The Office for Student Involvement

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What does our office do?

- The mission of the Office for Student Involvement is to help fulfill Fordham’s Jesuit mission to educate students as whole people. We provide students with meaningful interactions outside of the classroom that connect students with their peers and with other members of the University community.

- These interactions help students to unify their educational experiences with their lived experiences, provoking critical thought and motivating them to develop a sound system of values. Believing in the importance of service in its many dimensions, we offer our students opportunities to work collaboratively with and for the benefit of the University, local and world communities. This collaborative service promotes each student's personal growth toward individual excellence.
Meet Our Staff

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What We Do

- The different areas in our office include:
  - New Student Orientation
  - First Year Formation
  - Senior Week
  - Student Clubs and Organizations
  - Commuter Student Services
  - Student Leadership Development
  - McGinley Campus Center Operations
New Student Orientation

- Summer Orientation Programs
  - Monday, June 29 2020
  - Monday, July 6 2020
  - Monday, July 13 2020
  - Optional, one-day program for both students and parents; includes an academic overview, break-out sessions, campus tours, and Q&A sessions with students and administrators.

- August Orientation
  - Sunday, August 23 - Tuesday, August 25 2020
    - Move In/Check In Day - Sunday, August 23 2020
    - Academic Day - Monday, August 24 2020
    - Student Life Day - Tuesday, August 25 2020

Questions? Email us - orientrh@fordham.edu
First Year Formation

- The First Year Formation symposium is a zero credit symposium designed to assist new students with the adjustment and transition to college life at Fordham.
- Sponsored by New Student Orientation and the Office for Student Involvement, First Year Formation is an extension of the summer and fall Orientation programs. First Year Formation promotes student engagement in the Fordham academic and co-curricular community and explores the University’s distinct Jesuit mission by engaging new students from their very first days on campus. The symposium meets weekly during the fall semester and features sessions that promote skills and topics important for success at Fordham including time management and study skills in college, planning for academic and career success, exploration of personal values, and more!
- The symposium consists of a small group of new students and is team-taught by a Student Affairs administrator and an upperclass student Peer Mentor who use a variety of teaching techniques including discussion, weekly reflections, and service learning to help a small group of first-year students get the most out of their college experience.

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Senior Week

- Senior Programming
- Transitions Events
  - Monthly programs that help Seniors with the transition to life after college (financial planning, apartment hunting, navigating the happy hour, alumni panels)
- Senior Service
- Senior Leadership Awards
  - Dinner ceremony where members of the Senior Class who have made outstanding contributions to our community are recognized
- Senior Week
  - Service Project
  - Kickoff: Under the Bleachers
  - Senior Ball
  - Always a Ram BBQ
  - Parent Appreciation Dinner Dance
- University Commencement
Student Organizations & Programming

- 140+ clubs and student organizations
- Fall and Spring Club Fair
- Student Organizations Training Days for club leaders
- Student Involvement Awards
- Workshops for club leaders
- Social media engagement and promotion of campus events
- Weekly What’s Going On? Newsletter
- Monthly #RamsInvolved Newsletter
Student Organizations & Programming

- Types of Clubs
  - Academic
  - Cultural
  - Performing
  - Political
  - Programming
  - Publications
  - Service
  - Special Interest
  - Student Governments
Fall 2020 Club Fair

Save the Date!
August 26 @ 3:00 PM, Edwards Parade
Campus Activities Board

CAB is Fordham’s primary programming entity on the Rose Hill campus. CAB works in conjunction with the Office for Student Involvement to provide social, cultural, educational, informational, and alcohol-alternative programming to the Fordham Community.

- Welcome Week
- Family Weekend
- Spring Weekend
- Additional signature weeks throughout the year

Follow us @fordham_cab on Instagram!
Commuter Student Services is part of the Office for Student Involvement and we are here to support your success as a new Fordham Ram.

