

WELCOME, CLASS OF 2021!

FROM THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT



Hello Class of 2021! On behalf of the Student Body I would like to officially welcome you all to Muhlenberg College! I was asked to write both a welcome letter to your class, and reflective letter to the senior class. I sit here writing both of these messages and find myself wanting to write essentially the same thing to either class. The things that you will come to know and love about Muhlenberg as a freshman, in your first few days here on campus, will be the same things you cherish as you say goodbye to this college on graduation day. Our shared space gives us a shared home and a shared comfort: I can tell you as a rising senior, there is very rarely a day where I see a face on campus I am unfamiliar with. It is this exceptional quality about Muhlenberg that will make you feel comfortable in these first few weeks at Muhlenberg, that will let you know that you can seek out help when you need it, and find friends in any class year, on any sports team, in any club or organization, or in any major. This quality will also be the one you value, treasure, and cry the most over, come graduation day, in 4 very short (I REPEAT, VERY SHORT) years. SO, if you ever see this friendly mug around campus, feel free to say hi! You can email me if you ever need a pal in these first, sometimes rough few weeks acclimating to college, or stop by the Student Government Office in the basement of Seeger's, I'm almost always there. Best of luck and enjoy these next few years at Berg! Have I mentioned yet that it's going to go by really, really, fast?

Emily Morton
Student Body President

FROM THE DEAN OF ACADEMIC LIFE

Welcome to Muhlenberg! I imagine that you are both excited and a bit anxious about the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. These feelings are normal. You will get settled in quicker than you think. Since I have taught in the Chemistry department for 21 years (everything from General Chemistry to Laser Chemistry) before taking over as Dean, allow me to give you four pieces of advice on how to succeed at Muhlenberg.

- 1. Get to know your professors**
 - Find out who has kids of their own in college (or still in diapers), who has a dog (cat, goldfish, pet rock), what's their favorite book (movie, poem, type of music), and what they are passionate about intellectually. Once you get to know them, then it will be easier to talk with them if you have questions about their class.
- 2. Start studying the first night**
 - Even if nothing is due the next day. Getting into a routine of studying every night will be important to your long-term success.
- 3. Figure out what works for you when you study**
 - Do you study in your room, the library, a classroom? Do you study with a group, a partner, or by yourself? The answer is probably all of the above. See what works best for you.
- 4. Work hard, play hard**
 - Balance is important in life. We expect you to work hard, but you should make time to go for a walk (or the gym), join a club, go see a speaker on campus, or debate with your friends about a current political issue.



I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing you on campus in August!

Bruce Anderson
Dean of Academic Life

FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENTS



It feels like just yesterday that I was welcoming you at June Advising. If you remember, I gave you some important homework to do before Orientation. I asked you to begin thinking about something that you might want to "start", "stop" and "continue" when you arrive at Muhlenberg in the fall! I hope you have been reflecting on this, because Orientation is just around the corner! Having just finished my own first year here, I know well what lies ahead for you. The exciting "firsts", the successes, the setbacks, the awkwardness, and the memories - these are the things a great first year is made of! You will be exposed to incredible opportunities for growth and learning, meet lifelong friends, and uncover and hone your many talents and strengths. My staff and I will be alongside to encourage, challenge and support you throughout this journey. So, enjoy the rest of your summer, reflect on what you will "start", "stop" and "continue" when you get here, and above all keep an open mind and an open heart for all that awaits you in just a few weeks! Our Student Affairs Offices including Athletics, Community Engagement, Counseling and Health Services, Camps Safety, Multicultural Life, Residential Services, Student Activities, and Leadership Development look forward to kicking off your first year with you soon!

Allison Gulati

Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Member of the Class of 2021:

I hope you're enjoying the summer. All of us at Muhlenberg are looking forward to your arrival next month!

When you arrive on this beautiful campus in late August, you'll be taking your place among a global community of Muhlenberg students, faculty, alumni, and parents who care about, challenge and support one another in ways that bring out the best in each of us.

Your Class

The Class of 2021 promises to be one of the most dynamic, diverse, and exciting in Muhlenberg's 169-year history. Great accomplishments in and out of school, unprecedented diversity of backgrounds and high ambition—these are the ingredients for a class that will make an indelible mark on the College and forge friendships that will last forever.

Keys to Success

Time management can be challenging for first-year students. Yet where you invest your time and energy will largely determine your Muhlenberg experience. Here a few tips from those who have thrived in their first year:

1. Come prepared to hit the ground running—attending classes, doing the necessary reading and study, and getting to know your faculty (see #2 for details!).
2. Go to your professors' office hours. They're there for you. Take advantage of the opportunity to talk with them on a regular basis. I promise it will be one of the most valuable parts of your life here.
3. Focus on self-care—getting the nutrition, rest, sleep, exercise, and down time to be at your best. We Mules are smart on many levels, including about ourselves.
4. Capitalize on campus resources that are here to help you, including the [Academic Resource Center](#) and more than 200 [peer tutors](#).



