

Hi there incoming DePauw student!

My name is Amy Beth Coleman (I go by two names) and I will be your first-year mentor next year! I am from New Palestine, IN, a suburb just east of Indianapolis. I will be a senior and am majoring in Mathematics with a minor in Applied Vocal Music. Like most DePauw students, I am also involved in many (quite possibly TOO many) extracurricular activities, including cheerleading, intramural sports, DePauw Community Service groups, and the Coalition for a Responsible Community.

I am sure you are counting down the days, hours, minutes, and seconds until August 23! You will FINALLY get to move into your dorm room and meet your floormates. Your parents will hug and kiss you goodbye. Once they are out of earshot, you will jump up and down yelling, "FREE AT LAST!" And then you will...wait...what comes next?

Well, that is where I come in! As your first-year mentor, it is my job to guide you throughout the orientation process. Your first few days on campus will be filled with fun activities that will help you get to know me and your mentor group as well as familiarize you with various opportunities on and near DePauw's beautiful campus. I know from experience that it is scary to come to a new place with all new classmates, but our mentor group activities will allow you to get your feet wet before jumping into classes. After orientation, our mentor group will continue to meet throughout the year to catch up and eat dinner, see a movie, or go bowling.

I hope you are as excited for DePauw as I am for you to be here! Of course the main reason for coming to college is the schoolwork aspect. Classes are fun, but DePauw students definitely know how to have a good time outside of work time. Some of my favorite things in Greencastle are: garlic cheeseburgers from Marvins (We will definitely eat there as a group as one of our first outings!), playing campus golf (hitting a tennis ball with a golf club toward "holes" of your choice), the Monon Bell football game (our rivalry with Wabash College), rugby games (if you have never seen rugby played, you should because it is AWESOME), Dance Marathon, and the Little 500 Bike Race. Of course, there is plenty more to do, and I am sure you will find your own favorites in no time!

Now, I hope I haven't gotten you TOO excited! Make sure you make the best of the rest of your summer! Spend time with your family and high school friends and build those relationships so you can keep them strong over distance. If you have ANY questions at all (there is no such thing as a "dumb question"), do not hesitate to email me (AmyColeman_2010@depauw.edu), send me an IM (AIM: ambeco23), or contact me over Facebook! After all, that is why I am here: to make you comfortable as you settle into your new home! Have a fabulous summer!

*Looking forward to meeting you!
Amy Beth Coleman*