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Welcome from the President and Student Body President



President Colson

We write to extend a warm welcome to you as you prepare to become a Wartburg student. As soon as you step foot on campus this fall, you and other members of the Class of 2015 will begin to understand more fully the rich traditions of this place and what it means to "Be Orange."

At Wartburg, you will find a welcoming, friendly community in which you will be challenged and nurtured, and one in which faculty and staff are prepared to help you succeed in every way. You will find us to be focused on our mission, "challenging and nurturing students for lives of leadership and service as a spirited expression of their faith and learning." You will hear this statement often as we live out this mission locally, nationally, and around the globe.



Davidson

During the 2011-12 academic year, we will focus on "Telling the Wartburg Story." One of the goals of the college's new strategic plan, this theme reminds us to share with people of all ages the experiences and accomplishments that make Wartburg distinctive. You have made an excellent choice to attend Wartburg College!

We hope you will get involved and participate in all the Orange EXCEleration orientation activities. You will learn about all the opportunities on campus and meet people who will be friends for life. Seek out faculty, staff, students, and members of Student Senate and other student organizations who can answer any questions you may have.

We both are excited to work with you to make your college experience one that you will cherish and value for a lifetime. We look forward to meeting you and dubbing you a "Wartburg Knight!"

Sincerely,

President

Rex Davidson
Student Body President

Bookstore



FYE is produced by the Pathways Center First-Year Experience program for Wartburg College's incoming first-year class.

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Service Trips

Ever thought about spending a week in pure service? **Wartburg Service Trips** are offered as co-curricular experiences during the college breaks (Fall, Winter, and Tour Week). They are life-changing experiences that allow you the opportunity to meet new people, travel, challenge yourself, and last, but not least, make a difference in the lives of people and communities around the country. Does this sound like something for you? If so, check out our website at www.wartburg.edu/servicetrips or contact us at servicetrips@wartburg.edu. We'd love to get you involved! Information regarding the Winter Break trips will be posted in October.

Sending mail to campus

When sending mail to campus, please use the following format to ensure proper delivery:

Student's Name, Box #
Wartburg College
100 Wartburg Blvd.
Waverly, IA 50677

* If no box number is used, your mail could be delayed.

I HAVE TO BUY THEM? THEY COST HOW MUCH? CAN I RENT THEM?

It's a real shock to see the price of books. Textbooks are very expensive! Your Fall Term books will probably cost between \$400 and \$600 depending on your major and if you buy or rent.

TEXTBOOKS CAN BE RENTED THROUGH WARTBURG BOOKSTORE

Many new and used textbooks are available to rent, but not all books can be rented. A fee is paid for renting and the book must be returned at the end of the term by the due date in order to avoid a penalty. Rental fees vary for each different title.

HOW DO I FIND THE BOOKS I NEED?

There are two options for purchasing textbooks through the Bookstore—textbook reservations online or coming into the Bookstore.

Either option will require that you have your list of classes and your student ID. To get your list of classes, go to <https://inet.wartburg.edu/> and log in using your name and password. Click on your course schedule. All information about your classes should be printed on this list, including an abbreviation of the department, your course and section number, and the title of the course (e.g., BI 101 01 Concepts of Biology).

If you are reserving textbooks online, go to <http://www.wartburgbookstore.com/> and click on textbooks. Please do not google Wartburg Bookstore if you want our site. Many unauthorized sites are using Wartburg Bookstore with a different Web address. On our site, you have the option of reserving new or used books AND either purchasing or renting them. The reservation period begins Saturday, Aug. 13, and ends Sunday, Aug. 28. Proceed as directed on the website. Using this method, you will pay with MC/Visa or Charge to Tuition Bill. If you are new to our website, you will have to set up an account before you can make a reservation to either rent or purchase. Follow Web directions to do this also.

If you are purchasing books in the Bookstore, bring your class list and student ID with you to the Bookstore. Signs above the textbooks will show you the departments and you can proceed by finding the course number and the tag for that course. On this tag you will see the author, title, and edition of the book(s), as well as whether the book is required or optional. If the section number is listed as "all," the same books are used by all professors. We'll be around to help you too! Don't hesitate to request assistance. Payment options include cash/check, MC/Visa, charge to your tuition bill (Aug. 13-Sept. 30 and again Dec. 5-Jan. 31) or all-campus spending account (if you have one).

DO I NEED MORE THAN ONE BOOK FOR EACH CLASS?

