Teachers College, Columbia University

NEW STUDENT EXPERIENCE
ORIENTATION FALL 2006

Note: Most events require R.S.V.P reservations. You can reserve your spot online at www.tc.edu/nse. Remember seating is limited, so reserve yours now!!! Check the website regularly for changes in times, locations and seating availability.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup> 2006

9:00am  Resident Student Check-In
New resident students move into residence halls.

2:00pm & 4:00pm  Target Shopping Trip-sponsored by the Office of Residential Services
TC Cafeteria
Join us on a shopping excursion to the local Target store to pick up those last minute essentials you forgot to get before arriving at TC! Students should meet in the lobby of Whittier Hall. Two trips will be provided at 2pm and 4pm; transportation expenses via train are not included.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 2006

8:00am  Check In at Alfred Lerner Hall, Columbia University

9:00am  Welcome & Opening Comments
Alfred Lerner Hall
Dr. Donald C. Martin, Associate Dean for Enrollment & Student Services
Dr. William Baldwin, Interim Dean
Dr. Gita Steiner-Khamsi, Professor of Education
Department of International and Transcultural Studies
Albert Cousins, Student Senate President

9:45am  Expectations of an Academic Community
Alfred Lerner Hall
Discussion regarding College Policies, particularly FERPA, student code of conduct, and academic integrity

10:15am  Registration Overview
Alfred Lerner Hall
Diana Maul, Registrar

11:00am-2:00pm  Concurrent Sessions
Various Locations
Provides valuable information concerning student services and the student experience. Each session will run for approximately 1 hour beginning at 11am, 12pm, and 1pm.

Student Services Information
Student Activities and Programs/ Career Services (Mibank Chapel)-Staff of Teachers College Career Services will discuss employment opportunities during and after your TC career.
Doctoral Studies (Grace Dodge Hall Private Dining Room)-Doctoral Students will talk about their TC experiences and discuss strategies to ensure success.
Computer Information Systems/Library(Russell Hall 305 & 306)-Conducting electronic searches was never easier! Learn how to fully utilize the available research tools. You will get to know about: your Columbia e-mail, getting connected to the internet, getting computer equipment, Instructional Media and other computing labs, printing, ClassWeb and more.
Teacher Ed. & Support Programs (Thompson 229)- Staff will be available to offer useful information on obtaining information and materials on matters pertaining to teacher certification and teaching placements.
**Student Experience**

**Adult Returning Students (Grace Dodge Hall 281)**-We know the transition from Worker back to Student presents some unique challenges! We want to give those students who have established themselves in a profession and are making a career change or doing extensive professional development a chance to meet each other, exchange ideas, and share experiences. We do our best to provide you with practical answers to your particular questions, and assure you that, yes, it can be done!

**Diversity (Grace Dodge Hall 285)**-Teachers College prides itself for creating a diverse and vibrant culture for its students. Come learn from other students from diverse racial, ethnic and sexual backgrounds about their experiences at Teacher’s College in and outside of the classroom.

**Families/ Multiple Priorities (Grace Dodge Hall 363)**- Being a part-time student on top of a job and/or parenting can certainly make life crazy. Come meet other TC students and learn from some veterans about what it’s like to be a part-time student, how to juggle school, work and other responsibilities, and how to make the most of your experience at TC.

**NYC Life/ Commuters (Grace Dodge Hall 179)**-By air, by land, or by sea; We’re the commuter students of TC; Our transit is mass; Our travels are vast; We’re the TC majority! Come learn about how to make the most of your commute between TC and home!

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12:00pm-

**2nd Annual TC Block Party**

6:00pm  

**120th Street between Amsterdam Ave. and Broadway**

Join faculty, staff, students, and the community at our **2nd Annual TC Block Party**. Eat, mingle and browse through the many products and services our local vendors have to offer.

3:30pm  

**Road to Eatin'**- co-sponsored by the Office of Residential Services

**Whittier Hall Lobby**

Travel with us down the "Road to Eatin'" as we explore local supermarkets surrounding the TC community. We will visit The Met, C-Town, and Fairway Grocery Stores/Supermarkets as we indulge ourselves in the tasty delights of Harlem and Morningside Heights.

8:00pm  

**TGIF @ Radio Perfecto**- co-sponsored by the Office of Residential Services

**1187 Amsterdam Avenue**

Take time out to wind down with your fellow colleagues after a long day of orientation. Join us for food and drinks while you get better acquainted with your fellow colleagues.

