



Special Programs

A variety of special programs offered at Georgetown, both before New Student Orientation and throughout your first year, provide opportunities for discovery and adventure. Whether you explore the outdoors, volunteer on community service projects, enhance your leadership skills, or broaden your scholarly horizons, you will most likely discover something new about yourself and meet new friends through participating in a special program. If any of the following programs interest you, please complete the application or registration form found in the back pocket of this guide, and you will receive more information about these exciting experiences.

PRE-ORIENTATION PROGRAMS

First Year Orientation to Community Involvement (FOCI)

August 23-29, 2009

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FOCI's goal is to serve as an introduction to community service, volunteer activism, and social justice issues in the Washington, D.C. community. As a Jesuit university, Georgetown is deeply committed to the ideal of service for and with others and the integral part it can play in one's education. FOCI participants will actively engage in community service; discover and reflect on the diverse populations, perspectives, and roles in the Georgetown and Washington, D.C. communities; critically examine issues of social justice; develop the capacity for leadership; and become part of a community committed to personal growth through service and reflection.

The Center for Social Justice invites you to join the longest-running pre-orientation program in its 25th year with a group of 45 first-year and transfer students who will arrive on campus to spend six days working on volunteer projects with stu-

dent leaders experienced in community service. Throughout the week, the group will engage in a series of discussions to explore issues of social justice and to exchange ideas on social responsibility. FOCI will show you how to get involved with the community at Georgetown. You will meet and become friends with a group of incoming first year students from around the country and the world, and you will become acquainted with the University and the Washington, D.C. area before the academic year begins.

Previous FOCI activities have included: playing with children affected by HIV/AIDS; serving breakfast at soup kitchens; and assisting at the largest homeless shelter in the country. You will also enjoy engaging discussions with Jesuits, faculty, student leaders, and other notable speakers. At the end of each night participants will have the opportunity to reflect on the day's activities and the role they intend to play at Georgetown. FOCI provides housing and meals. To apply for the FOCI Program, complete the online application at <http://nso.georgetown.edu> or on the FOCI website listed above. All applications must be postmarked by **June 12, 2009**. 

From Fitting In to Standing Out: Preparing to Excel Program (PEP)

August 25-28, 2009

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The Preparing to Excel (PEP) Program, under the direction of the Gervase Programs, will focus on those newly admitted students who are most anxious about the experience of entering a new fast-paced university environment. This innovative program will provide four days of student-led events for incoming freshmen, preparing new Hoyas to face and overcome their specific concerns about life inside and outside the university

campus. PEP students will focus on life in the residence halls and on campus, as well as life in the wider city surrounding them. Combining workshops, group exercises, role playing, simulations and trips around Georgetown and Washington DC, PEP will equip students with reliable strategies for achieving excellence in all areas of their college experience.

During four days of activities, PEP will prepare new students for some of their most significant early challenges at the university, such as sharing a space in the residence halls with unfamiliar roommates and hallmates who come from a diversity of backgrounds and interests; navigating the city, while finding productive yet affordable, activities in our Nation's capital; learning to quickly access university mentors, advisors, and professors; and appreciating and taking advantage of opportunities to stand out in their new environment, rather than merely fitting in. In short, PEP seeks to cultivate students' comfort with new and exciting, yet foreign, surroundings so as to ultimately bring out an appreciation for, and heightened awareness of, the distinctive opportunities offered by an education at Georgetown.

Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to apply online at <http://gervaseprograms.georgetown.edu/67010.html> by **June 22, 2009**. If you are unable to apply online, a paper copy can also be provided by contacting the Gervase office at (202) 687-0655. Notifications will be sent via email. ✉

Georgetown Outdoor Pre-Orientation Programs (GOPOP)

July 6-12	California Program
July 16-23	Washington State Program
July 20-31	Fiji Island Program
July 24-31	Wyoming Program
August 6-13	Montana Program
August 16-23	Alaska Program
August 21-28	West Virginia Program
August 23-28	D.C. Program

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GOPOP offers an exciting way for new Georgetown students to bond with their incoming classmates. Traveling through the backcountry with a group of 6 to 12 fellow students and trained Georgetown student guides, participants will have the chance to practice their leadership skills, meet and overcome challenges, and reflect on their transition to college. We encourage you to look through these adventures and join Georgetown University Outdoor Education on a truly unforgettable trip.

