Welcome to the Washington College community!
We are very pleased that you have joined Washington College’s Class of 2020 and we are eagerly preparing for your arrival. Check out washcoll.edu/new for lots of important information about getting ready for Washington College.

Between now and your move-in day in August, there are quite a few things you must do. Please complete the steps below by the dates indicated to ensure your smooth transition to Washington College.

**Step One: Claim your email account**
Directions for setting up your User ID name and password and claiming your washcoll.edu email account are enclosed. You will need your User ID and password to log in to WebAdvisor to register for Summer Advising, take the required placement exams and complete the Financial Responsibility Form and housing forms. On WebAdvisor you will also find important information such as financial aid and bills and, later in the summer, your course schedule and faculty advisor.

You will receive a lot of other important information at this email account over the summer, so it’s very important to set it up now and check it regularly.

**Step Two: Register for Summer Advising**
Registration for Summer Advising opens Monday, May 2.

- Go to washcoll.edu/new and click on the Summer Advising link.
- Click on the link to WebAdvisor in the text, log in under Students.
- Click on Summer Advising under Miscellaneous Options and select an attendance date (June 20, 22 or 24).
- Click Submit and you will get a message telling you whether that date is available. If it is available, click Register and you will receive a message that you have successfully registered for the date you choose.

If the date you chose is not available, choose another date and follow the same steps to register for that date.

After you register for a date you do not get an email confirmation. To check that you are registered for the date you chose, log back in to WebAdvisor and try to register again. You will get a message that you are already registered for a specific date.

You can register for Summer Advising or change your date on WebAdvisor anytime from May 2 to June 10 at 4:30 pm. After June 10, call the Provost’s Office (410-778-7206). We hold places in all courses for each of the three days of Summer Advising, so you have the same chance of getting into a course no matter which day you attend.

**If you cannot attend Summer Advising:** While we urge you to attend Summer Advising, we are happy to help you register for your Fall 2016 classes in person or by skype or phone any time after June 27. Students who do not attend Summer Advising in June must attend a make-up session on August 24 that will include some of the sessions given in June. To make an appointment to register for your courses and for information on the August make-up session, please call Ms. Jennifer Schultz at 410-778-7206 or email jschultz2@washcoll.edu.
**Step Three: Complete your campus housing forms**

At Washington College much of your out-of-class learning will occur in your residence hall; the on-campus living experience is one of the most rewarding aspects of your education. Please complete the forms below by June 1. All are available on WebAdvisor under Residence Life Options:

- Housing Contract: You will choose a meal plan when you complete this contract
- Housing Preference Form

And have your parents/guardians complete:

- Parent/Guardian Form

If you have questions as you complete your housing forms, visit Residential Life at [http://www.washcoll.edu/offices/residential-life/new-students.php](http://www.washcoll.edu/offices/residential-life/new-students.php), for information about each hall, themed housing, Resident Assistants and much more.

For students who complete their housing forms by June 1, we anticipate that housing assignments will be posted on WebAdvisor on or about June 16.

**Step Four: Prepare for Summer Advising**

Summer Advising introduces you to the demands of college academics and the College’s co-curricular programs and academic and other resources. You will hear from College faculty, learn about the Honor Code and meet representatives from key offices, including Residence Life, Athletics, Career Development, Health Services, Counseling Services, Intercultural Affairs and the academic resource offices. Parents can attend sessions on life outside of the classroom, career development services, the transition to college academics, and more. For details, click on Summer Advising at washcoll.edu/new.

The Summer Advising program is designed for new students and their parents or guardians. We don’t recommend attending with other family members or friends.

To prepare for Summer Advising, please do the following:

**Take the Foreign Language and Math Placement Surveys and Exams:** Directions are enclosed. These exams open on May 2 and you must complete the Language exam by June 15 and the Math exam by June 10. You will not be allowed to register for Fall 2016 classes at Summer Advising or later unless you have taken the Math Placement Exam and either taken the Foreign Language Exam or indicated on the placement survey why you qualify for not taking it.