Sometimes, yes. Sometimes, no. Each professor has different requirements. All books required are listed and any books recommended are listed below that. Optional books are additional learning tools for students and are not required for class purposes.


WHAT ABOUT USED BOOKS?

Whenever possible, used books are available. The cost of used books is 75 percent of the new book price. Rental prices vary.

WHAT IF THE BOOK I NEED ISN'T ON THE SHELF?

Occasionally a book you need may not be available. In this case, an ordering system is in place. Completely fill out the white postcard form. One side is for your name and campus

Being Orange also means Being Green

As you are “getting Orange,” also make plans to “be green.” Seek ways to reduce your energy consumption in the residence halls by sharing appliances with roommates, and choose Energy Star  appliances and electronics when at all possible.

As you move into Wartburg, plan to reduce your throw-away products and recycle whenever possible. Our goal is to significantly reduce the amount of trash generated during move-in weekend at Wartburg. You can help!

- **Reduce the amount of packaging**
For example, wrap fragile items in shirts rather than pack with Styrofoam.
- **Pack in reusable containers** whenever possible — send home boxes and crates for use when you move out in the spring.
- Make learning where your **recycling options** are located and **what you can recycle** one of your first tasks at Wartburg.
- **Recycling is available in every building.** Look for signs or ask for directions when you first arrive. Make recycling part of your routine from the start.
- **Flatten all cardboard** and take to designated **cardboard recycling areas** as soon as the boxes are unpacked. Don't throw Styrofoam or plastics into the cardboard recycling (even as little as one piece of non-cardboard could make the whole container trash instead of recycling).

Being Orange also means Being Green. To keep up-to-date with other sustainability initiatives on the Wartburg campus, “like” Sustainability at Wartburg College on Facebook. If you have any questions, please email sustainability@wartburg.edu.

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box number. The other side is information for the book you need. The Bookstore then places orders with our distributors and notifies you as soon as the book arrives in the Bookstore. We reserve that book for you. This system has worked very well and usually only takes a couple days to have the book in your hands.

WHAT IF I PURCHASE THE WRONG BOOK OR CHANGE CLASSES?

CHECK THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS TO MAKE CERTAIN YOU HAVE THE CORRECT BOOKS! You can return any books purchased or rented in the Bookstore or reserved online through our website until Sept. 9, provided you have your sales receipt, new books look like new with no marks, bends or scratches—and all study materials are included. If the book is shrink-wrapped, the shrink-wrap must be intact. You will need to bring your ID along also. If you drop a class between Sept. 10 and 16, a drop slip from the Registrar's Office must accompany your return.

CAN I SELL THE BOOKS BACK AT THE END OF THE SEMESTER?

NOT IF THEY ARE RENTED. Rented books are simply returned to the Bookstore. If you purchased your books, they may be sold back during Book Buy Back, which is held each day during finals week. Fall Term Book Buy Back will be held Dec. 12-14, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Dec. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Limited quantities of some of the titles being used the following term are bought back for the Bookstore at one-half price, providing the edition is current and the book is in good condition. If the book is not being used the following term, we may be able to buy it back for the used book company. The prices paid for these books are set by the used book company. Some of the study guides and lab manuals are bought back for the used book company only and must be clean and complete.

WILL I BE ABLE TO USE ANY OF MY BOOKS THE SECOND TERM?

A few books are used the following term if you take the next course in the sequence. For example, Accounting I Fall Term and Accounting II Winter Term will use the same book. The same is true for some biology, chemistry, and economics classes. Check with your professors.

TIP OF THE DAY

Once you are certain that you do not need to return your books for a full refund, code your books. For example, draw a star on pages 12 and 31. Use the same code for all of your books. Then if your books are lost or stolen, notify Security and the Bookstore immediately, and we will begin watching for your books. Hopefully, we will find them for you.



The Bookstore is located in the Saemann Student Center. We look forward to seeing you on campus. Be assured that we are all here to help you.

Arlene Schwarzenbach, Bookstore Manager
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Get ready to EXCELerate!