Application Deadline: June 1st

California: Visit the High Sierras and find out what Ansel Adams and John Muir were so excited about. Hike the less traveled trail and see views that rival Yosemite. Backpack and swim in pristine lakes surrounded by geological wonders. Experience these famous granite features up close and personal and step back to take it all in.



Washington State: Tucked away in the most Northwestern corner of the lower 48, the area offers an outdoor experience that few other areas can rival. GOPOP Washington will spend a week exploring all that the eastern slopes of the Cascade Mountain Range have to offer. From serene alpine lakes, majestic meadows and mountain villages hidden within the Cascade peaks, to the restless white water rivers flowing from them, GOPOP Washington will experience it all. Washington State is an amazing setting for incoming students to challenge themselves, get to know each other, share a unique experience, and learn more about Georgetown.

Fiji Island: The Island of Kadavu is found in the southern part of the Fiji Islands, surrounded by one of the world's largest coral reefs. The lifestyle of most of Kadavu's people continues largely unchanged from previous generations. There are few roads and no large towns. Small villages dot the coastline. Most people travel either on foot or by boat. Our voyage into the wonders of Kadavu will include a mixture of kayaking, snorkeling, scuba-diving, and trekking. This trip provides the picture perfect setting to take a pause from college preparation and enjoy the natural wonders of Fiji, while also making friends to last a lifetime. This trip is slightly different than other GOPOP trips because we also invite members from the broader Georgetown community.

Wyoming: Explore the Wind River Range, a wilderness area renowned for the rugged peaks of the Continental Divide and the small lakes and streams nestled in boulder-strewn alpine meadows. Our backpacking expedition will venture through the unique habitat of marmots, moose, and rainbow trout in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. We will spend our days hiking the mountains, our evenings cooking delicious meals, and our nights sleeping under the stars. Be prepared for a challenge as we scale the difficult terrain of "the Winds."

Application Deadline: July 1st


Montana: Take a trek near the U.S.-Canada border at breathtaking Glacier National Park. Hike across glacially carved canyons, climb peaks dotted with mountain goats and big horn sheep, and swim in icy lakes surrounded by wildflowers. After a few days of long-day hikes to acclimatize, we will build up to a multi-day backpacking trip in the high country of East Glacier Park and spend the night searching for shooting stars.

Alaska: Have you ever wanted to work on a farm? Does working with kids at an ecology center pique your interest? Come to Fairbanks, Alaska, a prehistoric land filled with ancient mountains and ice-age glaciers. Participants will be able to soak in the wonders of the tundra, milk goats, make cheese and homemade pizza, take photos of elk in the Alaskan wilderness, and often tire before the sun, which hangs in the sky until the wee hours of the morning alongside new friends.

West Virginia: With lush green peaks, narrow gorges, and cool mountain streams, West Virginia is truly wild and wonderful. Traveling through the wilderness, participants will develop leadership and backcountry skills while building friendships as well as valuable college success strategies with their upperclassmen guides. Activities include backpacking and climbing spending time in the beautiful Dolly Sods Wilderness area as well as climbing at the local DC crag Carderock.

D.C.: Find out what your new home has to offer! This program encompasses aspects of Outdoor Education in and around the D.C. area. During the five day program that leads up to the New Student Orientation (NSO), participants will have the opportunity to get to know Georgetown and the surrounding areas. We will paddle the Potomac River, camp in the great outdoors, explore D.C., and participate in team building activities. GOPOP D.C. is also a great opportunity for incoming freshmen to develop their leadership skills before embarking on their college journey.