We offer a variety of services and resources for both traditional live-at-home commuters and off-campus commuters. These include:

- Special Grants and Funding
- Commuter Assistants for First-Year Students
- Commuting Students Association (Student Government)
- Campus Hangouts & Locker Rentals
- Weekly Programming such as meal vouchers, commuter career chats, sport’s gatherings etc

Questions? Email us at commutersrh@fordham.edu
Commuter Assistants:

- Provide guidance and support for you while transitioning into and succeeding at the university
- Assist you with Fordham’s resources by responding to first-year commuter questions and concerns
- Helping you become effectively integrated into the campus community as a whole by building relationships and participating in campus events
- Assisting in the development of events, programs, and community meetings for commuter students

Follow us @fordhamcommutes on Instagram & Twitter!
Were you part of student government in High School?

The Commuting Students Association is the governing body that represents and serves the commuting students of the Fordham Rose Hill Campus. Through its programs and services, CSA helps commuting students to interact with one another and the rest of the University community.

Come visit the Commuting Students Association at the Fall Club Fair to learn about running for the Freshmen Senate seats!

Wednesday, August 26th
on Edward's Parade at 3:00 p.m.
There are multiple lounges across campus for commuter students to relax and unwind between classes. They are located in the lower level of the McGinley Center & Keating, Hughes Hall and Walsh Library!

Resources include:
- Microwaves
- Computers & printers
- Pool table and board game rentals
- Lockers (purchased on University Tickets)
- & more!

Questions? Email us at commutersrh@fordham.edu
Please Join Us for our Annual Commuter and Transfer Student Barbecue on

Thursday, August 13th | 12:00-3:00 p.m. 
Martyrs’ Lawn (Near Metro North Entrance)

Students will have the opportunity to meet fellow classmates, connect with University Administrators/Deans and enjoy a day of fun lawn games!

Register on University Tickets
‘Open to students and their families from the Class of 2024’
The Leadership Initiatives Committee, under the advisement of the Office for Student Involvement, serves the community by developing a campus environment where students complement their academic experience with co-curricular leadership opportunities outside of the classroom.

The student-led committee oversees the following leadership opportunities:

- Leadership Weekend Retreat (Fall Semester)
- Fordham University Emerging Leaders Certificate Program (Spring Semester)
- Commuter Leadership Community (Spring Semester)
- National Jesuit Student Leadership Conference (Summer Semester)

Questions? Email us at leadershipcommittee@fordham.edu
Leadership Weekend is a two-night and three-day retreat held off campus for students at all levels of their leadership development, from those who are beginning their journey and those who are established student leaders on campus.

- This weekend retreat is filled with fun and meaningful discussions, activities, presentations, and reflections geared towards leadership development.
- High and Low Ropes Courses
- Wilderness Challenge and Meditative Hike

Students will get a chance to share their experiences with one another and get information on Fordham’s various leadership resources and opportunities.

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Fordham University Emerging Leaders (F.U.E.L.) is a Spring semester program for students interested in developing their leadership skills further.

- Open to all class years
- Engage with presentations from Industry professionals, employers, alumni and campus administrators

Students are required to attend a minimum of 6 workshops and complete a group project to receive the emerging leaders certificate.

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The National Jesuit Student Leadership Conference (NJSLC) is a five-day conference for student leaders from the 27 Jesuit Universities throughout the United States.

All student leaders at the Rose Hill campus are eligible to apply and on the conference they will:

- Network with students from across the globe
- Attend professional development workshops
- Engage in a day of service
- Explore/ sight see in the city of the conference

*Costs associated with conference are covered by the Office for Student Involvement*
The Campus Center Operations Team manages the McGinley Campus Center and multiple other venues that are organized into the hub of campus social activity.

In addition to managing the other Campus Center facilities (Collins Auditorium, Campbell Multipurpose Room, Bepler Commons and Rodrigue’s Coffeehouse), the Campus Center Operations Team also schedules and supports non-academic events in other Rose Hill campus spaces.

The McGinley Campus Center venues are equipped for business conferences, lectures, and meetings, for up to 500 people.
Fordham Traditions

- Senior Week
- Spring Weekend
- Welcome Back Week
- Family Weekend
- Homecoming
- President’s Ball
- Fall and Spring Club Fairs
- Midnight Breakfast
- Midday Breakfast
- Commuter Week
- Leadership Weekend
Contact Us!

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