

## **ORIENTATION 2020**

September 5-8

***Links will follow***

### **Saturday, September 5**

**Breakfast** 8:00-9:00 AM, **Lunch** 12:00-1:00 PM, and **Dinner** 5:00-6:00 PM

Meals can be picked up at the tent located between Richmond and West residence halls. Your OA will let you know when you should arrive to get your meal.

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All day – access the **First-Year Experience Course** on Nexus and review material that has been posted.

#### **7:00 PM Welcome**

David Harris, President

Fran'Cee Brown McClure, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

Kate Schurick, Dean of First-Year Students

Erika Bonnist '21, Orientation Co-Chair

Paul (PJ) Roy, '21, Orientation Co-Chair

#### **8:00 PM First Meeting with OA and members of Orientation Groups**

Zoom links will be provided. This is your first chance to meet your OA and the members of your group “in person”.

#### **9:00 PM Community Standards**, Ryan Ribeiro, Director of Community Standards

The Community Standards office is devoted to the implementation and enforcement of community guidelines and conduct regulations for students at Union. We work with students who find themselves in positions where they may have violated policy. Specific highlights include some of the obvious things, like underage drinking, any and all drugs, and keeping Union College a smoke-free campus. We've also included a section regarding COVID-19 and the regulations and expectations for our students when they arrive. It's important to remember that students make mistakes sometimes, and it's not the end of the world. The goal of this office is to help students navigate the accountability process, and find ways to ensure that students don't engage in repeat violations of policy.

#### **10:00 PM Meet and greet with RD and RAs**

### **Sunday, September 6**

**Breakfast** 8:00-9:00 AM, **Lunch** 12:00-1:00 PM, and **Dinner** 5:00-6:00 PM

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**10:00 AM Student Forum**

Join Matt Toy, '21, President of Student Forum and other elected student leaders to learn about student governance on campus. Join them to learn about their good work and how you can get involved!

**1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Who Are U?** Building a Community - Discussion of resources and services

Amanda Tommell-Sandy, Assistant Director of Counseling Center for Health Promotions

Christa Grant, Assistant Dean of Diversity and Inclusion, Director of Intercultural Center  
Mary Simeoli, Title IX Coordinator

Ryan Ribeiro, Director of Community Standards

**3:00 PM U and Me**, Get to know the Title IX Office

Mary Simeoli, Title IX Coordinator

**3:45 PM It's Up to U**, Interactive experience to explore U

Christa Grant, Assistant Dean of Diversity and Inclusion, Director of Intercultural Center  
Dru Alvez, Assistant Director of Intercultural Affairs

**4:30 PM Meeting with your OA**

**7:30 PM Learn the Alma Mater**

**8:00 PM Bingo!**

Join us for a fun evening where we will play four rounds of Bingo and each time one lucky student will win a cash prize. Our host is comedian, Derrick Knopsnyder @dkcomedy\_.

**9:00 PM Activity with RD and RAs**

**Monday, September 7**

**Breakfast** 8:00-9:00 AM, **Lunch** 12:00-1:00 PM, and **Dinner** 5:00-6:00 PM

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**10:00 AM Life at Union with Orientation Committee and Orientation Advisors**

Join this live Q&A session where members of the Orientation Team answer all of your questions about life at Union.

### 1:30 PM **Thriving in the Pandemic**

Learn some tips and tricks from a few of our professional staff on campus.

Matt Milless, Assistant Dean of Students

Marcus Hotaling, Director Counseling Center

Kelly Harchettes, Head Field Hockey Coach, Strength and Conditioning Coach

Laura Munkres, Associate Director of Minerva Programs

### 2:30 PM **Sustainability** with Josh Dranoff, Sustainability Coordinator, and members of Sustainability Club

Please join us to hear why Union has been listed in the Princeton Review's Top 50 Green Colleges! You will meet Union's Sustainability Coordinator, Josh Dranoff and some members of the U-Sustain Committee. You will learn about Union's history in sustainability as well as what we are doing now to reduce our campus' overall carbon footprint. In addition, see how you can learn about sustainability at Union and get involved to help make Union a greener campus and a leader in the region and nationwide!

### 3:00 PM **OA Meeting**

### 3:30 PM **My favorite places** (on campus and in Schenectady)

Presented by members of the Orientation Team

### 4:00 PM **Tours of campus** (if test results are back in time)

### 7:30 PM **Minerva Overview**

Learn about the Minerva Program and how you can get involved from Michelle Osborn (Dean of the Minerva Program) and Laura Munkres (Associate Director). You'll hear about your house, how you can get involved in the House Council and what type of programs you might expect for the fall term.

### 8:00 PM **Trivia with the Minervas**

Compete in virtual trivia to win cash and other prizes! Use your phone as a controller to answer general, Union, and Minerva trivia questions. Students can win as individuals but their score will count toward their Minerva House. The winning Minerva will get exclusive vouchers that can be used at the Garlic Nott. We look forward to seeing you there!

### 9:30 PM **Activity with RD and RAs**

## **Tuesday, September 8**

### **Breakfast 8:00-9:00 AM**

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**Lunch and Dinner** will be served in the dining hall and you will need your ID card to dine.

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM **Individual advisor meetings** with your Academic Advisor

11:00 AM **Academics at Union**

This is a mandatory session for all students

Michele Angrist, Dean of Studies

Kara Doyle, Associate Professor who will explain FYP

Lynn Evans, Director of National Fellowships and Scholarships

Joe Johnson, Director of Writing Programs

Mark Walker, Director of General Education

1:00-3:00 PM **Add/Drop** – for those of you who need to make changes to your schedules, please look for an email from the Registrar's Office for appropriate links.

2:00 PM **Tours of campus** with your OA (will be coordinated around drop/add needs)

4:00 PM **Opening Convocation**

7:00 PM **Scholars Meeting** with Dean Derek Zuckerman

7:00 PM **Meeting of LIM students** with Emma Horowitz '22 and Nate Oommen '21

8:00 PM **Floor Meeting with your RA**

This is your last meeting before classes begin.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **CLUB EXPO**

Friday, September 11, 4:00-6:00pm EST

Virtual link to come (Check Campus Events Email)

We are very excited that our student government will be offering a dynamic virtual club expo this fall. There will be an opportunity for students to find out more about involvement opportunities through clubs and organizations while also directly engaging with the leaders of these groups. Students can join those that suit their interests.

## **MINERVA OPEN HOUSE**

Saturday, September 12 1:00-3:30 PM

Students will be able to sign up for a timeslot to take a tour of the inside of their Minerva House. While there, they'll meet members of their House Council and pick up their first year Minerva gift and official Minerva House swag. Tours will be staggered and time-slots will be limited so be on the lookout for the email to register for a time! We look forward to meeting you (with your mask on)!