

STAY AUGUST



The Aug-O Student Staff Welcomes the Denison University Class of 2015!



"While people can get pretty settled down in their cliques at Denison, college is really a place to explore. Look to people who you wouldn't necessarily reach out to be friends with in high school and see what they have to offer. Students have so many different backgrounds and perspectives to offer that you don't want to miss out on being exposed to!"

Rob '12

Aug-O Staff Coordinator

"Life is all about being free...so never allow your fears to keep you from shining on the world."



Marquita '14

"Study off-campus for a semester. Whether it's to Philadelphia, Thailand, or Australia, it is a life-changing experience! Although it is definitely hard being away from Denison for a semester, it makes you appreciate so many things about Denison when you go back! You also are able to learn so much about yourself and other cultures--as well as see a lot of awesome places and meet cool new people! Studying in Australia is one of the best decisions I've made in my college career and I would recommend it to every Denison student, regardless of your major!"

Audrey '12

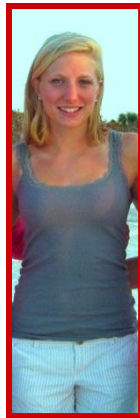


"Talk to strangers. Now I know when you are a kid your parents will tell you not to do this, but hey, you are in college now so it is time to try some new things. There are 2,000 students here on the Hill and you cannot know enough of them. Whether it is in the dorms, in class, on the weekends or a weekday get to know as many people as possible. On a campus this small and with a student body this small you really cannot know enough people. Start with your class during orientation and get to know the other classes once school starts and soon enough people around you will feel like family. "



Michael '12

"Try to meet as many people as you can. My one regret from freshman year was that I didn't get out and get to know people outside of the swim team. Put yourself out there-join clubs and organizations! The people you interact with make Denison the experience that it is...so get out there and meet people!"



Brenna '12

"Here are a few tips to help you survive your first-year on the hill. 1. Take advantage of professors' office hours. Meeting with professors on a regular basis to ask questions will help you succeed in challenging classes. 2. Find a study space in Burton Morgan during finals week instead of going to the Library. This way you will not be tempted to people watch and you will actually get work accomplished. 3. Go to as many talks, speakers, concerts, etc. sponsored by the school. All of the events whether it is a comedian, a speaker, or a musician, are a great study break and always worth your time. Finally, 4 enjoy every minute you spend here at Denison because it goes by extremely fast."



Sarah '13



Junchu '12

"Stressed out about your major? What classes to take? What is life like here at Denison? I have talked to some 2015ers and these are the most frequently asked questions. As a matter of fact, these were what I was anxious about too before I came to Denison."

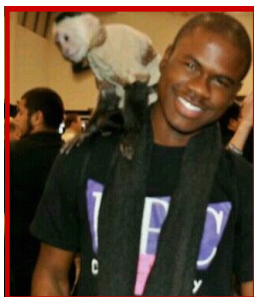
Getting advice from somebody can be an answer. However, you will definitely have your own experience when exploring this campus and community. No worries as you have four years to figure it out! Just keep in mind that in Denison, we do what we like, and we like what we do. So keep your eyes open and enjoy the adventure!"



Daphne '12

"The true beauty of a struggle is not the final result; rather it is the process that it takes to accomplish the task that you have set out to complete. As you begin your journey at Denison, it is my pleasure to aid you as you begin the process and make your transition into the Denison community. Just know

that we are waiting to welcome you with open arms and that we are here to help with whatever you need. While you are in for a challenge here on the hill, I am confident in your ability to conquer any task that presents itself to you. I encourage you to embrace all that you feel; all that you see because that is one of the best ways to find your niche here on the hill. With that, I look forward to meeting you all!"



"Throughout my two years at Denison I have quickly learned certain things that I would like to pass on to incoming freshman.

I have learned that as a student it is not possible to be a part of or participate in all organizations, activities and events on campus. I have learned to pick those few organizations that I really enjoy and that I make a bigger impact in rather than being a part of more organizations and having less of an impact. The most important thing is to get involved. I have also learned and would encourage students to use their resources to help them academically, professionally and personally. Denison offers a wide range of resources that provides students with a sense of support. These resources include, but are not limited to, Career Services, the Alumni Relations Office, the Writing Center and Counseling Services. Also with this I think it is also important for students to use each other as a resource because we are a Denison community and we are in this together. Once last comment I want to make regards the faculty, staff and administration here on Denison's campus. It is important and is very beneficial to get to know them because they are here to support and listen to the students. Do not let the professor and student role keep you from interacting with the faculty, staff and administration because they are included in the Denison community and are much involved in shaping the community."

Michael '13

"I will advise that each incoming student work hard and take advantage of all the opportunities that Denison's community has to offer." I am unsure if I am suppose to write the blurb of advice of the photo but I hope you are able to receive it now. I look forward to seeing you again and talking to you throughout the program!!! "



Kiara '14

"Do not be afraid to get involved! It is way easier and more beneficial to get yourself on the right track and get involved in the tons of organizations and programs Denison has to offer. Don't waste any time! There is something for everyone here, everyone has a place. Also, prepare yourself for the Slayter Sizzle: the best night of your Denison career."



