
[Test] Next Steps on John's Journey to The Hill

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DIVISION OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT



Dear John and Lisa,

We are sharing the email below that was sent to John earlier today because we thought you should be aware of the important information it contains about what to expect over the next few weeks. Going forward, your primary point of contact will be Cathleen Doane Cannon, Director of the Office of Parent and Family Engagement. Please be on the lookout for emails from her office, as we know Cathleen has an exciting slate of webinars and e-newsletters planned for you this summer and into the fall. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to her office at 508-793-3344 or families@holycross.edu.

We look forward to welcoming you and John to campus in August!

Hello, John!

The first year of college is an exciting time, full of opportunity and exploration. In your first year at Holy Cross, you will meet new people, make friends, have meaningful conversations, take fascinating courses, and grapple with new ideas. But perhaps most importantly, you will come to know what it means to study at a liberal arts college in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition with a vibrant residential student life.

To get started on your journey, the College has [developed a website](#) to provide you with all of the information you need. Here, you'll find key dates and deadlines and links to resources on campus.

INCOMING STUDENTS
WEBSITE



This year, we are especially excited to debut a new, reimagined fall orientation program, Gateways Orientation. Gateways Orientation will include five days of programming for all incoming students to explore themes of what it means to live and learn in community. Because we want all students to be able to participate in our orientation offerings and experience first-hand the many benefits of joining the Holy Cross community, the College will no longer hold the optional summer orientation sessions that have been offered during the month of June in previous years. Despite this change, there will still be many opportunities for you to connect with us and one another this summer as you prepare for life at Holy Cross.

Over the next few weeks, you will have opportunities to engage with us and learn more about what you can expect as a member of the Holy Cross community. Some of the opportunities you can look forward to, and about which you will receive additional information soon, include:

- Making a one-on-one connection with an academic advisor to plan first-year courses
- Selecting your courses, including your Montserrat seminar
- Reading the class book, *World of Wonders* by Aimee Nezhukumatathil
- Exploring clubs, events, and get to know one another through myHC
- HC Connects summer events - in some regions and virtually - to meet other members in the Class of 2028

You will soon receive your Holy Cross email address, which is the way that the College will officially communicate with you. Once you have your Holy Cross email access, you will be able to access a variety of different applications, including myHC, the College's student engagement platform. We encourage you to download the myHC app to learn more about the College and each other. Using myHC, you can:

- Find out what's happening: myHC offers a college-wide event calendar so you can see what's going on and register for events.
- Join groups. Looking to get involved? Explore and join student clubs and organizations, and connect with other offices and programs using the platform.
- Stay connected. Want to make new friends? Explore users through the platform directory. Want to connect with current friends? You can chat with them directly through the platform.

To access myHC, you will sign into the platform via Google single sign-on using your Holy Cross credentials. The web version is available in the Google waffle or at myhc.holycross.edu, but we encourage all students to download the mobile app from the Google Play or Apple stores (search for myHC). Check out [this video](#) that shows you how to get started. Once you download the app, you will want to build your profile, manage your privacy and notification settings, join groups, and register for events.

So that you do not miss out on any of these opportunities, make sure you:

- Check your Holy Cross email regularly
- Visit www.holycross.edu/incoming-students regularly to prepare for the fall
- Download the myHC app or visit the [myHC website](#)

- Follow us on Instagram: @hcgatewaysorientation, @hc_studentdevelopment and @hc_chaplains

We hope that these resources help you become more familiar with the very best of what Holy Cross has to offer: the people, opportunities, and intellectual engagement that makes Holy Cross such a special place. If you have any questions as you prepare to move to campus over the summer, please email Gateways Orientation at gateways@g.holycross.edu.

Sincerely,

Michelle Bata, Associate Dean for Student Engagement

Rob Bellin, Dean of the Class of 2028 and Professor of Biology

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