Orange EXCELeration, Wartburg's fall orientation program, is just around the corner! We're excited to have you join us! In addition to getting all the info you'll need to negotiate life at Wartburg, here are just a few of the things you can look forward to:

- Being "dubbed" a Wartburg Knight
- Participating in ROPES or a service experience. This is a great, fun way to get to know your classmates in a hurry!
- Getting started in your IS 101 class. Have you read Chapter 1 of *The Things They Carried* and the book *Persepolis*?
- Meeting "The Big Six" and attending the Involvement Fair
- Showing your local color at the "State" dinner. Wear your hometown or high school T-shirt, cap, etc., and meet others from your part of the country or state.
- Socializing! PlayFair, live band karaoke, a dance, and a hypnotist are just some of the entertaining events you'll enjoy while meeting new people!

See you Sept. 1!

Check out these Web sites

www.wartburg.edu/pathways/
www.wartburg.edu/careers/
www.wartburg.edu/studentlife/
<http://www.wartburg.edu/its/>

Orange EXCELeration

Wartburg academics begin during Orange EXCELeration

Your Wartburg academic career begins right away when you arrive on campus. Have you done your homework yet? One of your classes starts during the days of Orange EXCELeration; in fact, the first class meets Friday, Sept. 2, at 8 a.m.! Be sure you're ready!

1. Read the book *Persepolis* (Yep, the WHOLE book) by the time full classes begin Sept. 7. Use the reading and thinking processes described in the *Guide for Critical Reading* to read this book.

The Guide for Critical Reading, now available online for you at www.wartburg.edu/orientation/ct.pdf, will help you prepare for discussion of this text. Questions specific to this book can be found at the end of that guide. You should reflect upon these questions and make notes of your thoughts to use in class discussion.
2. Be sure you have read the **first chapter** of *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien. Again, use the critical reading process outlined in the *Guide to Critical Reading* and make notes as you read. You will be using that text your first day of class, Friday, Sept. 2. Bring that book, your notes on that reading, paper, and pen with you to class.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Pathways! Office hours are 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m. Call 319-352-8615 or email vicki.edelnant@wartburg.edu.

Your TWO Orange EXCELeration groups

Of course, Orange EXCELeration is a good mix of preparation for the school year and FUN! Making new friends and acquaintances is a big part of orientation. Naturally, you'll get to know the other students in your IS 101 or SCH 101 class; you also will have a chance to meet LOTS of other new students, especially at the team-building activities Friday, Sept. 2. Whether you are one of the many students going on ROPES or participating in the dozen or so interest, team, or service activities, this is a great opportunity to bond with another group of your classmates. Check with your Student Orientation Staff (SOS) for your assignment and details.

Show your home PRIDE at the "State" dinner

Don't forget to bring your favorite apparel that reminds you of home so you can wear your pride to the "STATE" dinner Tuesday, Sept. 6! We're looking forward to seeing high school, hometown, and/or home state hats, T-shirts, colors, or your creative ways of letting your "homies" know they're among friends.

First-year statistics from Counseling Services

Recent results from a first-year survey at Wartburg show the following statistics about first-year students and drinking:

- 85.5% of first-year Wartburg students do not drink and drive.
- 29.6% of first-year Wartburg students chose to not drink alcohol.
- 50.3% of first-year Wartburg students drink once a month or less.

For more alcohol research information, go to www.wartburg.edu/counseling

Counseling Services
319-352-8596
counseling@wartburg.edu

Hello from Residential Life

Wartburg prides itself on being a residential college, and because we feel your education doesn't end when you walk out of the classroom, you are expected (required?) to live on campus for your entire Wartburg career. As you prepare for your new adventure at Wartburg, I am sure you are wondering about living on campus.

Here are a few things you should know about life in the residence halls:

- First of all, there is always someone here to help. Each floor has an upper-class student called a Resident Assistant (RA) who is hired and trained to help you! If you have any questions or need advice, your RA can be your first and most-often-used resource! Each building/area is also staffed by full-time, live-in Residence Hall Director (RHD). RHD's supervise the RAs, serve as a resource to you, and make sure that all community standards are being upheld.
- As you think about how you want to arrange your room, make sure you talk with your new roommate. Most students who come to college have never had to share a room before, so remember to pack light. You can always bring extra stuff from home later. (Check our website for some great lists of items to bring and also, things that should be left at home).

As you organize your belongings this fall, remember that all college-owned furniture must remain in your room. Talk with your roommate about what items you need only one of; for example, you don't both need a TV, microwave, and fridge. These are great items to share.

While you prepare for your time at Wartburg and questions arise, don't hesitate to contact the Residential Life Office. You can do so by calling 319-352-8260 or emailing me at beth.goskesen@wartburg.edu.

Everyone here is anxiously anticipating your arrival in September!

