

MONDAY MEMOS

...from the Mount

A Message From the Provost: Dr. Steven Almquist

Good morning, Class of 2029! It is my pleasure to welcome you to Mount St. Joseph University. We are honored that you have chosen the Mount, and we will work our hardest each and every day to support you throughout your time with us.

As Provost, I am proud to work with a dedicated faculty and staff within Academic Affairs who will challenge you and help you achieve your goals. I want you to get as much out of your Mount experience as possible, whether that is in the classroom or on the court, the field, the stage, or wherever else your interests may take you. During the next four years, you will encounter and overcome adversity, you will make lifelong friends, and you will find your academic and career interests. You will leave with the heart of a lion, ready to take your next step!

We have exciting plans to help you make the transition to college, including our summer Orientation and our fall Welcome Week. Please keep an eye on your email for this weekly Monday Memo, where we will provide important announcements and information. If you ever have any questions, please be sure to reach out, and we will help you along the way. On behalf of the entire Mount St. Joseph University community, I want to thank you again for choosing the Mount, and I look forward to seeing you on campus later this summer!

A Message From First-Year Programming: Kate Mitchell

Hello, Class of 2029! We're so glad you've chosen MSJ!

As the Director of FYE (First-Year Experience), it's my job to help you with this crazy transition to college, and along with the FYE Peer Mentors, we're going to be with you every step of the way. Here's what's ahead of you before the start of classes:

1. **Online Onboarding opens June 01:** This Blackboard course is a one-stop shop for you to learn all about academics, programs, services, and more. There are a handful of "Tasks" that you need to complete in this course throughout the summer.
 - a. Begin with **Start Here** and work your way through each tab on the menu. You can "meet" me atop the Tech Tasks page, and my video gives a preview of the Onboarding course.
 - b. The **Orientation Pre-Registration Form is due prior to you attending Orientation**. There are instructions and links on how to complete this in Academics and Advising > Task: Orientation Pre-Registration Form (last entry on the page).
 - c. **Tech Tasks:** help you set up your MSJ accounts, bookmarks on your devices, and become familiar with Mount Connect, our student portal. These tasks are all due by August 01.
2. **Orientation Days (June 20, July 11, July 25):** Be sure to register for an Orientation date asap if you have not already done so. The programming on this day runs from 10am-10pm, and there is an optional overnight. More details will come as your designated date nears.
3. **Move-in Day and Welcome Weekend:** This is a 4-day event that kick-starts the school year! All first-year and transfer students are required to participate in Welcome Weekend. Commuter students will not stay on campus during this event, but do need to be in attendance during the required activities. Details to come as August nears!

A Message From The Center of Mission and Belonging: Katrice Quitter and Joe Shadle


What is the Center for Mission & Belonging? The Center for Mission & Belonging was established in 2023 at Mount St. Joseph University. The center is a hub for students, faculty, and staff to access services and resources related to our Mission and a culture of care and belonging.

Through collaboration across campus and beyond, The Center promotes the success of all persons in their educational, extracurricular, and career pursuits. It is our hope that the Center's impact is felt throughout our campus culture, ensuring that all members of the Mount Community feel a true sense of belonging. We look forward to welcoming you to campus this August!


A Message From Residence Life: Chris Sweeney

Hello from Residence Life at Mount St. Joseph University! In Residence Life, we're here to support your journey from the moment you pick a room to the day you move in—and throughout the year. I work directly with students, helping support our residents and Resident Assistants (RAs) as you adjust, grow, and thrive on campus. Lisa manages much of the behind-the-scenes work that makes your housing experience seamless, including room assignments and housing operations. Together, our goal is to help make the

Mount your home away from home. We care deeply about building a strong, inclusive, and welcoming community—where you feel supported, connected, and empowered to be yourself.

 **Haven't completed your housing application yet?** Now's the time! Housing is filling up quickly, so if you haven't submitted your housing application yet, please do so as soon as possible to secure your spot. Here's how to get started:

1. Log into your Admissions Portal and indicate that you plan to live on campus. This lets us know you're interested in campus housing and unlocks the next step.
2. Make your \$100 Housing Deposit. Once you've indicated you'll live on campus, the housing deposit option will appear in your Admissions Portal. Submitting this deposit officially opens the housing application system.
3. **Access and complete the Housing Application in eRezLife.** After your deposit is made, the housing application will become available through eRezLife (Mount St. Joseph's housing system).
 - a. Sign in using your MSJ email address and the password associated with your MSJ email account.
 - b. Make sure you complete the application in full — partial submissions will not be considered valid.
4. (Optional) Submit roommate requests through "Roommate Groups" in eRezLife. If you have a specific roommate in mind, both of you must join the same roommate group and request each other to be matched.

 **Planning to Commute Instead?** If you plan to commute and not live on campus, you'll need to complete the [Commuter Verification Form \(PDF\)](#) instead of the housing application. This ensures your student record reflects your correct living status for the upcoming year.

If you have any questions or need help, don't hesitate to reach out. We're here for you! We can't wait to welcome you home to the Mount!