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2006**

9:00am  

**Target/IKEA Trip**- co-sponsored by the Office of Residential Services

**TC Cafeteria**

So, you’ve just moved in and realized you’re in need of some linens and maybe a lamp for that late-night studying. Don’t worry, come shopping with us at IKEA and Target.

9:00am  

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10:00am  

**Academic Writing Workshops**

**The Graduate Writing Center, (TBA)**

The Graduate Writing Center of the Office of Student Activities and Programs presents a collaborative workshop that will introduce you to APA referencing and formatting, give you strategies for overcoming writer’s block, and provide other general writing tips to help you breeze through those upcoming papers.

2:00pm  

**Tips & Chips**

**TC Cafeteria**

Join us for informal conversations over snacks about adjusting to TC as a new student. Discuss academic concerns, career questions or general student life issues. Listen as current students share their perspectives.

5:00pm  

**New York at Night**

**Main Hall Lobby**

Join current TC students for dinner. Discover different restaurants in our community to curb your
late night appetites!

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2006**

10:00am  **Community Service Project**  
**TC Cafeteria**  
Interested in volunteering for a good cause? Join other students and take the opportunity to serve your new Morningside Heights community through this Community Service Project designed to execute TC’s mission of educational equity.

11:00am  **Amazing Race**  
**TC Cafeteria**  
Join us for an exciting day of adventure. Play the Teachers College version of the Amazing Race. Explore new areas of NYC, meet new people, and win prizes and more. Don’t miss this great opportunity to meet new people and learn about NYC.

12:00pm  **Neighborhood Bus Tours- co-sponsored by the Office of Residential Services**  
**Everett Lounge**  
Learn the particulars of the local area with other new students on this fun and informative guided bus tour of NYC areas. Tours are scheduled at 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm. Early registration preferred online. Seats are limited. Arrive 15 minutes early to confirm your seating reservation.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2006**

9:00am  **Caribbean Day Parade**  
**Zankel Building Lobby**  
Join thousands of New Yorkers as they celebrate Caribbean culture at the 2006 Caribbean Day Parade in Brooklyn. Meet with other TC students and travel together to the parade as a group. This event is sure to be a memorable one.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2006**

8:00am  **Check In Alfred Lerner Hall, Columbia University**

9:00am  **Welcome & Opening Comments**  
Dr. Donald C. Martin, Associate Dean for Enrollment & Student Services  
President Susan H. Fuhrman

9:20am  **Educational Equity Panel**  
Faculty-led discussions on the topic of Educational Equity

11:00am  **Lunch and Travel to Teachers College**

11:30am  **Department Orientations**

12:00pm  **Program Orientations**

1:00pm  **Registration Begins**
After attending both Department and Program Orientations, students may begin to register for classes online, by phone, or in person.

2:00pm  **Faculty Book Talks Various Locations**
Join us for scholarly conversation with featured faculty to discuss their printed publications concerning many diverse and controversial topics pertaining to education, educational equity and more.

2:00pm  **Concurrent Sessions**  
**Various Locations**
This portion of the program provides valuable information concerning student services. Each session will run for approximately 1 hour beginning at 2pm and 3pm.

**Student Services Information**
- **Student Activities and Programs/ Career Services (Horace Mann Hall 433)**-Staff of Teachers College Career Services will discuss employment opportunities during and after your TC career.
- **Doctoral Studies (Horace Mann Hall 436)**-Doctoral Students will talk about their TC experiences and discuss strategies to ensure success.
- **Computer Information Systems /Library (Horace Mann Hall 431 & 432)**-Conducting electronic searches was never easier! Learn how to fully utilize the available research tools. You will get to know about: your Columbia e-mail, getting connected to the internet, getting computer equipment, Instructional Media and other computing labs, printing, ClassWeb and more.
- **Teacher Ed. & Support Programs (Cowin Auditorium)**-Staff will be available to offer useful information on obtaining information and materials on matters pertaining to teacher certification and teaching placements.

4:00pm  **Student Organization and Student Senate Reception**  
**179 Grace Dodge Hall**
Interested in TC clubs and organizations? Come join members of current organizations and our Student Senate to chat about your interests and ideas. Refreshments will be served.