Application and Payment

To join your peers on any of these adventures, complete the application on our website <http://outdoored.georgetown.edu>. For July trips, applications and payment are due **June 1, 2009**. For August trips, application and payment are due **July 1, 2009**. All GOPOP trips cost \$850, with the exception of the Fiji Island trip, which costs \$1,300. These prices do not include the cost of airfare. Join our mailing list by emailing gopop2009@gmail.com to receive the most updated information. 

Jewish Student Pre-Orientation Program

August 26-28, 2009

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As a Jesuit institution, Georgetown University encourages students to explore and grow within their particular faith backgrounds. To facilitate this process among Jewish students, the Jewish Chaplaincy is offering a pre-orientation program to allow incoming Jewish students (first-years and transfers)

to become acquainted with the resources and opportunities available to Jewish students at Georgetown University and in the Washington, DC area. The goal of the program will be to help new students develop their Jewish identity and become leaders in the faith community at Georgetown.

The Jewish Student Pre-Orientation Program is a three-day program for fifteen students. Participants will be selected for this program via application. The pre-orientation experience will include campus orientation (with a focus on sacred spaces), field trips to Jewish locations of interest in the area, and opportunities to establish relationships with staff, faculty and student leaders at Georgetown.

There is no fee for participation. Early move-in to residence halls and kosher meals are provided. To apply for the Jewish Student Pre-Orientation Program, complete the application found at <http://nso.georgetown.edu> and submit by **June 12, 2009**. 

Leadership & Beyond

August 23-28, 2009

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Leadership and Beyond (L&B), run by current student leaders in conjunction with assistance from the Center for Student Programs and the Georgetown Office of Leadership Development (GOLD), examines and develops leadership skills while introducing you to student life at Georgetown. This is a highly selective program limited to 20 incoming first-year students only, however previous positions of formal leadership are not a prerequisite. We welcome applicants with many different types of experience and leadership styles to apply.


L&B focuses on Citizen and Servant Leadership at Georgetown as well as in the community at large. This program will facilitate the exploration of one's personal leadership style and ways in which leadership can be thought about, reflected upon and carried out – not only during your time at Georgetown, but after your college experience.

Participants will explore leadership through a variety of activities, which focus on group dynamics, motivation, goal setting, time management, risk taking, and coalition building. The team experience culminates in both an outdoor activity and a service project that will challenge the skills you have built with your fellow participants during the entire week.

Throughout the program you will have the opportunity to interact and share ideas with upper-class mentors who have already experienced Georgetown life and are active leaders in our community. The mentor to participant ratio is 1:2 so there will be plenty of time to meet and form bonds with upper-class students.

The "beyond" in Leadership & Beyond is a series of monthly workshops and get-togethers during the first semester focusing on different topics about leadership development and

serve as an opportunity to keep the conversations going and cement friendships that have formed.

Interested applicants can find the application online at <http://nso.georgetown.edu>. Applications should be postmarked by **June 12, 2009**. If you are unable to apply online, a paper copy can also be provided by contacting the GOLD office at the phone number above. Those accepted will be notified by e-mail. There is a **non-refundable \$125 fee** to cover program expenses. 

Salt & Light: Catholic Pre-Orientation Program

August 23-28, 2009


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Web: <http://campusministry.georgetown.edu/programs/CatholicPrograms/67127.html>

Salt & Light is a six-day experience for incoming freshmen and transfer students. In the days preceding New Student Orientation, students will be introduced to the Catholic and Jesuit identity of Georgetown through speaker presentations, conversations with current students, service projects, prayer, theological reflection, and social activities. A team of six current students with the assistance of Catholic Chaplaincy staff will lead the program.

