

CLASS OF  
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## DEAR FGLI STUDENTS,

Welcome to Penn! We are so excited that you will be joining our community of first-generation and/or lower-income (FGLI, pronounced fig-lee) students! We know that as a student who might be the first in their family to go to college and/or a student whose family might not have significant financial resources, coming to Penn is an amazing accomplishment but one that comes with unique challenges. We invite you to become involved in our community, where you will find welcoming peers and tremendous support.

Penn First, one of several FGLI student groups on campus, is a vital resource for all FGLI students at Penn. Penn First helps to create a unified community and connects students to resources that have helped all of us thrive at Penn. For more information, please like the Facebook page, "[Penn First](#)," and join the Facebook group, "[Penn First Members](#)." Once on campus, Penn First will help introduce you to other organizations designed to support our community, including FGLIQ, a group for queer FGLI students, and FGLinTech.

In addition, there are two offices that serve our community. The FGLI Program, housed in the Greenfield Intercultural Center, is a "home away from home" for many students and has many resources, including a donated textbook library, study groups, a community kitchen, a food pantry, and more! We encourage you to get to know the caring staff there early in your Penn career, as they will be one of your most valuable resources. You can learn more about the program at [www.vpul.upenn.edu/fgli](http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/fgli).

Penn First Plus (PIP), launched in January 2019, is the hub on campus for all academic and related resources for our first-generation and lower-to-middle-income undergraduates. They provide guidance to faculty and staff on how to be more inclusive of the FGLI population while also advocating on behalf of the community and individual students. To join PIP's newsletter, please submit your Penn email address to Executive Director of PIP, Dr. Marc Lo ([lomarc@upenn.edu](mailto:lomarc@upenn.edu)).

Our NSO programs are designed to help you meet your fellow FGLI peers and important mentors, as well as learn about valuable resources. We hope that your journey through Penn and Philadelphia is filled with exciting discoveries and life-changing experiences. No matter what your interests are, we hope you know that you have a place in our community. We can't wait to meet you!

Sincerely,

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## TUESDAY

### AUGUST 20

**9am-5pm**

#### **FIRST-GENERATION AND/OR LOWER-INCOME STUDENT WELCOME CENTER**

Meet the FGLI PHINS, pick up orientation materials, and get introduced to the resources available at the Student Services Expo and Campus Express. This event will also take place at the same time and location on Wednesday, August 21.

**Location:** 1st Floor Lobby, Houston Hall

**1:30pm-3:30pm**

#### **SHOPPING TRIP**

Take a bus to buy necessities for your room.

**Location:** Corner of 36th and Walnut streets

**5pm-6pm**

#### **PENNKIPP WELCOME ORIENTATION**

Incoming KIPP scholars are invited to meet the PennKIPP Class of 2023 cohort, current PennKIPP ambassadors, and program director. PennKIPP is a proud FGLI and P1P ally. Penn's Knowledge is Power Program supports diverse academically talented KIPP alumni through mentorship, academic, cultural, social, financial, and leadership development opportunities designed to promote academic and career success.

**Location:** Greenfield Intercultural Center, 3708 Chestnut Street

**6:30pm-8:30pm**

#### **WELCOME BBQ AND INTRODUCTION TO THE FGLI PROGRAM**

Enjoy a meal and meet fellow FGLI students, staff, and some local alumni.

**Location:** Tent on Penn Commons

**8:30pm-10pm**

#### **GAME NIGHT**

A night of snacks and fun mocktails where students will be able to eat, drink, mingle, and play classic games in an exciting atmosphere.

**Location:** Hall of Flags, Houston Hall

**M Mandatory Events**

## WEDNESDAY

### AUGUST 21

**9am-10am**

#### **MEET AND GREET WITH THE PENN FGLI COMMUNITY**

Up early for your first official day of NSO? Stop by the Annenberg Center and meet other incoming FGLI students and families, the FGLI PHINS, and professional staff from the FGLI Program. Light refreshments provided.

**Location:** Lobby, Annenberg Center

**M 10am-11am**

#### **FGLI WELCOME SESSION**

Learn about resources on campus specifically for FGLI students from Penn First Plus, the FGLI Program, and representatives from FGLI student groups. Families are welcome to attend.

**Location:** Zellerbach, Annenberg Center

**11am-12pm**

#### **LUNCH WITH FGLI PHINS**

Enjoy lunch with the FGLI PHINS and learn more about their Penn experiences. Families are welcome.

**Location:** Tent on Penn Commons

**12:30pm-1:30pm**

#### **INTRODUCTION TO CULTURAL CENTERS AND RESOURCES FOR FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS**

Learn from returning students as they describe the programs and services designed to support ethnic, LGBTQ+, first-generation, and all students interested in intercultural programs. Mingle with center staff and students and enjoy delicious desserts provided in the lobby afterwards where parents and students can ask additional questions.

**Location:** Zellerbach, Annenberg Center

**2pm-3pm**

#### **HOW TO "FINESSE" YOUR PENN EXPERIENCE**

FGLI upperclassmen share insight into how to best utilize the University's resources to fulfill their needs as FGLI students. Students will have the opportunity to learn strategies for navigating Penn effectively.

**Location:** Prince Theatre, Annenberg Center