WELCOME TO CANISIUS COLLEGE!

We are delighted and honored that you have chosen to embark on your college career at Canisius College. After a lengthy process of research and discovery, you have found your place with us and our faculty and staff stand eager to support you on your journey and help you achieve all of your goals. You begin this journey at an extraordinary time in recent history. COVID-19 has disrupted so much of what we regarded as routine or normal. We are all becoming acclimated to a new way of living, working, studying and socializing to keep each other safe and healthy. We have proven that our collective efforts are successfully decreasing the spread of the virus in our region. It has been our top priority to ensure a safe transition back to campus, and we have reengineered nearly every aspect of our operation – from academics to student life – so that we can come together as a community. However, in order for all of these measures to be successful, we need everyone to do their part for the health and well-being of every member of the Canisius community. When Griffins care for each other, we soar!

As you begin to immerse yourself, much of what you will find here rests deeply in our Catholic, Jesuit tradition and in an educational philosophy that emphasizes *cura personalis* – care for the whole person – body, mind, and spirit. At Canisius, your educational experiences will be transformative and closely guided by faculty, peers, and distinguished alumni and leaders in the community. We promise that your time at Canisius will challenge you, inspire your intellect and stimulate your curiosity. Opportunities for service, scholarship, and leadership are abundant. Take advantage of them to realize the full value of a Canisius education. We understand that you may arrive today with as much trepidation as excitement. For many, this is your first time away from home. For some, Buffalo is a new city that feels strange. Nor can we deny that Covid-19 is present in our society. All of this anticipation is part of your personal journey, but even with some uncertainty, there are a few things you can expect:

- Academics are demanding at Canisius. You will work hard but you will learn and grow in ways that you never imagined possible.
- You will have fun and develop friendships that will last a lifetime.
- You are not alone. You are surrounded by faculty, staff, and peers that care about you and your success.
- You have entered a circle of alumni, friends, and members of the Buffalo community that will help you realize your potential. Our orientation program is designed to give you the tools that you will need to set you on the right course.

Know that you are special class of new students for Canisius. You are joining us at a historic time when we celebrate our 150th Anniversary. On September 5, 1870, Canisius first opened its doors in a small, two-story structure in downtown Buffalo. Just like our first class of students, you are resilient, committed and ambitious. It is our students who challenge us to innovate, inspire the search for truth and justice in the world, and invigorate the life of the college.

You are warmly welcomed into this legacy of leadership. Each of you comes to Canisius with your own strengths and talents and we are grateful that you have chosen to grow and share them here with us.

May God bless you on the journey you begin today!

John J. Hurley  
*President*
We are so thrilled that you have chosen to join our Canisius College community! Over the course of the next few days, we will be providing important information and opportunities for you to prepare for the start of your Canisius academic program.

Canisius College New Student Orientation (NSO) aims to adopt a *cura personalis* approach in assisting incoming first-year and transfer students with their transition to college and establish a foundation for success. The program calls upon the expertise and time of our faculty, staff, and current students to support this mission.

This program would not have been possible without the dedication of our NSO team over the past few months! Thank you to our Lead OL's, Graduate Assistants, and Orientation Leader staff. Your dedication to supporting your fellow Griffs is unparalleled and we are so grateful!
IGNITE YOUR MIND, BODY, & SPIRIT

The Core Jesuit Values & Ideals

_Cura Personalis_
(kur’e pur’sen-ăl’îs), noun [Latin]
1. care for the whole person
2. a focus on one's mind, heart, soul, & body
3. the holistic approach to education used in Jesuit schools worldwide

_Being People For & With Others_
Providing opportunities for individuals to define their own identity while understanding their interconnectedness to a global society and standing in solidarity with those who are marginalized and oppressed

_Magis_
(mâh-gis), noun [Latin]
1. seeking more; to be greater
2. the act of discerning the best choice in a given situation

_Related:_ Ad Majorem de Gloriam
(For the Greater Glory of God)

_Finding God in All Things_
Providing opportunities for individuals to search for and find God in their daily lives

_Contemplatives in Action_
Allowing one's reflection and prayer time to inform how they approach the necessary work they do to better the world around them
COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES

GUIDELINES FOR PPE & MAINTAINING SOCIAL DISTANCING

It is our goal to maintain social distancing requirements in order to ensure the safety of our community members during New Student Orientation. Social distancing, or the more accurate term physical distancing, will be integrated into campus life. Classroom capacities have been altered, so students will be distanced. Students have been assigned to small groups in classrooms and presentations will be live-streamed in to these spaces. Some expectations for our program include:

