The following are questions that were submitted during the webinar and answered by panelists during the Q&A portion of the event.

**HOUSING & MOVE-IN**

*When are students getting their roommate and housing assignment information?*

The target date is August 1 for housing and roommate assignments, as well as additional information about Move-In Day. You will also receive a packet in the mail with additional content and some items you will need for Move-In Day shortly thereafter.

*How are roommates assigned? Were they all assigned at random or were students able to select?*

Vanderbilt matches first-year students with consideration of their responses to a short list of questions included on the first-year housing application. We believe an assignment process that facilitates diverse roommate pairings, rather than one in which students select their own roommates based on preexisting relationships, has important educational benefits and is consistent with the university’s commitment to fostering an inclusive campus community.

First-year students are permitted to submit roommate requests. Prior to requesting a specific roommate, students are encouraged to have open and frank conversations regarding living habits and preferences. Each student in the pair must request the other in order for the request to be considered. Please note that we cannot guarantee that roommate requests will be honored.

*What is the process if my student is supposed to move in early (ROTC, Band, etc.)?*

The Housing Assignments team will provide information and can answer questions about early arrival move-ins. You can email them at ohare@vanderbilt.edu.

*Is there a time limit for move-in?*

You will be assigned a specific time slot when you can come to move-in; after that you and your student can take your time unpacking. Students will begin their formal orientation at 5:30 p.m. Parents and families are invited to a separate orientation that begins at 5:30 p.m.

*What should students bring to campus? What is ”too much”?*

*The Road to Vanderbilt* offers a list of recommendations on what to bring and what not to bring. You can view that list at https://www.vanderbilt.edu/residentialcolleges/road-to-vanderbilt-2022/#housing-assignment-notification-and-move-in-instructions.

*Is there a photo or video that shows the rooms to help with planning and purchasing?*

Photos and videos of rooms in each Commons house are viewable at https://www.vanderbilt.edu/ohare/our-residence-halls/.
What is the Wifi setup?
There is wi-fi on The Ingram Commons and everywhere on campus. Students will login to the network called VUnet with the username and password that they use to login to all Vanderbilt systems (called their VUnetID). VUIT will be on site on Move-In Day in The Commons Center to answer any questions or troubleshoot concerns.

What is the policy on shipping items for Move-In Day?
The information you receive about Move-In Day around August 1 will include information about shipping items. This Mail Services page will be updated soon with details: https://www.vanderbilt.edu mailservices/students/move-in-info/first-year-move-in-info.php.

What day/time do the students leave campus for Thanksgiving and Winter Break?
Here is a link to the 2022-2023 Undergraduate Academic Calendar: https://registrar.vanderbilt.edu/calendars/2022-23-academic.php. This may be a helpful resource in planning your student's travels to/from home for breaks, while also noting that your student's specific class schedule may vary and therefore uniquely impact the exact dates/times when they are able to leave campus for breaks.

How many years are students required to live on campus?
Vanderbilt has a residential requirement for all four years. We do authorize students to live off campus when needed due to construction, COVID, or other extenuating circumstances when our on-campus inventory cannot accommodate the student body.

DINING ON CAMPUS

Can you share more about the "all access" meal plan and Commodore Cash?
The all access plan is optional and allows students to eat at the all-you-care-to-eat locations at any time! It comes with $225 in meal money to be used at our markets or local restaurants. For more information or to upgrade to this plan, contact dining@vanderbilt.edu.

Do meal plans cover over breaks too for any students not leaving campus?
Meal plans are not active over breaks, although a dining hall is often open and students are welcome to use meal money there when it is open.

Some of the allergy free dining options are not included in the all access meal plan. Is it possible to get those included?
They are allowed one meal swipe at any of our allergy free dining halls on the all access plan.

Even with the basic meal plan, will there be a place where students can get dinner up until 8 pm?
Yes. All of the Campus Dining markets have options where they can pick up meals at that time.

What Kosher dining options exist on campus?
There is a Kosher Food Truck on campus to provide Kosher dining options to students. Additionally Grins Vegetarian Café in the Schulman Center for Jewish Life offers vegetarian wraps, salads, paninis, and baked goods with a Kosher-certified kitchen. For more information about Grins, visit https://www.bongojava.com/pages/grins.
Can students cook their own meals? When and how?  
The Campus Dining markets have ingredients that students can purchase which are microwavable. Additionally each of the houses is equipped with a communal kitchen that students can access. However, most kitchens are not stocked with equipment other than major appliances, so if cooking is something your student anticipates doing frequently, they may want to procure their own supplies.

MISCELLANEOUS

If you have outside scholarships, how does that impact your financial aid? If there is an overage, will money be refunded to you?  
Students should contact the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships for more information on their individual circumstances. More information about the office is available at https://www.vanderbilt.edu/financialaid/.

What medical clinics are available on or near campus? For students who have their own health insurance coverage, will the local clinics accept them?  
We have a Student Health Center located on campus. They provide primary care and a number of specialty services for students, and they are part of Vanderbilt University Medical Center, which also has a number of clinics in the immediate area. More information is available at https://www.vumc.org/student-health/welcome. All students are automatically enrolled in the Student Health Insurance Plan. Students may submit a waiver if they have comparable insurance coverage. VUMC takes a number of different insurance plans.

Is there a gym or recreation center that students can freely use?  
Yes. More information is available at https://www.vanderbilt.edu/recreationandwellnesscenter/. In addition to the David Williams II Recreation and Wellness Center, there is a fitness room on the second floor of The Commons Center that has been completely remodeled this summer.

Is there a branch of a bank that is near The Ingram Commons to set up an account for my student?  
Yes, there are several. The three closest are Vanderbilt Credit Union, Regions Bank, and Fifth Third Bank. Several banks will be on campus on Move-In Day in The Commons Center (on the second floor) so you can easily get things set up then.

Where can we find a list of the student organizations on campus?  
Anchor Link is our student engagement platform. It has information about student organizations and events on campus. Access Anchor Link at https://anchorlink.vanderbilt.edu/.

What is the best way to discuss AP or IB credit transfers?  
You can find more information about advanced credit and course placement on the University Registrar's website: https://registrar.vanderbilt.edu/advanced-credit-and-course-placement.php.

Please explain a bit about "rush".  
"Rush" is a colloquial term that is commonly used to describe the membership intake process for some fraternities and sororities that are a part of the Greek Life system. For more information about Greek Life at Vanderbilt, visit https://www.vanderbilt.edu/greek_life.

Have a question not answered here? Contact us at commons@vanderbilt.edu.