

Heyo Class o' 2015!

I truly and sincerely hope that each and every one of you is experiencing an epically awesome summer.

On behalf of Manresa and Xavier, we cannot wait to welcome you into the XU community! From personal experience, Xavier has the ability to provide whatever you deem necessary for your collegiate experience and is the place to make these years at school some of the best you will remember!

I have some recommendations about campus life for you all, and would like to begin by claiming some things for those commuter students out there, like myself.

For all commuter students, I have to admit that your favorite place on campus will quickly become the Gallagher Student Center! And this is for an array of reasons. Essentially, GSC is at the center of campus and is a commuter's best resource. In Gallagher, there are lockers available for your books, bags, jackets, etc. so you wouldn't have to take everything to class with you. There also is the newly owned Commuter's lounge with tables, couches, a TV, microwave and refrigerator! You can also find computers to use: either laptops from the front desk of Gallagher or the computer lounge in the lobby. Gallagher also provides food options, including: Subway, Blue Gibbon (oriental food), Ryan's Pub, and Fresh Fusions (a salad shop).

Commuters can also purchase one of the six Commuter meal plans, which include an amount of meals per week or semester and a conjoint amount of money for Xcash. Visit www.dineoncampus.com/xu for more information on meal plans.

Commuter students must purchase a parking pass to be able to park on campus. Parking passes are available from Campus Police, located in Flynn Hall on Herald Avenue. Commuter passes are \$100 for the entire year and entitle students to park in any of the commuter parking lots. For more information on parking, visit <http://www.xavier.edu/xucp/parking>.

Commuter Services hosts a number of events for commuters such as dinners and short trips. This is a great way to connect with other commuters. To get more information about Commuter Services, check out the website at www.xavier.edu/commuter.

I really encourage commuter students to get involved on campus. Being involved in clubs, activities, and sports is the fastest and most effective way to meet other XU students (well, besides Manresa). It will also ensure that you are making the most of your college experience.

For those of you that are living on campus, I have a message for you as well!

For residents students, living on campus can be one of the most enjoyable and memorable aspects of life at Xavier! More than 2,500 students live on campus in residence halls. Fall housing information usually arrives in mid-summer so keep checking the mail for your info!

If you haven't yet, it would be wise to contact your roommate(s) to figure out who is bringing what (i.e. TV, carpet, refrigerator, microwave, etc.). You should be getting a list of those things in the mail from Resident Life to help you with the process of preparing for on campus housing, or you can visit the Res. Life website at <http://www.xavier.edu/reslife> . This might also be a great time to discuss your expectations as roommates and get the ball rolling on your rommie relationship!

First-year students may have cars on campus. However, resident students who wish to bring a car to campus must purchase a parking pass. Parking passes are available from Campus Police, located in Flynn Hall on Herald Avenue. Resident passes are \$120 for the entire year and entitle students to park in any of the resident parking lots. For more information on parking, visit <http://www.xavier.edu/xucp/parking.cfm>.

That's all I have about Campus life, as for now! I really recommend that you check those websites out if you're curious about dining, parking passes, commuter life, and Res. Life in general. If you have departmental questions, I would go straight to www.xavier.edu and search the department you are curious about, as most of everyone has updated and easy to navigate pages!

If you have anything for me, please call at (513) 745-3662 or email at Manresa@xavier.edu. On behalf of Manresa, we look forward to meeting you shortly!

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