The mission of the Salt & Light Program is to offer an experience for first-year students that welcomes and integrates them into the Catholic faith community at Georgetown in the days preceding New Student Orientation. The goals of the program include developing and deepening students' Catholic identity in the context of a Jesuit university, engaging them in Ignatian spirituality, preparing students to serve as leaders within our Catholic ministries on campus, and fostering a commitment to the service of faith and promotion of justice as essential components of living the Gospel message. Participants will have developed a healthy sense of Georgetown's campus, community, and campus ministry by the conclusion of the program, and Salt & Light promises to provide new students with the resources and opportunities they need to comfortably enter life on the Hilltop.

Salt & Light provides housing and meals. There is a \$150 program fee to partially cover program expenses. If you are not selected for the program, this fee will be refunded. To apply for the Salt & Light Program, complete the online application at <http://nso.georgetown.edu> or on the Salt & Light website listed above. All applications must be postmarked by **June 12, 2009**. 

YLEAD (Young Leaders in Education About Diversity)

August 24-29, 2009

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YLEAD is a leadership program focusing on diversity issues among first year students. YLEAD seeks to foster dialogue and action on complex issues including but not limited to sexuality, religion, class, race, gender, and ability. Fifteen students will be selected to work closely with Georgetown peers to examine and tackle issues surrounding diversity at Georgetown and throughout society. Participants will spend five days before New Student Orientation engaged in discussions, hands-on activities, field trips in Washington, D.C., and movie screenings. YLEAD participants will learn how to facilitate discussions focused around issues of diversity. They will explore methods to combat prejudice and ignorance in everyday life, and learn how to help fellow students engage these issues and gain new perspectives.

Students will also meet leaders in Washington, D.C., leaders of student organizations and cultural groups, and campus faculty and administrators including the staff of the Center for Multicultural Equity and Access (CMEA). Past YLEAD participants have gone on to become Marshall Scholars, John Carroll Fellows, Patrick Healy Fellows, leaders of campus organizations such as GU Pride and the Asian American Student Association, and leaders in Washington, D.C.

There is no program fee; meals and housing will be covered. To apply for the YLEAD Program, complete the application online at <http://nso.georgetown.edu> by **June 8, 2009**. You may also visit the YLEAD website to apply via e-mail. 

FIRST YEAR PROGRAMS

New Student Orientation Prelude Program

August 31, 2009

Tel: (202) 687-3906

Online registration beginning mid-July at

<http://nso.georgetown.edu>

The Prelude Program is an opportunity for intellectual exploration and an excellent introduction to Georgetown's academic community before classes begin. Faculty and staff members will gather with you and your fellow Prelude participants during New Student Orientation for presentations and discussions on special topics.

In July, you should visit the NSO website for a guide to the Prelude Program sessions which will be offered at NSO this fall by participating professors, deans, administrators and even the University president. You will then have the opportunity to select your favorite topic and apply to participate.

Previous topics have ranged from *A Day in the Life of a Diplomat* to *The Health Care Crisis in Afghanistan*. Georgetown's academic community hopes you will find the programs an intriguing introduction to what they find so interesting and enjoyable about their work at the University.


Emerging Leaders Program

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The Emerging Leaders Program is designed to help first-year students explore leadership at Georgetown University and for their future endeavors. The program seeks to provide freshman with self-discovery, leadership education and practical experience. The program focuses on several leadership models, including the: experiential, relational, servant and social-change leadership models. We will focus on developing skills such as goal-setting and creating effective group dynamics, as well as discussing issues that affect student leaders in their first year at Georgetown.

ELP is for freshman of all different leadership backgrounds. High school leadership experience is not necessary. The program will meet weekly for a two-month period during the semester and each session will consist of informative lectures, practical activities and networking opportunities. Upon completion of the program, you will receive a Personal Leadership Certificate in recognition of your progress on your personal leadership journey.

While the program is encouraged for leaders of all levels, types and backgrounds, you will need to be motivated and committed to challenging your past views about leadership and to making an impact on the Georgetown community. Participation is open to freshman during either the fall semester or the spring semester.