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Volunteer Action Center

The Volunteer Action Center is a student-run organization that can help you to find a type of service that inspires you and helps you to value the importance of serving others. Whether you have done community service in the past or it's something new to you, the VAC is the place to go. The VAC works with a variety of organizations in the Cedar Valley. The VAC organizes a service day each month. We also organize service days for Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Saint Elizabeth's Week. You can contact the Volunteer Action Center by emailing vac@wartburg.edu. Our office is in the Student Center Hub. Stop by to see us! We would love to meet you!

Watch for further announcements for service days in the future from vac@wartburg.edu.

Letter from Parent Council

Our daughter, Kathryn, completed her first year at Wartburg College in May. While she has been home during the summer, we have witnessed friends back home greeting her with "How was it?" We have heard her respond with a huge smile and an enthusiastic "It was great! I love it there!" And within hours of unpacking and moving back home, she was already saying, "I can't wait to get back and see all my friends again this fall!" As parents, we are so thrilled that she has had such a positive experience and were so grateful to hear all the happiness in her voice each time she called home to tell us all about it.

Last summer, we spent what seemed like the entire summer talking, planning, and shopping for just the right things that she would need to make her new life in the dorm comfortable. It was a very exciting time. Then on Move-in Day, we were a little surprised to see the look on her face change as she surveyed the scene and suddenly began to realize, "Whoa, I'm here, now what?" The activities of orientation and getting to know her new roommate kept nerves at bay. One week later, the routine of classes and network of friendships had set the pace, and all doubts were quickly forgotten.

Looking back on this last year, we have been impressed by the support and encouragement Kathryn has received from both the faculty and staff on campus. She was grateful for the librarian who took the time to work with her finding solutions on a difficult research project. She appreciated the security guard's friendly greeting on the mall and the Business Office manager who made time to get some much-needed cash before the weekend. Most important was the strong feeling of community she felt on the Wartburg campus.

As parents, we were educated well about the support services available to ensure our student's success. Business Office personnel were always timely in responses and apologetic if they couldn't provide an immediate answer to our questions about billing and student account statements. We were encouraged to keep current on campus news through The Trumpet, Knightline emails, and other networks links.

This is a most wondrous and exciting time in your child's life. It is a time to explore and discover, try and err, and make friends that will last a lifetime. Wartburg College has provided the launching pad and safety net to make these things happen, and we are grateful to the faculty and staff for their time and dedication.

Our best wishes to you and your student as you begin this new journey,

Jenny and Dan Werner

Tax incentives for higher education

Go to: <http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=96341,00.html> to read about tax incentives for higher education. Some families are able to take the Hope or Lifetime Learning Credit, while others can deduct actual tuition payments. Be sure to talk with your tax professional or financial representative to help determine your eligibility.

Strategies for Parents

- Do not overreact to those first frantic telephone calls. Listen carefully and try to determine how best to address your child's need at the moment. Don't panic!
- Do not be surprised if your son or daughter expresses strong emotions one day, and then those feelings disappear the next day. It is not unusual to receive a call that "nothing is going right" or "I want to come home"—and the next day "all is well."
- Brainstorm options and a possible course of action with your student as the problems arise. Generating choices with your child conveys that you care and also puts the responsibility on him or her to follow up.
- Help your student break down a larger problem into smaller, more manageable issues. Identifying tasks that address each concern will help your child feel more in control of the situation.
- To help homesickness (and remember not to call it that), remind your student that residential life staff, including RAs, can be especially helpful. Encourage your child to seek out new ways to become involved with student clubs and athletic programs to meet new people and feel more comfortable with the new environment.
- Encourage your child to seek out campus support systems for help with problems. The Pathways Center offers many support systems and is a good place to direct your child if he or she has questions. Counseling Services, located in the Pathways Center, and Campus Ministry are also helpful at this time.
- When it comes to telephone calls and home visits, it is important to be flexible. There is no hard rule of thumb. Some students may need to connect more often than others.
- Sometimes you may not know what to say, but just listening to your child's concerns can fill a much-needed void. It is important to convey your encouragement and reassurance.
- A care package from home, including food, notes, and so forth, might be just the thing to brighten the mood. It may seem a bit silly, but college students **love** getting "snail mail."

From *Let the Journey Begin: A Parent's Monthly Guide to the College Experience*
by Jacqueline Kiernan MacKay and Wanda Johnson Ingram