

Hello and hello to the newest students of DePauw, from the two students who will be your mentors for your first year! We are Diana Edmundson, a sophomore English Lit major from Greensburg, IN and Mike Beeman, a senior Political Science & French major from Chalfont, PA. While we anxiously await the start of the new school year, we are currently preoccupied with the summer obligations that are keeping us from Greencastle. Diana is singing campfire songs and hanging out with kids at a YMCA camp in Hamilton, OH and Mike is in Ottawa, Ontario interning in the Cultural Affairs Office at the U.S. Embassy!

Yet, when it comes to DePauw, between the two of us, our experience ranges from the campus newspaper and the student alumni board to political organizations and DePauw Community Service. Essentially, there is an encyclopedia of knowledge in the minds of your two awesome mentors! Nevertheless, we should note that there are a number of other student organizations that will be introduced to you over the course of the next few months.

That is where our job comes into play. While we're sure our mini bio was extremely interesting, this upcoming year will be all about you. While you are probably hyped about your newfound freedom, meeting new people, and everything in between, we would be willing to bet that you have a couple questions about what you've gotten yourselves into. (we both did!) So cue the mentors. Basically, it's our job to make sure all of you have every opportunity to have an amazing first year on campus, from hanging out and doing activities during orientation, helping you find your way around the hot spots on campus, to planning dinners, movie nights, or even mini trips as a group if you so choose. We're also here to help you with the tough stuff you might encounter, like a clash between you and your roommate or to give advice on a tough professor.

Now, we're not just here to help you out within the first week or two and then disappear. We get to be your mentors all year. (You know you're excited.) So not only do we plan all those things we mentioned above, you can also come to us for anything you may need during your first year. We have (obviously!) been in your position before and realize how amazing it is to find your own path in college, but we also understand the challenges that come with the territory. Whether this is your first time away from home, or if home is 15 minutes away, we want all of you to have an amazing experience and be prepared for new experiences that come your way.

We hope you are all as ridiculously excited about next year as we are, it should be awesome. Please let us know if you need anything at all during the summer, We are open to any and all questions you may have about us or DePauw. (Even little things like "What size of sheets do I need?" are totally fine to ask.) When

we get your names this summer, we will most likely facebook message you just to touch base and see if anyone has any last minute questions. You can also email us at dianaedmundson_2011@depauw.edu and/or michaelbeeman_2009@depauw.edu. Until then, we hope you all have amazing summers! We can't wait to meet you!