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As you know, Orientation is required and begins on Monday, August 10 and runs through Friday, August 21. Although the detailed schedule will not be finalized for a few more weeks, we want you to be fully aware of what to expect when you arrive. You can plan on full days of activities with limited free time, so keep this in mind as you prepare for your move and schedule any appointments. If allowed by your lease agreement, we encourage you to arrive in State College no later than Friday, August 7th so you can get settled in and be fully prepared to begin Orientation.

Also, as you think about packing, please be sure to pack business casual, business professional, and casual clothing for orientation activities. View our [What to Pack page](#) for ideas on what you will need to kick-off your program. A great source of information as you prepare can be found on the Admitted Student Site under the [Incoming Student Checklist](#).

While preparing for your transition to Happy Valley, please view the message below from the MBA Career Services team regarding preparing for the career related portions of the Orientation program.

Some additional reminders for planning purposes:

1. [Submit your survey and photo by June 15](#)
2. [Complete your PCS and submit along with your resume by June 15](#)
3. [Purchase your laptop](#)
4. [Review information on purchasing football tickets before June 22](#)

Sincerely,
MBA Student Services

Class of 2017,

During your MBA Orientation in August, you will each receive a hardcopy of our 92-page MBA Career Guide, authored by Mike Brown and Emily Giacomini, your Career Services coaches. The Career Guide serves as a knowledge platform for all of our career development workshops and

seminars. It contains self-assessment exercises, tools, and resources to assist you in your internship and career search.

Many students have expressed an interest in “jumpstarting” their internship search activities during the summer. We thought that the Career Guide in PDF format would be a handy companion to your summer search activities. Please find it [online here](#), complete the exercises and refer to the content as you prepare for your MBA internship search.

Best regards,

Mike and Emily
MBA Career Services