- Students will be required to wear facial masks at all times, except when they are seated for meals.
- We will be providing two cloth masks and two disposable masks (1 for Thursday and 1 for Friday).
- The Dining Hall has reduced capacity to provide space between diners, both in line and while eating. We will be using two outdoor tent locations, in addition to the Dining Hall, and seating students for meals on a rotating schedule.
- All students will be required to complete the Daily Health Screening (CAMPUS CLEAR) Application. Orientation Leaders will ask for verification of your completion upon arrival to your classroom.
- We ask you are mindful of using proper stairwells and entrances/exits (marked with signage) at all times.
- Wash your hands regularly.
- If you are not feeling well, we ask that you remain home and reach out to Orientation staff to participate via Zoom.

CLASSROOM LOCATIONS

Students will attend all of Thursdays sessions in the assignment labeled on their name tag as "DAY 1-LOCATION". On Friday morning, you will be asked to attend sessions in the classroom labeled "DAY 2-AM LOCATION" and then the afternoon as "DAY 2-PM LOCATION". In the morning you will be with students in the same major, and then in the afternoon you will return to your orientation group and leader.

Additionally, assigned classrooms will be used for the mandatory resident floor meetings on Thursday, 8/27 and Friday, 8/28, and the Club and Organization Fair on Saturday, 8/29. Students should refer to the individual events in the CORQ app for these classroom location assignments!
TENT LOCATIONS
& MEAL ROTATIONS

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We divided the group into 3 locations for meals on Thursday through Saturday. In addition to the Dining Hall, we will use a large tent outside of the Old Main building, which will be referenced on the schedule as "Old Main Tent". Additionally, we will also use tent space outside of Bosch Hall, which will be referred to as "Bosch Hall Tent" on the schedule.

MEAL ROTATIONS

In order to maintain social distancing and meet with capacity requirements, all orientation groups will be assigned times for their meals on Thursday through Saturday during NSO:

- TEAM A: Orientation Groups 1 - 6
- TEAM B: Orientation Groups 7 - 12
- TEAM C: Orientation Groups 13 - 18
- TEAM D: Orientation Groups 19 - 24
- TEAM E: Orientation Groups 25 - 30
- TEAM F: Orientation Groups 31 - 36
**NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION CHECK-IN**

**Location:** Richard E. Winter '42 Student Center, Lobby

Stop by and check-in for NSO. You will receive your nametag, assignment locations, a Canisius t-shirt, and PPE swag bags!

**Canisius Welcome & Blessing**

**Location:** Assigned "Day 1" Classrooms

In the Ignatian spirit and tradition of going forth and setting the world on fire, join us as we officially welcome you to the Canisius community!

**Orientation Leader Small Group Meetings**

**Location:** Assigned "Day 1" Classrooms

Get to know your orientation group and orientation leaders! These small group meetings are a great way to get to know your peers.

**Breakfast**

**Dining Hall:** Team A (7:45 am) | Team B (8:45 am)

**Old Main Tent:** Team C (7:45 am) | Team D (8:45 am)

**Bosch Hall Tent:** Team E (7:45 am) | Team F (8:45 am)

**Lunch**

**Dining Hall:** Team A (12:00 pm) | Team B (1:00 pm)

**Old Main Tent:** Team C (12:00 pm) | Team D (1:00 pm)

**Bosch Hall Tent:** Team E (12:00 pm) | Team F (1:00 pm)

**Ignite Your Mind, Body, and Spirit: An Interactive Workshop on the Jesuit Mission & Values**

**Location:** Assigned "Day 1" Classrooms

An engaging, interactive workshop tailored to the Canisius experience that introduces the Jesuit core values and explains what it means to attend a Jesuit institution.
3:15 PM - 4:00 PM  
**Stay Golden, Griffins! Navigating the Transition to College**  
**Location:** Assigned "Day 1" Classrooms  
Students will learn about members of the Canisius community who are here to support you as members of your student success team. The Griff Center staff will share an overview of academic, career, and support services you should take advantage of to be successful in your first year of college.

4:15 PM - 5:00 PM  
**PPE: Campus Safety & Pandemic Environment**  
**Location:** Assigned "Day 1" Classrooms  
Given our social distancing recommendations, hear from both our Student Health Center team and Dr. Dentino, VP for Student Affairs, on how to stay healthy and navigate the campus guidelines.

