M Campus Recreation offers incoming students a unique and transformative pre-orientation experience. Prospective participants can choose from a list of week-long outdoor activities such as hiking, paddling, climbing, and more. Each Pathways program is designed to cultivate self-efficacy and ease the daunting transition into college life. During their week of adventure, students will be challenged to try new skills, engage in powerful outdoors experiences, and develop valuable social connections -- all before the semester even begins!
Pathways Highlights

- Part of the Tribe Adventure Program & Campus Recreation
- 11 years of W&M tradition
- Serve approximately 112 incoming Freshmen
- Wilderness based pre-orientation program
- 12, weeklong trips
- Group sizes from 8-15 participants
- No experience necessary
- Lead by 25 student trip leaders
- Trip leaders receive extensive training and each are certified in WFA, CPR and LNT.
Pathways 2020

Tentative Dates:
- Session 1: Monday, August 10 - Friday, August 14, 2020
- Session 2 Dates: Monday, August 17 - Friday, August 21, 2020

Program Cost:
- TBD (last year was $195 per participant/all inclusive)

Application:
- TBA, Currently accepting interest requests on the Pathways webpage.
- All those who have completed and interested form will be contacted when a final program and application date is determined.
Pathways Themes/Activities

- Backpacking
- Canoe Camping
- Rock Climbing
- Bike Tour
- Adv. Shenandoah (Base Camp)
- Surfing, SUP & Sea Kayaking