**Complete the Financial Responsibility Form on WebAdvisor:** Students receive bills and statements online via WebAdvisor and get a monthly email reminder about their statement at their washcoll.edu email address. Complete the required Financial Responsibility Form in order to add at least one additional email address so a person responsible for paying the bill will also receive an email alert that the bill is available for viewing/printing. You will not be allowed to register for Fall 2016 classes at Summer Advising or later unless you have completed the Financial Responsibility Form.

**Complete your Summer Advising Course Selection Worksheet:** The worksheet is available at washcoll.edu/new under Summer Advising. Please review the information at washcoll.edu/new under First Year Academics, where you will find:

- Suggestions for how to select courses and balance your course load.
- Explanations of the first year writing requirement and the general education and distribution requirements.
A list of courses most appropriate for first year students (one third of the available seats listed for each course is available on each day of Summer Advising).

Then complete your Summer Advising Course Selection Worksheet and bring it with you to your individual advising appointment with a faculty summer advisor who will help you register for your Fall 2016 courses.

Step Five: Complete your Student Health Form
Health Services will mail you separately the Student Health Form and information about the online Health Insurance Waiver. The Student Health Form includes a section that your health care provider must complete.

Please complete the Health Insurance Waiver, if necessary, and return the Student Health Form to Health Services by July 15, 2016.

The completed Student Health Form is required in order for you to check in to the College and move into your room. Students who haven’t completed the Student Health Form will not be allowed to move into their residence hall.

Step Six: Read the First Year Book
The class of 2020 First Year Book is Ways to Disappear, the first novel by Idra Novey, acclaimed poet and translator of Spanish and Portuguese literature. You will get a copy at Summer Advising and we will mail it to those who cannot attend Summer Advising. Idra Novey will be on campus to speak with the first year class in September.

Ways to Disappear is a literary mystery about a fictional Brazilian writer and her American translator, Emma, who flies to Brazil when the author goes missing. This novel raises issues about truth, meaning and translation and questions what we can really know about others and how we know it. It also features themes about perseverance, collaboration, finding oneself and getting lost, and acclimating oneself to a new climate. Like Emma, the young translator, you will be embarking on a journey to a new place with a culture that’s new to you. So Ways to Disappear will allow you to think about how to get to know others and the extent to which you want to ‘disappear’ into this new culture.

The New York Times: “…this lush and tightly woven novel manages to be a meditation on all forms of translation while still charging forward with the momentum of a bullet.” (http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/28/books/review/ways-to-disappear-by-idra-novey.html?_r=0)

Publisher’s Weekly: “…this briskly paced first novel is a clever literary mystery and a playful portrait of the artist as a young translator. …But underlying these comic noir elements is an eloquent meditation on the art and anxiety of translation, as well as a story about literature as a means of revelation and concealment: who ultimately knows more about the secretive missing woman, the translator intimately familiar with her writing or the children who have never finished any of her books?” (http://www.publishersweekly.com/978-0-316-29849-0)

Step Seven: Complete your Summer To-Do Items At Summer Advising, we will go over a number of requirements that all new students must complete before classes start in August. These include an online course on alcohol and sexual assault called Think About It!, a skills and interests survey from the Center for Career Development and the Summer Survey. Additionally, new students will create a WACAlerts account (our emergency notification system) and download the LiveSafe app on their phone.

New students who do not attend Summer Advising in June must still complete the above requirements before arriving to campus in August. After June 27 details about these requirements will be at washcoll.edu/new.
Step Eight: Arrive and Move in!
New Student Orientation, required for all new students, begins on August 25, 2016. If you are participating in a fall varsity sport, attending a pre-orientation program, attending Make-up Advising, or are an international student, your move in date will be earlier. Those dates and details about move in will soon be posted at washcoll.edu/new under Moving In and Orientation. All new students (freshmen and transfers) must attend New Student Orientation.

If you would like to stay overnight in the Chestertown area for Summer Advising or Move-in Day, there’s a list of accommodations at http://www.washcoll.edu/about/visiting.php.

Sincerely,

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Patrice DiQuinzio
Associate Provost for Academic Services

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