**NEW INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION 2023**

*All events will be held in the Wilson Suite on the 4th floor of the Billy Graham Hall, unless otherwise noted*

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| **Wednesday, August 16. 2023 (Wilson Suite)** | |
| 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. | **Breakfast** |
| 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. | **Opening Remarks and Welcome**  Dr. Marc Cortez – Dean of The Liftin School of Ministry and Theological Studies Mr. Silvio Vazquez - Chief Enrollment Management Officer  Mrs. Yuli To – International Graduate Admissions Coordinator |
| 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. | **Break** |
| 10:30 –11:00 a.m. | **Session 1: F-1 visa Overview**  Mrs. Cheryl Margason – Director of Graduate Student Life/DSO |
| 11:00 – 12 pm | **Session 2: Living Well at Wheaton**  Adriana Pasello – TESOL (Brazil)  Sanjana Karanan Rao – Marriage and Family Counseling (India)  Saruni Lemargeroi– Global Leadership (Kenya)  Zoey Zhang – Bible and Theology (China) |
| 12:00 - 1:00 pm | Lunch in Wilson Suite |
| 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. | **Session 3: Life in the United States; Cros- Cultural Adjustment and Higher Education in the US.**  Dr. Pam Barger, TESOL and ELIC Program Director |
| 2:00 – 2:15 p.m. | Break |
| 2:15 – 2:45 pm | **Session 4: F-1- Working in the US**  Cheryl Margason – Director of Graduate Student Life |
| 3:00-4:00 p.m. | Shop at the Co-op (please do not bring children to the Co-op shopping trip) |
| 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. | Dinner at the Chaplin’s House (families are welcome)  Sign up with Cheryl if you need a ride. |
| **Thursday, August 17, 2023** | |
|  | **Day Trip to Chicago!** |
| 9:15 a.m. | Light Breakfast in BGH second floor lounge |
| 9:30 a.m. | We will leave the BGH and walk to the College Ave. Metra Station and catch the 9:57 a.m. train for Chicago. We will eat lunch in Chicago. We will walk to the Art Institute and you can choose to go to this museum or enjoy the parks and lakefront. We will meet at 2:00 p.m. to walk back to the train which leaves at **2:40 p.m. and returns to campus at 3:30 p.m.** |
| **Friday, August 18, 2023 (Wilson Suite)** | |
| 9:00 a.m. | Devotions, Worship and Light Breakfast |
| 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. | **Session 5: Wellness Panel**  Dr. Karen Hurula – Director, Counseling Center  Beth Walsh – Director, Student Health Center  Amanda Radetski – Insurance, Student Health Center |
| 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. | Break |
| 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. | **Session 6: Academic Support Panel**  Melissa Norton - Director, Learning and Accessibility Services  Mandie Porick – Director, Academic Advising  Tristan O’Brien -Manager for Graduate Students, Student Financial Services |
| 12 – 1:00 p.m. | Lunch - Walk to Anderson Commons Dining Hall |
| 1:15 – 2:30 pm | **Session 7: Introduction to Library Services and Tour and Introduction to Writing Center** (this takes place at the Buswell Library) |
| 2:30 – 5:00 p.m. | Make an appointment with Cheryl to do your SEVIS check in or attend the Billy Graham Scholar meeting. |
| 5:30 – 7:00 pm | All International Graduate Student and Family Dinner – Keul Patio |