

Hi there mentee!

My name is Roddrea Smith and I will be your first year mentor next year! I am from Indianapolis, IN and I'll be sophomore. I am in the Honor Scholars Program and I will be majoring in psychology and (hopefully) have a minor in biology. I am involved in several great extracurricular activities on campus, including the Timmy Foundation.

So I'm sure you are probably counting the days until you can finally be in your dorm room at DePauw. When you get here you will most likely hurry through setting up your room and saying your goodbyes. And who knows, you may even shed a tear or two. (There are always a few who do, myself included) Once your parents leave, you'll officially be responsible for what you do, where you go, and what time you come home. Sounds exhilarating right? But what are you going to do in the mean time till classes start?

I know from experience that being in a totally new environment with new people can be a bit overwhelming, but my goal is to help you guys get adjusted before classes start. As your first-year mentor, it is my job to help guide you throughout the orientation process. Your first few days on campus will be filled with tons activities that will help you get to know me, the campus, and the people in your mentor group. After orientation, our mentor group will continue to meet throughout the year to catch up, take study breaks, or maybe even try the dollar movie playing at Ashley's Cinema!

I can't wait for you guys to be on campus and meet all of you! While your main purpose in attending school is to receive a great education, there are a few things EVERY DePauw student should do while on campus. My favorites are the garlic cheese burgers from Marvins, (I know you are thinking...garlic cheese...trust me its good), the Monon Bell Game, (rivalry football game with Wabash), the basketball games, (our women's team rocks), Little 500 Bike Race, and my all time favorite, Relay for Life. This is just a short list of the many activities on campus, and I'm sure you'll discover your favorites too!

Now, that I have you itching in anticipation for school next semester, remember this one thing. Spend time with your family and high school friends. Continue to strengthen bonds with loved ones this summer, so your relationships can withstand the distance. Get lots of rest and relaxation, because you are in for the time your life! Please feel free to email, facebook, or IM me anytime over the summer. I'll try to answer your questions to the best of my ability or at least point you in the direction of someone who can!

See you in August!

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