

Hi Incoming First Years,

I hope you are having a wonderful summer and are getting excited for your upcoming fall semester at DePauw! We will be your First Year Mentors and we're really looking forward to meeting each of you. Here's our quick introduction for you...

My name is Shelby Evans and I am from Carmel, Indiana. I will be a sophomore and am majoring in Economics, and minoring in Spanish. Like most DePauw students, I am involved in many extracurricular activities, including Management Fellows, Campus Climate Task Force, Wellness Center Advisory Board, and others.

My name is Danielle Shover and I am a junior at DePauw. I'm from Louisville, Kentucky and I'm an English Writing and Spanish double major. I'm also involved with Media Fellows, WGRE 91.5 fm— DePauw's radio station, the campus magazine, and I work as a Tour Guide for the admissions office.

Now that you are a little more familiar with us, we would like to describe the orientation period and our responsibilities as your mentors. Your mentor group is composed of students from your First Year Seminar, the Declaration of Independence. After you have moved in and your parents have left, we will meet up as a group and begin the fun! Orientation consists of various group activities that will not only help you meet and become familiar with each other, but also allow the group to develop a positive and open environment. These activities range from basic name games and ice breakers to challenges requiring team work and cooperation. These days together will hopefully build some memorable and lasting friendships during your early days at college. We will also help you acclimate to all aspects of the school, from studying abroad (Danielle will be in Barcelona, Spain during second semester!) to registering for classes. We will tour the campus and give you the best advice we can in order to help you make the most of your first year experience.

After orientation week is over, we'll still be with you throughout the year. (Lucky you!) Both of us are valuable resources at your disposal! Whether you have a question concerning academics or personal matters, we are here and ready to help you with whatever, whenever. Ultimately, our goal is to make your transition into college life as smooth and rewarding as possible.

So, we hope you have a great summer. Spend lots of time with your family and friends. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at any point during the summer. Our e-mails are [shelbyevans\\_2011@depauw.edu](mailto:shelbyevans_2011@depauw.edu) and [danielleshover\\_2010@depauw.edu](mailto:danielleshover_2010@depauw.edu). Can't wait to meet you!

Sincerely,

*Danielle and Shelby*