Blair '12

"One of the best parts about college is exploring new interests and taking up new activities. My advice to all you



Mia '14

incoming students is to sign up for a course in a subject area that you know nothing about. I signed up for a sociology/anthropology class having no idea about the field at all, and I ended up enjoying it so much! Also, make sure to attend the Involvement Fair in the

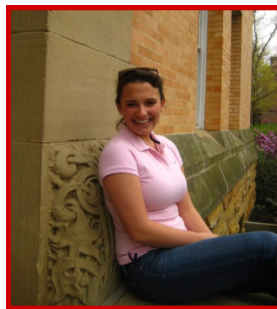
fall—Denison provides so many wonderful opportunities, and signing up for a few clubs or organizations is a great way to meet new people!"



Alfie '12

"In my freshman year, I saw a guy reading a book in a tree. If you complain about the library being too crowded, then certainly you are not looking hard enough for alternatives. I have always found it interesting to mark my own perfect spot for studying."

"Everyone has his or her expectations about college but don't be worried if what you get is absolutely better or different from what you imagined! You could read every book about college or watch every television show about the wonders of getting away from home but when you get here you might find that everything you planned on doing might not be what you end up loving or doing! What is great is that this is absolutely okay! The most important thing you can do is keep your mind open! College is the best place to try new things; here at Denison we have 183 clubs and organizations and new ones springing up every day! My wise words to you are "get involved!" with anything and everything!"



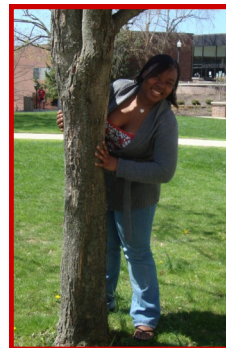
Alana '13

"Immerse yourself in the community! Take advantage of all the amazing opportunities that Denison has to offer! Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone and try something new. Join a club or a sports team, engage in community service, and really get to know your fellow Denisonians. And most importantly, stay open minded!"



Tayma '13

"It's good to get involved in campus life; however, do not stretch yourself too far. Enjoy college life but make sure you are able to balance the workload with your social life. Have fun!!!"



Shannon '12

"You are not an official Denisonian until you have sunken into an old Bandersnatch couch and tried one of our snagels, bagels, or milkshakes (oh my)! The Bandersnatch is now open on weekends! So when you are bored on a Friday night, don't fret. You can head over to the Snatch and listen to all sorts of music (or play your own), meet new friends, get tangled in Twister, or even get some reading done (you may be having too much fun to read). During the week there are always fantastic events like Open Mic Night, Jazz Night, and TONS of great bands from Columbus, New York, or even Curtis East. The moral of the story: It's never too late to do something different!"

Taylor '13



"As a First Year student, you are probably excited about getting the chance to finally explore your independence and all that it has to offer. While academics should remain a top priority, don't forget to have fun - and don't worry, there are countless ways to do so. Some of my favorite activities include yoga, zumba and rock climbing with the



Kasi '12

Denison Outdoor Club. The best part is that, as a student, these are all covered with no additional charge to you! You can skydive, learn to scuba or play a club sport - don't be afraid to try new things."



"A college course load can sometimes leave you with your feet dragging...but it doesn't have to! Rather than letting your work get the best of you, keep your feet moving! The key to a successful college career is a healthy mind but also a healthy body. Staying active on campus is easy to do and lots of fun. There are sports at all levels; varsity, club, intramural. You also can get creative and go for a run at the Bio Reserve or rent equipment to play racquetball with your friends! Exercising a few times a week can make all the difference, so just remember to include some active "you time" in your schedule."

Caitlyn '13

"Everyone is as nervous as you are. Do not be scared to go into someone's room who you don't know because they will be happy to meet you. Try to meet as many people as you can because it will make your transition much easier."

William '12



"Coming to Denison, I knew two things: I wanted to be a Biology major and I was going to be a member of the swimming team. I also knew that my schedule would be tight with labs, a heavy workload, and two-a-day swim practices. After two semesters of class here, though I was enjoying myself thoroughly, I realized that there was something very important missing from my life: art! It has always been a passion of mine and I never thought it would be possible to pursue both art and science in my four years of undergraduate education. After looking into the art classes at Denison, I realized that I had plenty of room in my schedule to complete all the necessary classes for a minor in Studio Art. Biology and art, though they seem to be complete opposites, are both shaping me in ways I never thought possible. I am actually finding more and more relationships between the two as I continue through my classes, and I am loving every minute of it. So in the end, my advice to First-Years is to take the plunge! Find a subject, or two, or three, that you love and pursue them all! Only at a school like Denison is it possible to fit all of your passions into one education."



Cari '13

"Go to the Denison bookstore and buy a 4 color pen and a planner! 4 different colors and 4 different classes- you will stay organized, on top of all your work, and will never have to pull an all-nighter ever again (hopefully)!"