To apply, please submit the survey-application on our website by **June 19, 2009**. If needed, a paper copy can also be provided by contacting the GOLD office at the phone number above. Those accepted to this program will be notified by e-mail. There is a **non-refundable \$35.00 fee** to cover program expenses. 

ESCAPE First Year Experience

Tel: (202) 687-5419
Web: <http://escape.georgetown.edu>

ESCAPE is a 27-hour experience for new students with 12 overnights, (Friday-Saturday and Saturday-Sunday) offered September through February. Each overnight takes place off-campus at Shepherd's Spring, located near Hagerstown, Maryland.

ESCAPE is a secular program that offers an opportunity for new students to take time out of their busy schedules to meet other new students and upperclass Team Leaders, and to relax, rest and reflect. In an enjoyable, informal environment, you will have a chance to get your bearings at Georgetown and begin to think about the future.

We provide fun ways to help you meet your classmates as you begin to form your community at Georgetown. There is also plenty of free time to explore the surrounding area and engage in sporting activities.

Registration materials will arrive with your housing assignment later in the summer. For more information on the ESCAPE First Year Experience, please contact the Director at (202) 687-5419 or check out our website at <http://escape.georgetown.edu>.

Pangaea

August 31, 2009

Pangaea is an information reception sponsored by the Center for Multicultural Equity & Access. You will have the opportunity to learn about the wide variety of programs and services offered by CMEA and its allies, including advising and counseling; the free book co-op; low-cost printing, and community service opportunities. You will hear about The Black House, LEAD (Leaders in Education About Diversity) and SOCA (Student of Color Alliance). You will also have the chance to sign up for a CMEA Peer Mentor to help you navigate academic and social life during your first year on campus. To learn more, check us out online at <http://cmea.georgetown.edu>.

Pluralism in Action: Respect, Evolution, Celebration

August 31, 2009

Pluralism in Action is an initiative designed to help incoming students explore issues of race, class, ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation, and national origin that arise when attending a diverse institution. The goal of the program is not only to help you feel comfortable in an environment that includes individuals different from yourself, but also to learn to celebrate those differences.

Pluralism in Action occurs during NSO, and consists of a performance followed by a discussion. This discussion, co-led by Resident Assistants (RAs) and Orientation Advisors (OAs), will examine expectations and concerns new students may have about the first year at Georgetown. The goal of the discussion is to encourage students to see similarities among themselves while respecting and celebrating differences. You and your fellow students will play a vital role in creating an inclusive community—an important part of Georgetown's past and present.


LIVING & LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Students on the Hilltop have the opportunity to connect their academic and residential experiences by joining a Living & Learning Community (LLC).

Although each LLC has its different and specific focus, all share the purpose of enabling students to integrate their living and learning, enhance their educational experience, and take responsibility for the quality of their home environment.

Students in Living & Learning Communities collaborate among themselves and with faculty, staff, and administrators—and particularly with Residence Life—to plan creative ways to make that integration come alive.

The description for each LLC follows. Some communities deliberately include members from across the university cam-

pus, first-years through seniors and transfer students. Others are particularly designed for first-year students only. Whatever your interests or major may be, you may find participating in one of these programs a rewarding campus experience. Applications are available at <http://reslife.georgetown.edu> and must be received by **June 5, 2009**. 

Living Well

Living Well community members are a diverse group of students who desire to live a well-balanced and healthy lifestyle and look to share these values with other like-minded individuals. All students commit to living free from abusing alcohol, tobacco, and other mind-altering substances both on and off campus. Campus resources made readily available to the Living Well community include Health Education, Leo's Nutritionist, Yates Recreation Center, and Campus Ministry. Past programs include study breaks with massages, fitness planning with yoga and meditation, trips to local farmer's markets, healthy cooking tutorials, and community service trips. Applications are available at <http://reslife.georgetown.edu>. For more information, please contact Katie Heather at reslife@georgetown.edu.