5:15 PM - 7:15 PM  
**Dinner**  
- **Dining Hall:** Team A (5:15 pm) | Team B (6:15 pm)  
- **Old Main Tent:** Team C (5:15 pm) | Team D (6:15 pm)  
- **Bosch Hall Tent:** Team E (5:15 pm) | Team F (6:15 pm)

7:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
**Resident Student Information Sessions**  
**Location:** Assigned Classrooms (RA will provide you location!)  
Get to know your floor! Take this time to interact with other residents and become familiar with those living within your community. Your Resident Assistants (RAs) will facilitate.

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
**Good Times with the Griffs**  
**Location:** Old Main Tent  
- **Commuter Students:** 7:00-8:00 pm  
- **Resident Students:** 8:00-9:00 pm  
Join the OLs for some socially distanced "Head's Up!" and ice cream.

9:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
**Virtual Playlist Bingo with Neon Entertainment**  
Test your music trivia and win cash prizes! Tune in to watch a professional comedian host and compete against your classmates. To join in, log-in to your CORQ app and click on the link for the event!
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM  Breakfast  
Dining Hall: Team F (7:30 am) | Team E (8:15 am)  
Old Main Tent: Team B (7:30 am) | Team A (8:15 am)  
Bosch Hall Tent: Team D (7:30 am) | Team C (8:15 am)

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  Respect for Self and Others: Mandatory Policy Meeting  
Location: Assigned "Day 2- AM" Classrooms  
This mandatory session for all new students will review responsibilities surrounding Canisius College Community Standards, Title IX, NYS Enough is Enough, and Campus Safety.

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM  Introduction to Academic Life  
Location: Assigned "Day 2- AM" Classrooms  
Academic excellence is the key to success. In this mandatory session, learn how to develop the mindset and behaviors necessary to achieve success in your academic program, meet your deans, and learn how to use D2L.

11:15 AM - 12:30 PM  Mandatory Academic Department Sessions  
Location: Assigned "Day 2- AM" Classrooms  
Meet with faculty members within your academic department and learn more about requirements for your major, course offerings, internship and service opportunities that help you achieve success.

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM  Lunch  
Dining Hall: Team F (12:30 pm) | Team E (1:15 pm)  
Old Main Tent: Team B (12:30 pm) | Team A (1:15 pm)  
Bosch Hall Tent: Team D (12:30 pm) | Team C (1:15 pm)

2:00 PM - 3:15 PM  Identities 101: Discussion on Race and Inclusion  
Location: Assigned "Day 2- PM" Classrooms  
During this mandatory session, you will build upon the knowledge provided in the DEI module that you took over the summer. Gain awareness of the unique background and perspectives each individual student brings with them to Canisius College.

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM  You Get the G.I.S.T.: General Interest Session Time #1  
Location: See insert in NSO folder for room locations.
You Get the G.I.S.T.: General Interest Session Time #2
Location: See insert in NSO folder for room locations.

Orientation Leader Small Group Meetings
Location: Assigned "Day 2- PM" Classroom
Head back to your afternoon classrooms to meet up with your Orientation groups once more before wrapping up for the day!

Dinner
Dining Hall: Team F (5:30 pm) | Team E (6:30 pm)
Old Main Tent: Team B (5:30 pm) | Team A (6:30 pm)
Bosch Hall Tent: Team D (5:30 pm) | Team C (6:30 pm)

Resident Student Mandatory Policy Meetings
Location: Assigned Classrooms (RA will provide you location!)
Learn what you need to know about being a resident student and the Canisius College Community Standards.

Make Your Mark, Griffs!
Location: Old Main Tent
Commuter Students: 7:30-8:30 pm
Resident Students: 8:30-9:30 pm
Join us for a DIY craft night! From painting a Buffalo themed canvas, designing a vision board while indulging in a Taffy's milkshake and will enjoying live music from DJ Justin. Resident students may join after policy meetings are finished.

Gaming After Dark with Fusion
Location: Science Hall Classrooms - Meet in SH near Mailroom
Join Fusion Gaming Society for game night! Resident students, come join in the fun after your mandatory meetings.