Alissa '14



"Trust yourself and don't let yourself become too worried about results. Wanting to have the "right" result can keep you from making the most of your Denison experience. Results can take the form of grades in the class room, how you expect others to react to what you say or what you anticipate will happen as a result of your decisions. It is important to have goals, but make sure they are not all oriented around specific outcomes. If I am only thinking about what could happen, what might happen or what I want to have happen, I lose my ability to simply go with the flow and see what happens. Worrying about results can be paralyzing. Do your best and trust that you have what it takes to get through any situation. The next time sit down at your computer to write a paper, or the next time you walk into a room full of people you don't know, or the next time you have to make a difficult decision, let go of your desire to predict outcomes. Besides, you may not have as much control over the results as you think you do. Just jump into the experience and take it for what it is."



Will '12

"Insider Tips for the Class of 2015:

- 1. Take time your first semester to familiarize yourself with how to find books at Doane library as well as how to order books online through the Consort and Ohiolink systems. These will be invaluable tools once you start writing research papers (which will begin in the FYS classes!) and need sources.*
- 2. If you have any research woes or simply have difficulty finding a book in the library, check with the Commons desk (located on the third floor* of the library next to the computers). The librarians and student staff there can help with a variety of research and other questions.
The third floor of the library is actually the entry floor.
- 3. Getting to know your professors is an extremely important way to be successful at Denison in and out of the classroom, but don't forget to introduce yourself to the department secretary for your major or any department where you have interest as well. I know a lot of Denison students who talk with their department secretaries on a regular basis about classes, career advice, or even just life in general.*
- 4. Be open to making a lot of friends your first year at Denison! Freshman year is a great time to meet new people through classes, your dorm, clubs, or other activities."*

Devon '12



Valerie '13

"Your first few weeks and months on campus will be some of the most exhilarating, exciting, and exhausting you will ever experience – it's the craziest feeling in the world, and there is nothing like it. Don't be afraid to ask for help when you don't understand, to take a break when you get overwhelmed, to explore activities you'd never thought would interest you, and to introduce yourself to everyone around you. You will soon find that the workload doesn't even compete with the fun you'll have discovering who you are and what ignites you to go out and change the world. I promise that before you know it, you'll feel like you've always been at home here. Get excited for an incredible four years, enjoy the transition, and most importantly – welcome to the hill!"



"Once you step foot on campus your transformation as a Denisonian begins, and before you know it, four years pass

and you have flourished into a young adult. It is so easy to just go to class and hang out with your friends but how is that different from any other time in your life? I challenge you to make a difference on campus, leave your footprint so we all know that you were here. Establish those meaningful relationships with your friends, professors, administration and staff they will keep you strong during your journey. Reach out to a fellow Denisonian, maybe a few words can change their life. Join and or lead an organization or two, to keep yourself involved but also make it a learning experience. I can assure you if you just be yourself, everything that follows will fall into place. Lastly, do not take these years for granted make them last for as long as you can while challenging yourself mentally, physically, and emotionally."

Michelle '12

"When I first came to Denison, I was so scared of how busy college life was going to be that I failed to get involved in different organizations around campus. By the time I realized that there actually was such a thing as free time in college I had already missed the involvement fair and all the inaugural meetings of Denison's many clubs and organizations so I decided to just wait it out until my sophomore year to get involved. What I know now that I wish I had known then is that all the organizations on campus are extremely welcoming of new members even if it's in the middle of a semester. It's never a bad time to get involved on Denison's campus! "



Sam '13



"My main piece of advice would be to step out of your comfort zone and try something new. It may be a new sport, club, or class. Definitely go to the involvement fair at the beginning of the year and sign up for any clubs that sounds interesting (even if you've never tried it before)! Never be afraid to step out of your comfort zone. While it might seem a bit scary at first, it is completely worth it! My first semester, I ended up taking an acting class because it worked with my schedule; I had never done acting before, but it quickly became my favorite class and led me to take more courses in the department. Be adventurous! "

Rachel '14

"I am a firm believer that in order to be a successful student is to find a way to balance the different things you're involved in, whether that be academics, extracurricular activities or your social life. Remember, the main reason that you came to college is to continue your education, so academics should come first! Finding a way to balance your life at Denison may seem like a daunting task, but once you experience college life for yourself, you will find that it is very manageable. Professors, advisors, TAs and fellow students are all willing to help you succeed, so please, take advantage of them! (Also, the career center is a wonderful place to get help and information about resumes, internships, graduate schools, etc. so don't be afraid to stop by). Another piece of advice to the class of 2015 will be to come to Denison with an open mind-set and a willingness to try new and exciting things. Be open to trying to activities, taking different classes, talking and making friends with different groups of people. Four years may seem like a lot of time, but as a rising senior, I seem to have blinked and three years of my college life have gone by. Work hard in school and get involved in different sports, clubs and organizations, but remember to find some "you time" as well. Denison's campus is beautiful and this university has so much to offer. You're only a first year once, so embrace it! "

Hilary '12