

Hello Everybody! My name is Tina Irvine and I am going to be a senior this year at DePauw. I'm from Bloomington, Indiana and am majoring in History and minoring in Religious Studies. I hope you are enjoying your summers and are looking forward to coming to school in August! I am so excited for the school year to start and to meet all of you. I just finished studying abroad in Perugia, Italy this past semester (it was great!) and am looking forward to life back on campus.

Speaking of campus life, that's where I come in. As your DePauw first year mentor, I will help you with your transition into college life. Before school starts, we'll meet as a group to help you become more familiar with DePauw and life on campus. Your first few days will consist of games and team-building activities which are actually a lot of fun, are a great way to meet new people, and will help you know what to expect in the coming semesters. Once classes have started and routines have been established, we'll continue to meet as a group to catch up and hear about how your time at DePauw is going!

I think you're just going to love DePauw. Of course you all picked this school because of its good academics, but it goes without saying that you'll also have a lot of fun outside the classroom. Some of my favorite things in Greencastle are the Nature Park (I run cross country and track, so I'm kind of partial to it...) Marvin's (who doesn't love a greasy garlic cheeseburger?), playing campus golf, Dance Marathon, the Little 500 bike race, and of course, the Monon Bell football game (our rivalry with Wabash college). But you'll have to decide for yourself which activities *you* like best.

I know from experience that the transition to college life can be overwhelming- and a roller coaster ride of emotions. While some of you might be so eager to get out the door that you've already packed your bags, others of you might vacillate between excitement and nervousness at the thought of leaving home. Wherever you fall on this spectrum, know that I'm your resource for any questions or concerns you may have about the upcoming year.

That said, enjoy your last summer at home with your high school friends! Make the most of it- solidify friendships so that you can keep them strong over distance, and spend time with your family too. If you have any question, any question at all, please feel free to contact me via email, IM, facebook, whatever works best for you. There is no such thing as a dumb question- it's my job to help you get settled into your new home as comfortably as possible. Have a fantastic summer, I'm looking forward to meeting all of you in August!

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