Teachers College, Columbia University
NEW STUDENT EXPERIENCE
ORIENTATION FALL 2006

Thursday, August 31st, 2006

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

2:00pm &  Target Shopping Trip
4:00pm  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 1st, 2006

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

9:00am  Welcome & Opening Comments
         Alfred Lerner Hall
         Donald C. Martin, Associate Dean for Enrollment & Student Services
         Darlyne Bailey, Vice President for Academic Affairs & Dean of the College
         Albert Cousins, Student Senate President

9:45am  Expectations of an Academic Community
         Alfred Lerner Hall
         Discussion surrounding a student understanding of FERPA, the TC Student Code of Conduct, College Policies and Academic Integrity

10:15am  Registration Overview
          Alfred Lerner Hall
          Online Registration, UNI, Immunization Requirements, Health Services, Financial Aid, Student Accounts

11:00am-2:00pm  Concurrent Sessions
                  Various Locations, TBA
                  This portion of the program 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
                  Office of Student Activities and Programs
                  Doctoral Studies
                  Career Services
                  CIS/Library
                  Teacher Ed. & Support Programs

                  Student Experience
                  Adult Returning Students
                  Diversity
                  Families/ Multiple Priorities
                  NYC Life/ Commuters

12:00pm-7:00pm  2nd Annual TC Block Party
                  120th Street between Amsterdam Ave. and Broadway
Join faculty, staff, students, and the local TC Community at our 2nd Annual TC Block Party. Feel free to eat, mingle and peruse through the many products and services our local vendors have to offer.

3:30pm  **Road to Eatin’**  
**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**  
**1187 Amsterdam Avenue**  
Take some time out to wind down with your fellow colleagues after a long day of errands, info., and new experiences. Join us for some food and drinks while you get better acquainted with your fellow colleagues.

**Saturday, September 2nd, 2006**

8:00am  **5K Run Through the Park**  
**Whittier Hall Lobby**  
Could you use a little fresh air and exercise? Join us for an informal morning run through one of our beautiful local parks. Groups will meet in Whittier Lobby at 8am.

9:00am  **Target/IKEA Trip**  
**Whittier Hall Lobby**  
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**.

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10:00am  **The Graduate Writing Center presents Academic Writing Workshops**  
Want to learn more about how to write in graduate school? Join us for 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, academic concerns, career questions and more from fellow current student 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 interested students and take the opportunity to give back to your new Morningside Heights community through this Community Service Project designed to execute TC’s mission of educational equity.

11:00am  **Amazing Race**  
**Whittier Hall Lobby**
Join us for an exciting day of adventure as we embark on the Teachers College version of the Amazing Race. Explore new areas of NYC, meet new people, win prizes and more. Don’t miss out on this great opportunity to meet new people and learn the ins and outs of NYC.

12:00pm Walking Tour: neighborhood Family Resources
Whittier Hall
Gain valuable information on the various services and resources available to you and your family in the surrounding Morningside(eight) community through this walking tour of the neighborhood.

5:00pm Movies for $1
Whittier Hall Lobby
Busy planning your transition to TC that you haven’t seen a good flick in ages? Join us for an afternoon at the movies at two local theatres!

Monday, September 4th, 2006

9:00am Caribbean Day Parade
Whittier Hall 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.

10:00am Neighborhood Walking Tours
Whittier Hall Lobby
Learn the particulars of the local area with other new students on this fun and informative guided walking tour of NYC areas.

Tuesday, September 5th, 2006

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

9:00am Welcome & Opening Comments: Educational Equity
Alfred Lerner Hall
Faculty-led discussions on the topic of Educational Equity

11:00am Lunch and Travel to Teachers College

11:30am Department Orientations
Various Locations, TBA

12:00pm Program Orientations
Various Locations, TBA

2:00pm Faculty Book Talks
Locations, TBA
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

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Student Services
Career Services/ Office of Student Activities and Programs
CIS/Library
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Teacher Education and Support Services
4:00pm  
Student Organization and Student Senate Reception
179 Grace Dodge Hall
Interested in the clubs and organizations at TC? Come join members of current organizations and our Student Senate to chat about your interests and ideas.