Muslim Interest Living Community

The Muslim Interest Living Community (MILC) is designed to create a strong support group for Muslims and non-Muslims who want to be steadfast in prayer and in their commitment to campus building and cooperation.

The specific goals of MILC are as follows:

- To establish an Islamic living environment for those who wish to increase and strengthen their faith.
- To give Muslims the opportunity to be surrounded by others who will encourage and support them throughout the learning process.
- To give Muslims a chance to meet other Muslims in the local area.
- To increase awareness about Islam on campus and promote understanding between Muslims and non-Muslims.

Activities to date include a Fast-a-Thon, Open Iftar, weekend Suhoors, weekend Iftars, Friday Halaqas (discussion circles on contemporary issues), surprise birthday parties and movie nights, an open house, monthly get-togethers, and congregational prayers in our musalla. Applications are available at <http://reslife.georgetown.edu>. For more information, please contact Sana Haq at sh386@georgetown.edu.

Justice and Diversity in Action

Known as "JDA," this Living and Learning Community seeks Georgetown students who care passionately about an issue of social justice and/or respect for authentic diversity (whether local, national, or global) and who yearn to make a difference—not just in some distant future, but also right now during their time at Georgetown.

By design, the JDA community includes first year through senior students—and always welcomes transfer students. Its current home is the third floor of McCarthy Hall and Professor Marilyn McMorrow, Faculty-in-Residence, serves as its Faculty Advisor. The goal of JDA is to bring together stu-

dents from diverging backgrounds, experiences, allegiances, and points of view who share a commitment to justice, diversity, service, and social change. JDA members support one another, as each student brings his or her own focus and service commitments—and all perspectives are welcome. For example, various individuals in JDA have worked on homelessness, educational inequity, NAACP, Human Rights in Burma, Gay Pride, "Women of Color," Campaign Against the Death Penalty, Israeli-Palestinian Peace Building, support for a school in Ethiopia. JDA also has lots of fun; cascades of laughter, activity, and mutual support flow constantly through the JDA common room. Applications are available at <http://reslife.georgetown.edu>. For more information, please contact Professor McMorrow at mcmorrow@georgetown.edu.

Culture and Performance

The Culture and Performance Living and Learning Community (CPLLC) is a vibrant, diverse, and friendly community in Reynolds Hall, united by a common interest in the arts and culture, very broadly understood. Most importantly, the CPLLC is not just for performers and artists! Student interests have included languages, international culture, writing, theater, music, dance, film, painting, photography, food, and magic. CPLLC activities have included attending theatrical, musical, and dance performances both on campus and off-campus (i.e. the Kennedy Center and the Shakespeare Theatre) for little to no cost; participating in a photo contest; kayaking; viewing foreign and American films; cooking and eating international food with faculty; watching residents perform; and visiting the United States Naval Observatory. Applications are available at <http://reslife.georgetown.edu>. For more information, please contact Katie Heather at reslife@georgetown.edu.

Georgetown Unidos

The purpose of Georgetown Unidos (GULLC) is to have a space that will focus on U.S. Latino issues on campus, in the DC-Metro Area, across the country, and around the world. Moreover, it will give students an opportunity to learn about the diverse U.S. Latino cultures through workshops, co-sponsorships with Latino groups on campus, and everyday gatherings. Applications are available at <http://reslife.georgetown.edu>. For more information, please contact Katie Heather at reslife@georgetown.edu.

Global Living Community

The Global Living Community (GLC) is an intercultural living and learning environment for twenty two Georgetown undergraduate students, both international and U.S. citizens. The primary goal of the GLC is to create a community in which intercultural understanding extends beyond the classroom into daily student life. For more information, please contact Stephanie Hertz at shh28@georgetown.edu. Please note this community is open to upper-class students only.