

Hello Incoming Students!

How excited are you to be coming to college!? My name is Kelly Marchant and I will be your first-year mentor this year. I am a Senior Economics major and I also have chosen to minor in French and Kinesiology. I am from Indianapolis but will be spending this summer in Seattle doing an internship. Academics are great here at DePauw and the professors are really engaging. I don't know about you, but I come from a pretty big high school where it was easy to get lost in the crowd, so it's nice that the professors know our names.

There are a lot of opportunities to get involved on campus. Personally, I am part of the Management Fellows Program; I am a member of a sorority and serve on the Sorority governing body, Panhellenic Council. I also have a radio show with some of my best friends mimicking VH1's "The Best Week Ever." College has really flown by and I am very jealous that you all are just beginning your college experience. You have a lot to look forward to!

So as a mentor, what is my role? I am here for you! College life is oh so different than living at home. Not only can you pick out what you eat and when/where you eat it, you also get to determine how you spend your time and make important decisions on a daily basis. While deciding between a burger and pizza is not a huge dilemma, I'll be here to answer questions and give you resources for those times when a second opinion or some guidance would be helpful.

DePauw has a great first-year program and I am really looking forward to getting to know each of you. Your first week will be spent with me and your mentor group and we will spend a lot of time getting to know each other. During this week I will also help you get acclimated with all that DePauw has to offer. Your mentor group will be your first year seminar class so the people in your mentor group will be there through the triumph and trials of one of your first college classes. College exams sure have a way of bringing people together! We will continue to meet throughout the year and do some fun things like go bowling while we catch up.

Well, that's a little about me and the first-year program. I am really excited to get to know each of you and I hope you are eager to get to DePauw. Please feel free to e-mail me at kellymarchant_2009@depauw.edu if you have any questions such as; what classes to take, what to bring to your dorm room, where to buy ramen noodles in bulk, or simply to just introduce yourself and say hello. You can also find me on facebook should you be more apt to check that than your e-mail, hah! Have a wonderful summer and be sure to enjoy the company of your family and friends! See you in a few short months!

All the Best,
Kelly Marchant