5. Give something new a try: The huge array of extra-curricular activities at Muhlenberg offers you more opportunities to discover more new interests than perhaps any other time in your life will provide, and right at your doorstep. I look forward to seeing you at athletic events, leadership programs, theatre and dance performances, concerts, lectures, fundraisers, faith services, and even more, I look forward to seeing you be a part of them. *
6. Finally, visit the Career Center (it's not too early) and work with them to cultivate one or more mentors. Muhlenberg students often develop invaluable mentor relationships with professors, staff members, coaches, alumni, and even parents of their friends. Your personal support network both here at Muhlenberg and beyond can really change your life in many ways.

As you get to know other students—those just like you, and those quite different—I believe you will find your entire experience here deepening. Your class is one of the most diverse Muhlenberg has assembled. I hope you'll build new friendships with people of all kinds, because you will have that chance here.

Fun Ahead....

And...plan to have lots of fun. The campus is beautiful, the food is terrific, and downtown Allentown is transforming on almost a weekly basis. Far more than a college, Muhlenberg is an exciting, caring, and supportive community bound together by our common love of learning and desire to help each make a difference in the world in the years ahead. Welcome!



John I. Williams, Jr.

President

* p.s. For example, study abroad is popular with many Muhlenberg students. These international experiences typically occur during junior year, but it's never too early to explore these exciting opportunities. Visit the [Center for Global Education](#) and speak with your academic advisor about planning courses during your first two years so you can take advantage when junior year arrives.



5 MUST-DOS BEFORE COMING TO CAMPUS

1. Class Schedule and First-Year Seminar

- Check your schedule!
 - CapStone, our student information system, will provide you with access to your course schedule! Check your mailing from the Registrar for your password.
- If you have any scheduling conflicts, such as sports schedules, please email [Dr. David Rosenwasser](mailto:davidrosenwasser@muhlenberg.edu) (davidrosenwasser@muhlenberg.edu) or [Dr. Jill Stephen](mailto:jillstephen@muhlenberg.edu) (jillstephen@muhlenberg.edu), Co-Directors of the Writing Program, by **August 8th**. Be sure to include:
 - Why do you need to change your seminar?
 - What are some that you would be interested in taking if available?
 - Your schedule information, with class titles, days, and times
 - Contact information – email and phone number
- **The Co-Directors will get back to you with what is available. We *cannot guarantee* a change, as seminars fill up quickly.**
- **NO OTHER SCHEDULE CHANGES WILL BE MADE BEFORE ORIENTATION WEEKEND.**

Remember:

- ✓ Your advising group will be the same as your seminar group! You will have time during Orientation Weekend to get to know your classmates through a variety of activities, even if your course is not until Spring Semester.
- ✓ Be sure to download the Muhlenberg app on your phones!

2. Summer Reading and Assignment

- ❖ **What is it?**
 - *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- ❖ **Why?**
 - You will complete your first writing assignment for the college on this article!
 - **Please bring the completed assignment and the book with you to the Friday, August 25 FYS meeting during Orientation.**



3. Plagiarism and Academic Integrity Statement

- Be sure to read the College statement on plagiarism and academic integrity before Orientation Weekend!
- Find them [here](#).

4. Dietary Needs and Family Meals – Orientation Weekend

- Have any dietary needs? Not a problem! Just fill out this survey by **Friday, August 18, 2017** so we can make sure we meet all your dining needs!
 - Please click [here](#).
- Be sure to include all dietary needs for your family members who will be joining you for Orientation!

5. Mandatory Online Courses

- ◆ All new students must complete two courses – “AlcoholWise” and “Student Success: Not Anymore”
- ◆ Part 1 **must be completed prior to move-in day**. Failure to do so prohibit you from moving onto campus.
 - Please complete by **Friday, August 18, 2017**.
- ◆ Keep an eye on your email for information about Part 2!
- ◆ Login instructions will be emailed to you.

If you have any questions about school policies, procedures, or support resources related to alcohol and other drugs, dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, please contact [Lee Ann Kolbe](mailto:leekolbe@muhlenberg.edu), Title IX Coordinator, Muhlenberg College at leekolbe@muhlenberg.edu.

ALL ABOUT YOU

Muhlenberg's Strengths-Based Campus Initiative

Remember when you started receiving information from Muhlenberg College and you learned we were interested in YOU? That didn't end there! We want to know all about you, including your top 5 strengths!