Virtual Free Money Game Show with Neon Entertainment
Test your knowledge of movie themes, Disney songs, broadway tunes, music, Netflix, Nickledeon, and more for fun prizes! To join in, log-in to your CORQ app and click on the link for the event!
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM  Breakfast  
**Dining Hall:** Team C (8:00 am) | Team D (9:00 am)  
**Old Main Tent:** Team E (8:00 am) | Team F (9:00 am)  
**Bosch Hall Tent:** Team A (8:00 am) | Team B (9:00 am)

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  **Canisius in the Community:**  
**Neighborhood Walks & Learning About Community Service**  
**Location:** Meet at Montante Cultural Center  
On this walk, students will learn about the history and cultural assets of the neighborhood and about our Jesuit mission of promoting social justice and service to others.

*Advance Registration Required*  
(Click here)

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM  **Lunch- BBQ with USA (Meet the Senators)**  
**Dining Hall:** Team C (12:00 pm) | Team D (1:00 pm)  
**Old Main Tent:** Team E (12:00 pm) | Team F (1:00 pm)  
**Bosch Hall Tent:** Team A (12:00 pm) | Team B (1:00 pm)

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  **Student Club and Organization Fair**  
**Location:** Assigned Classrooms - Log-in to CORQ for schedule  
Interested in learning about a specific club or organization? Some of our clubs and orgs will be on hand in classrooms to chat about getting connected. Check out the CORQ app for the classroom.

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM  **Campus Scavenger Hunt**  
**Location:** Meet in Main Quad  
Get to know your campus! Meet in the Main Quad and participate in the scavenger hunt designed by the OLs.

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  **Dinner**  
**Dining Hall:** Team C (5:00 pm) | Team D (6:00 pm)  
**Old Main Tent:** Team E (5:00 pm) | Team F (6:00 pm)  
**Bosch Hall Tent:** Team A (5:00 pm) | Team B (6:00 pm)

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM  **Movie Under the Stars and Trivia Night**  
**Location:** Bart Mitchell Quad  
Grab your NSO blanket and join us for a movie, snacks, and trivia on Kahoot for your chance to win prizes!
10:00 AM - 1:30 PM  
**Brunch**  
Location: Dining Hall (All Students)

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM  
**Orientation Leader Office Hours**  
Location: Old Main 115 and 119  
Need someone to help you review D2L again? Want to make sure you know where your classes are? Stop by the computer labs on the first floor of Old Main to get some OL assistance!

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
**ALANA Center Student Orientation**  
Location: Science Hall 1013 A & B  
Join the ALANA Student Center for a fun afternoon of snacks, raffles, ice breakers, and more! Pre-register by clicking here.

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
**Dinner**  
Location: Dining Hall (All Students)

4:00 PM & 6:00 PM  
**Mass on the Grass/Mass of the Holy Spirit**  
Location: Main Quad/Christ the King Chapel Steps  
Grab your NSO blanket and join us for this campus tradition of kicking off the academic year with outdoor mass.  
*Students are asked to pre-register for social distancing purposes. Check the NSO website for the link!*
ALANA Student Center  
*Frisch Hall 008 | 716.888.2787*

**Campus Ministry**  
*Old Main 207 | 716.888.2420*

**Athletics**  
*Koessler Athletic Center | gogriffs.com*

**Campus Bookstore**  
*Student Center Lower Level | 716.888.2335*

**Center for International Education**  
*Student Center 003 | 716.888.2400*

**Commuter Student Lockers/Event Services**  
*Frisch Hall 005 | 716.888.2180*

**C.O.P.E.**  
*Horan O'Donnell 001 | 716.888.2575*

**Counseling Center**  
*Bosch Hall 105 | 716.888.2620*

**Dining Services**  
*Economou Dining Hall | 716.888.2565*

**Griff Center for Student Success:**  
**Support Services**  
*Old Main 317 | 716.888.2170*

**Griff Center for Student Success:**  
**Career Development**  
*Horan O'Donnell 014 | 716.888.2174*

**Griff Center For Student Success:**  
**Academic Achievement**  
*Old Main 013 | 716.888.2485*

**Library**  
*Andrew L. Bouwhuis Library | 716.888.2900*

**Public Safety**  
*Bosch Hall Lower Level | 716.888.2330*

**Student Health Center**  
*Frisch Hall Lower Level | 716.888.2610*

**Student Records & Financial Services**  
*Bagen Hall 106 | 716.888.2600*

**Student Life**  
*Dugan Hall Lower Level | 716.888.8300*

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