AN NSO REFLECTION BY OC/CA ALICE

Wow! I cannot believe that NSO has sadly come to a close. I truly appreciate all the new incoming students and their families’ patience and cooperation throughout our three day orientation. The Orientation Coordinators and myself could not have done this without the wonderful help from our amazing 200+ Orientation Team and many others departments like campus operations, facilities and the Office of Student Leadership & Community Development (OSLCD) just to name a few.

Now that everyone has been in class for at about a month, I want to check in with you all and make sure that you are all fully taking advantage of everything Fordham has to offer! I like to say, “Fordham has so much to offer. You yourself have to give 50% and Fordham will give the other 50%.” Here are just a few pointers:

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A MESSAGE FROM DEAN JASON

Hello Fordham University Commuting Students! I have been asked to answer the following question: “If you had one piece of advice for GSB commuter freshmen, what would it be?”

My answer would be to start off strong! I am sure you have all heard the saying, “You never get a second chance to make a first impression.” This is true for your academic experience, too! It is important to start your college career working hard in all of your classes, establishing relationships with your professors, getting good grades, attending networking events, and exploring the many opportunities available to you at Fordham University, at the Gabelli School of Business, and in New York City. Your chances of future success can be greatly enhanced by laying the foundation freshman year with a strong GPA, solid study habits, well-developed personal and professional skills, and a genuine curiosity about your academic interests. I encourage you to pay close attention to how your approach to high school might need to be adapted to the rigors of your college experience, regularly attend University and Gabelli School events, and take advantage of all of the resources available to you to support any of your academic or personal needs.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUTER STUDENT SERVICES

I hope you’re all settling into the fall semester nicely. We’ve had a couple of really busy weeks... Welcome Week, Club Fair, President's Ball, Homecoming, Club Leader Summit, etc. Hopefully everyone is feeling like they know where things are, and that Fordham University is a good home away from home.

Fordham is my new home, just as New York is now my city; I started working for the Office of Student Leadership and Community Development in late June, and have been graciously welcomed to the Fordham Ramily. I'm originally from Farmington, CT, a suburb of the state capital, Hartford. It was quite a transition to get used to taking advantage of public transportation in New York City, and paying for parking was not as common in Connecticut and certainly not as expensive. I now reside in Yonkers near the Hudson River, with an easy commute to campus via the Saw Mill River Parkway. It is my wish for all of the commuters to be able to take the time to share the city with resident students from all over the country, the world, as well as each other.

I have the privilege of working with the Commuting Students Association (CSA) and the Commuter Assistants (CAs) to help foster a sense of belonging for commuters here at Fordham. I also oversee Leadership Weekend and Fordham University Emerging Leaders (FUEL) in order to support students who want to develop their leadership skills. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at shorrax@fordham.edu or stop by McGinley 204.

This October, CAB will present Halloweek from the 24th to the 30th.

Every year, CAB helps students get into the Halloween spirit with a full week of fun and spooky events and excursions. This year, look forward to a trip to Six Flags Fright Fest, Ghostbusters screenings, Halloween Bingo and so much more!

The official schedule will be out soon, but in the meantime check out CAB on social media to stay up to date on the latest news.

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Instagram @Fordham_CAB
Name: Joseph Schachinger
Hometown: Eastchester, NY
School: GSB
Major: Undeclared
A little bit about me:
My favorite movie is “300”. I like to play guitar and sleep in my free time. If I could eat only one thing for the rest of my life, it would be pizza. If I could meet one person, dead or alive, I would meet George Washington. My biggest pet peeve is people on their phones when having a conversation or on a date.

Name: Gaetano Migliaccio
Hometown: Yonkers, NY
School: FCRH
Major: International Political Economy/ Italian
Minor: Business Administration
A little bit about me:
I’m passionate about languages, music, and cooking, and this is my 3rd year as a CA. On campus, I am also a FASA, a tutor in the Italian department, and the Programmer for Insieme’s E-Board. You can reach out to me to find out about virtually anything on campus!

Name: Jessica Giglio
Hometown: New City, NY (Rockland County)
Year: Senior
School: FCRH
Major: Visual Arts
Minor: Marketing
My advice for commuters: Fordham is an amazing community and my top advice for any student here is to take advantage of their time here. Go to as many events, be involved in as many clubs and meet as many people as you can! Being a part of this awesome “Ramily” is my favorite part about being a Fordham student.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW 2014-2015 CSA FRESHMEN REPS!

President: Nordalys Mendez

Vice President: Jennifer Garcia

Treasurer: Grace Molina

Program Coordinator: Madelyne Estevez

Marketing Coordinator: Shanel Griffith

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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1. Talk & Communicate! Just smile J Take the time to say hello to students, facilities, professors, public safety, cashiers, your burrito maker. Make a connection. You may come to create a beautiful friendship.