- What is StrengthsQuest?
 - StrengthsQuest is a program that helps you identify your top five talents. By answering a few questions, you will find out exactly where your greatest strengths lie!
- Why do I need to do it?
 - All of our students at Muhlenberg complete StrengthsQuest before coming to Orientation Weekend. You will have a session to explain what exactly all of this means and how you can use it to become the best version of you!
- How do I get there?
 - You can click [here](#) for detailed instructions!
- What do I do once I know my strengths?
 - Print out a copy of your Signature Themes Report and bring it with you to Orientation Weekend.

BEFORE YOU MAIL IT...

First-year residential students are permitted to ship items **ahead of time** as long as they arrive **between August 14 & 25**.

Addressing

- The college's official mailing street address is 2400 Chew Street.
 - If you are mailing to a MILE House, please use the Chew Street Address, as these houses are part of campus.
- Here is how you should address your mail:

[First Name], [Middle Initial], [Last Name]
Seegers Union Box # _____

Muhlenberg College
2400 Chew Street
Allentown, PA 18104-5586



- Please be sure to include your middle initial, as some students may have the same name.
- **Please do not address mail to "P.O. Box _____" as this is not a post office box.**
 - Room numbers, residence hall names, missing box numbers, nicknames and mail in the name of a parent, will either delay the delivery of your mail or it may be returned to sender, if the recipient cannot be identified.

Mail Delivery

- Student mailboxes are located on the lower level of

Seegers Union.

- Packages can be picked up at the Mailroom, located in the General Services Building behind the Haas College Center.
 - Students will receive an email if there is a package for pick-up. Bring your student ID card.
 - Packages should be picked up within five business days from the date received.
 - Perishable, refrigerated, and fragile shipments are discouraged as the mailroom does not have adequate storage facilities. Please remind family and friends **NOT** to send cash through the mail.

Mailbox Combinations

- Mailbox combinations are located on CapStone under *Directory Information*. Select *Muhlenberg Mail Box* from the drop-down menu.
- **Remember to lock your mail box after each use.**

Additional information regarding the Mailroom's procedures may be found on the web site [here](#).

DID YOU REMEMBER...

Packing can be overwhelming. You might not know what to bring, but we do! Here are some suggestions:

Can you share it?

Talk to your roommate! If you can share it, you don't need two!

- Rugs
- TV
- Microwave
- Dishes
- Glasses
- Refrigerator
- Basic Cleaning Supplies
- Anything else you can think of!

Can you bring it?

Some items would be unsafe to bring to your room. Be sure to double check your list to make sure you are leaving these items at home!

- ✓ Hot Plates
- ✓ Heating Coils
- ✓ Toasters
- ✓ Toaster Ovens
- ✓ Irons
- ✓ Electric Heaters
- ✓ Multi-head Lamps with Plastic Shades
- ✓ Halogen Lamps

Please make sure all electrical appliances and cords are UL approved! The College reserves the right to remove any items it deems unsafe at any point.

Muhlenberg strongly encourages the use of surge protectors for the electrical supply of multiple items. "Octopus" plugs are a fire hazard, so please refrain from bringing them.

The Bare Necessities

Now that you know what **not** to bring, here's what you **should** bring to get you through your first year:

Bathroom Supplies

- shower bucket/carrier
- towels/washcloths
- razors/shaving cream
- deodorant
- pain reliever
- medications
- robe & flip-flops
- soap
- first-aid supplies
- shampoo/conditioner
- hair styling products
- contact lens products

Laundry Needs

- laundry bag/basket
- drying rack
- detergent
- quarters
- fabric softener
- knowledge of how to do laundry

Linens

- sheets (2 sets; twin-XL)
- pillow cases
- egg crate
- pillows
- blankets
- comforter
- mattress pad

Desk

- chargers
- desk organizer
- pens/pencils
- computer/printer
- calculator
- flashlight
- batteries
- printer paper
- daily planner
- desk lamp/bulbs
- highlighters
- stapler/staples
- scissors
- tape/tacks

Room (General)

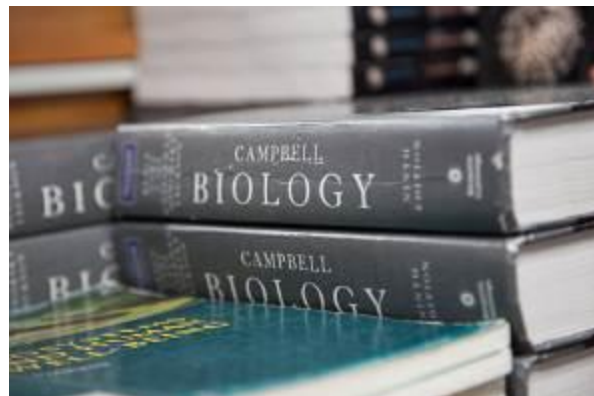
- alarm clock
- posters/pictures
- mug/glass
- snacks
- fan
- microwave*
- plates/bowls
- storage bins
- small trash can
- refrigerator**
- silverware
- power strip with surge protector
- TV/DVD player
- hangers
- basic cleaning supplies

*Microwaves may not draw more than 600-700 watts and there can be only one per room.

