

Hi there incoming DePauw student!

My name is Kali Geldis and I will be your first-year mentor next year! I am from Columbus, Ohio (Go Bucks!). I'm majoring in English Literature and I'm going to be a senior next year. Like most DePauw students, I'm really involved on campus. Next year, I will be Editor in Chief of our student newspaper *The DePauw* and a member of singing group DePauwCappella in addition to being your mentor.

But what exactly does that mean? As your first-year mentor, it is my job to guide you through 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. I know from experience that it is scary to come to a new place with all new classmates, but our mentor group activities will help 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 (free food!), see a movie, or do any fun stuff you want to do.

I am sure you are counting down the days, hours, minutes until August. 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 academics. Some of my favorite things in Greencastle are Garlic Cheeseburgers - GCBs - from Marvin's (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), making s'mores in the Nature Park, and shopping trips to Indianapolis. Of course, there is plenty more to do, and I am sure you will find your own favorites!

I hope you have a great rest of your summer! My advice: plan a fun day trip with friends to a really random place. If you have ANY questions at all (there is no such thing as a "dumb question"), do not hesitate to email me, send me an IM, or contact me over Facebook! Seriously, I would love to hear from you. Have a fabulous summer!

Looking forward to meeting you!

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