2. Stay in the loop...CHECK YOUR FORDHAM EMAIL! Checking your email can help you stay in loop to What’s Going On! Your professors, your advisors and commuter assistants will contact you through your email! Respond and acknowledge the email!

3. Get Involved! When you’re involved your experience at Fordham will be enhanced. Plus, you will meet others who enjoy the same things you do too. When you are involved in specific groups feel free to PARTICIPATE and CONTRIBUTE! Share your ideas and watch them grow into reality!

In saying all of this, I hope that you will be able to incorporate some of these suggestions, if you haven’t done so already! ALWAYS feel free to say hello to me or ask me a question or even introduce yourself. I love meeting new people and helping a friend out. Have a GREAT Fall 2014 semester! AND WATCH OUT! Midterms are around the corner!
DEAR COMMUTERS:

(A LETTER FROM DEAN PARMACH)

Now that it is mid-September, I offer some advice going forward. In a word – mindfulness. Amid the myriad of family, work, and club responsibilities, internalize the main reason you are here at Fordham – to develop as a critical thinker and student. This privilege requires a major commitment. Your studies require a solid commitment and daily due diligence. Make a daily commitment to study theories, ask pointed questions about their practical import, critically examine competing viewpoints, and share in the learning process. That is, work to develop what St. Ignatius calls mindfulness. Below are further ways to do this.

Attend a lecture not required by class because who knows? Maybe it will spark a hidden passion you did not know you had. If the lecture stinks, then leave halfway through (and take a cookie on the way out).

Next, get to know your professors and administrators as people, and find out how they tick. Ask why they do the work they do. It can help solidify your own insights and self-transformation. Speak up in class. Ask a question. Offer an insight.

Get to know the upper levels of our Fordham library, not just the “first floor flirt zone” where much conversation but little study occurs. Do not reside in the student lounge all the time. Note that the typical employee works about 45 hours per week. Beyond your 15-18 hours in class, what occupies the rest of your work week? Be sure to fill it in with worthwhile stuff – the learning you do in and out of the classroom. This is one of the few opportunities in your life where you will have the time and resources to do serious study. Embrace it. Enjoy it. And last, ask for help when you need it. Don’t be proud. The most independent students I know ask for direction to help them steer their education, twists and turns included.

Best wishes for a productive and enjoyable fall 2014 semester.

Regards,
Dr. Robert J. Parmach
Global Outreach (GO!) is a cultural immersion and service program where students learn about social, political, and environmental issues affecting our local and global communities. We encourage our students to incorporate the program’s four pillars of social justice, community, simple living, and spirituality into their daily experience as they work with poor and marginalized communities. We send teams of students consisting of approximately ten students, one student leader, and one chaperone to live, work, and learn with partnering organizations in approximately thirty locations throughout the United States and countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe.

Global Outreach teams travel to collaborate with our partnering organizations during winter, spring, and summer break. Each project shares the ultimate goals of creating solidarity, learning about issues of poverty and injustice, and connecting local and global realities. We encourage our students to become knowledgeable and active citizens and share in the Jesuit philosophy of *hominis pro aliis* (men and women for and with others).

To learn more, please visit our website at www.forhdam.edu/go or stop by the GO! Offices at Rose Hill (McGinley 205) or Lincoln Center (LL 217C). Applications are due on October 14th for spring international projects and October 27th for spring domestic projects. We hope you will consider applying to be a part of GO!

FORDHAM TRIVIA

Now that you’ve been at Fordham for over a month, it’s time to put your Fordham knowledge to the test! See if you can answer these five questions and identify the building in the picture below. If you answer all the questions and identify the building correctly, we will feature a special shout-out to you in next month’s newsletter. Submit your answers to CA Andrew (asantis@fordham.edu) or CA Paul (pspano1@fordham.edu) by Oct. 24. Good luck, and have fun!

1) Before maroon was selected to be Fordham University’s school color, what was Fordham’s original color for the university?
2) Who was the founder of Fordham University? What is his nickname?
3) In what year did Fordham win the National Championship in college football?
4) Which U.S. President was the first individual to ring the Fordham Victory Bell that is located in front of the university’s gymnasium?
5) What college baseball program has recorded the most number of wins in NCAA Division I baseball history? (hint - this is Fordham University themed trivia!)

BONUS: Explain how the "Ram" was chosen to become Fordham University's beloved mascot.

What is the name of this building?

CA Gaetano & Paul both went on GO! Nashville last year.

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