**Refrigerators must be 4.9 amps or less and each student can have one.

THE 'BERG BOOKSHOP

- The Textbook Reservation Program allows you to find your textbooks without waiting in line!
 - When you have your final course schedule, click [here](#).
 - Orders can be placed online and picked up on Move-in day!
 - **Please note:** There will be a charge of \$5 for this service.
- You may rent textbooks and have them shipped directly to the Bookstore! These may be picked up with your book reservations. Click [here](#) to work with our rental partner!



The deadline for reservations is one week prior to the start of class. Please note that we are unable to accept textbook reservations via FAX or over the phone.

PLAN AHEAD

- Planning a trip with your family and want to know when you will have some time? No problem!
 - You can find the [Fall 2017](#) and [Spring 2018](#) Academic Calendar here.

MOVE-IN DAY!

- **When?**
 - Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 7:00 a.m.
 - Unless you have received a different move in time, you move in during the times listed above.
- **Where?**
 - To get to your residence hall, just follow the signs you see throughout Allentown! There will be specific patterns to follow in order to get you unloaded and inside quickly and efficiently. You can find a map [here](#).
 - When you arrive you will be greeted by alumni and staff, where you can find beverages while you wait.
 - Go directly to the lobby of your residence hall to check in and receive your room key.
 - **The driver of the vehicle must stay with the vehicle at all times.**
- **Will anyone help me move in?**
 - Yes!! Upper-class students will be around to help you take your items into your assigned room.
 - **Please be sure that all your items are clearly marked with your name and room assignment.**
- **Now that I'm all moved in, what do I do?**
 - Welcome! You can now set-up your room and relax before the first few activities begin!
 - Make sure you pick up your Orientation Weekend information and family meal tickets at the Welcome Center located in the Light Lounge of the Seegers Union between **7:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.**
 - Tickets can be redeemed from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Seegers Union.
 - If you have any dietary needs, such as Kosher, vegetarian, gluten free, etc., you **must** report them through the survey which can be found in the "5 Must-Dos" section.
- **When do the activities begin?**
 - Families and Students will separate for their activities beginning at 1:00 p.m.
 - Be sure to say your *see you later* during lunch, as the remainder of the day is packed with fun events!

Are you a Commuter?

- Stop by the Welcome Center in the Light Lounge of the Seegers Union between **7:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.** to pick up your Orientation Weekend information!



Special Weekend Traditions

The Sedehi Diversity Project

- **What is the Sedehi Diversity Project?**
 - The Sedehi Diversity Project is a campus resource dedicated to fostering conversations about diversity and multiculturalism at Muhlenberg College.
 - All First-Year Students will attend a theater piece during Orientation Weekend.
- **What is the Theater Piece?**
 - Sophomores, juniors, and seniors from all different areas of campus come together to create it using the actual words of Muhlenberg students, professors, staff members, and administrators.
 - It focuses on what it really means to be a part of a diverse college community.
- **What will I get out of it?**
 - Students will get a glimpse into real campus conversations and issues.
 - The topics are sometimes provocative, but do not speak for the institution of the Sedehi Diversity Project.
- **What is the goal of the Sedehi Diversity Project?**
 - The goal is for the new students to feel comfortable joining into the conversation.

For more information, click [here](#).

Opening Convocation

- The Opening Convocation, a tradition of Muhlenberg, is an important and powerful experience.
- Enjoy as the silver mace, made especially for Muhlenberg, leads the procession that you will see again in just four short years.

Welcome Back Barbecue

- **Who is invited?**
 - All students, faculty, and staff are invited to join us for the Welcome Back Barbeque!
- **When is the barbeque?**
 - Sunday, August 27, 2017 at 4:45 p.m.
- **Where is it?**
 - Brown Mall, on the North side of Seegers Union Building
- **Why should I go?**
 - You will have the chance to talk to others in your new community!

BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE!

Please click [here](#) for information for various Muhlenberg College departments.

Do you want to meet your Orientation Leaders?!
Click [here](#)!



FOR MORE INFORMATION

FYS assignment

Co-Directors of the Writing Program:

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- [Dr. Jill Stephen](mailto:jillstephen@muhlenberg.edu)
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Orientation program

Associate Dean of Students and Director of Student Engagement:

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Mandatory Online Courses

Title IX Coordinator

- [Lee Ann Kolbe](mailto:leekolbe@muhlenberg.edu)
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Housing and Residential Services

Associate Director, ORS:

- [Katie Shelley](mailto:kateshelley@muhlenberg.edu)
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