

CONGRATULATIONS!

June 25

Welcome to Wilberforce University, *America's First Private HBCU!* Whether you are preparing to join us as a member of the Class of 2022 or as a transfer student, we are looking forward to your arrival and successful transition. Being selected to become part of the Wilberforce University community is a significant accomplishment! You will be joining a proud and tremendous legacy of excellence as part of the Wilberforce family.

In the Fall we anticipate welcoming you and over 300 new students, making this one of our largest and most diverse incoming classes in recent years. We look forward to the ways you will contribute to our vibrant living and learning community. As you prepare for your transition to the WU, you will begin receiving important information periodically as part of the *Wilberforce University First Year Experience* program. Please check your email regularly for updates and next steps. Additionally, you can access important dates, forms, communications, and information at <http://wilberforce.edu/students/first-year-experience/>. As you await our next communication, which will provide detailed information about academics and the process for first year and transfer student course placement, please note the following upcoming deadlines:

- June 30: \$100.00 Enrollment Deposit Due <http://wilberforce-edu.3dcartstores.com/>
- July 1: On-Line Housing Contract Due <http://wilberforce.edu/residence-life-housing-contract/>
- July 10: Communication of Housing Assignments via Email
- July 15: Health Forms Due to Office of Admission
<http://wilberforce.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Health-Records-1.pdf>
- July 25: Priority Registration for Orientation Program <http://wilberforce.edu/orientation/>
- July 27: New student validation process (completion of financial aid, payments, and course registration before you can move into the residence halls)
- July 28-31: New Student Orientation Program (1:00PM Mandatory Opening Session)
- August 1: Classes Begin

We look forward to making your transition successful! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Division of Student Engagement and Success at (937) 708-5706 or via email wufye@wilberforce.edu.

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What to Expect during your Orientation?

Many of you have inquired about what to expect when you arrive for WU 2018 New Student Orientation on July 27 or July 28. New Student Orientation will be the opportunity for you to settle into why ***You Belong @ Wilberforce University***. Whether you are an incoming student who is eager or a little hesitant, a transfer student, or you already feel a part of the WU family, you will find that new student orientation is an opportunity to meet new people, create bonds, complete the validation process, move into your new home, experience WU traditions, and prepare for your success at Wilberforce University.

We are excited that you have decided to become a Bulldog! As you plan for your arrival, below is some helpful information on what to expect:

The Validation Process

July 27, 9-5pm and July 28, 9-1pm

All students must complete a validation process before they may move in the residence halls and/or begin classes. The Validation Process includes a check-in with Admissions, Confirmation of Financial Aid, Course Registration, Fee Payment, Residence Hall Move-in, Distribution of your WU I.D., Health Services and Parking Clearances. We encourage students to finalize their financial aid process and pay fees prior to arrival. Upon arrival, you will receive a “registration map” to guide you through the process.

Residence Hall Move-In

July 27, 9-5pm and July 28, 9-1pm

Students may move in the residence halls after they have completed the validation process. Roommate assignments, including contact information, will be communicated between July 1-10, 2018 via email. Our process includes assigning first year students based upon their assigned first-year experience class cohort. We will work very hard to ensure roommate requests are honored. If you have not completed your housing contract, or requested a roommate, please do so immediately via <http://wilberforce.edu/residence-life-housing-contract/>. We encourage you to wait to purchase items after you have spoken with your roommate. As a courtesy, we have a limited supply of refrigerators for students who are unable to purchase one. Please send an email to wufye@wilberforce.edu to request a refrigerator (please note first come first serve). In the meantime, we encourage you to review the “what to bring list” located on the WU First Year Experience webpage (<http://wilberforce.edu/students/first-year-experience/>). When you arrive, there will be students and staff ready to welcome and assist you during your move-in!

New Student Orientation

July 28- July 31, 2018

This year’s theme for our New Student Orientation is *Welcome to WUkanda: Where it all Begins*. Orientation begins promptly at 1:00pm with the Opening Address from President Alfred A. Pinkard (<http://wilberforce.edu/presidents-corner/>). Parents and Students should plan to participate in the opening workshops from 1-6:00pm. However, beginning at 7:00pm, we will begin our students-only orientation program with a special show for incoming students. Please plan for days that begin early in the morning and go late into the night. You can expect workshops, team building activities, and off-campus excursions in a very casually dressed environment. New Student Orientation is mandatory, and an important aspect to starting your academic career at Wilberforce University right! WU 2018 New Student Orientation will have very special moments, but our Closing Ceremony is an important celebration. We encourage students to wear a white shirt with collar, and a black bottom (pants or skirts) for the closing program. Students should make arrangements to obtain these items for this unique ceremony. Visit <http://wilberforce.edu/students/first-year-experience/> to review the WU 2018 New Student Orientation schedule.

What’s Next- More information about Academic Life, Course Selection, Campus Life, and the First Year Experience Transition Program coming soon!

WU Force Laptop Pilot Program

July 4

As you prepare to arrive at Wilberforce University, we invite you to participate in a unique opportunity for accessing an educational laptop. We are launching an opportunity through the *WU Force Laptop Program*, special pricing on hardware from Dell that we have vetted for its educational use, durability, reliability, and supportability. Additionally, the *WU Force Laptop Program* is a unique way to purchase the laptop through three possible payment plans. When you purchase your educational laptop through this program, we provide on-campus support for your device and a complete-care warranty for three years.

We have selected the **DELL Latitude 3189** as the University Laptop for the following reasons:

Durability- Laptops must be resilient to everyday wear and tear, which includes their casing and internal housing. Models purchased retail typically are not designed with these specifications in mind.

Sustainability- Wilberforce University is authorized to manage the on-site service for the units purchased through the University. The Laptop Repair Process provides service for supported units at no charge, for the length of the warranty (3-years). Students can drop off their computer and receive a loaner while their computer problem is being addressed. Pricing is important, but more so is assurance that the laptop you buy will last through undergraduate experience at WU or beyond. We are confident that the units purchased through the *WU Force Laptop Program* meet or exceed these expectations.

Pricing- Wilberforce University (incoming and current) students may purchase a laptop through one of the following plans at the discounted rate of **\$365.00 per unit. The discounted pricing includes a three-year warranty, support if the item is damaged through the break and fix program, access to a loaner laptop if repairs are longer than 24-hours, and Microsoft Office Suite software.** Students who participate in the *WU Force Laptop Program* will receive an **additional incentive with a \$50.00 on-campus rebate that can be used for future costs such as the Advanced Non-Refundable Housing Deposit, Graduation Fees, or Fines.**

The following payment options are available to students for their new DELL Latitude 3189:

- Option A- Use their book voucher funds (must have aid available to participate in this option. Students who select this option will be required to have completed their financial aid forms prior to receiving laptop).
- Option B- Apply refund to cover their payment (must have aid available to participate in this option. Students who select this option will be required to have completed their financial aid forms prior to receiving laptop).
- Option C- Purchase for laptop using a cashier's check or credit card via the Office of the Bursar, 1(844) 849-2402.

To pre-order your laptop so they will be available for the start of school, you must confirm your participation and agree to one of the terms for purchase by July 10, 2018 via <http://wilberforce.edu/students/first-year-experience>. Please note once you have agreed to the terms of Options A or B, we will review your financial aid status to ensure your ability to complete payment. Students who do not receive enough financial aid to cover their pre-order, will be notified before processing. Students who pre-order may still be held liable for costs incurred and billed accordingly, if you do not complete the process. For more information please contact wufye@wilberforce.edu.

Sincerely,
First Year Experience Team