



First Things First

Supporting you before day one.

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Welcome to **First Things First**, your (mostly) biweekly newsletter that will guide you smoothly through summer, and get you prepared for life at Bates. Our commitment to you: **no unnecessary emails**. We (the [First-Year Experience Team](#)) will only email you when there's something super important to share - a new resource to explore, a new student form deadline, ranking courses for the fall, etc. So every time you see **First Things First** in your inbox, **read it**. It's worth it, we promise!

For all of the other **fun stuff** that comes with being a Batesie, be sure to follow the *official* [Bates Class of 2030 Instagram](#). We'll be posting all summer and throughout Orientation with need-to-know information, and a sprinkle of that special Bates touch. If you haven't already, you can also introduce yourself to your fellow new students, and start to get a feel for who the Bates class of '30 is. Only new students are allowed in - it's your exclusive space to express yourself, get to know other new Batesies, and learn more about Bates culture.

Today's Updates:

- **Claim your Bates network credentials:** Earlier this week, you received a letter in [your Admission portal](#) with instructions on how to do so. Claiming your credentials gives you access to the dozens of platforms that support your success at Bates, including those you'll use this summer - Bates Gmail, Garnet Gateway, and Lyceum (home of **Bates 101**). If you haven't already, do so soon - starting next month, **First Things First** will **only** come to your Bates inbox.

- **Sign up to attend upcoming Course Registration Webinars:**
Happening Mondays 6/8 and 6/15 at 8:00pm ET, these webinars will give you basic information, tips, and tricks on navigating the fall course registration process. If you're interested in a specialized program, you'll want to prioritize taking certain classes in your first semester at Bates - these webinars will equip you with the knowledge you need to start off strong. Can't make either of the dates? No worries - we're recording them, and will share them with you shortly after they happen. [Review all the deets and sign up for a webinar here.](#)
- **You may have recently received a notification that the deadline to enroll or waive student health insurance was yesterday, May 27.**
Please note that this email was sent in error; the student health insurance form for new students will open on Tuesday, June 9, and is due on Monday, June 29.

That's it for now! If **anything** comes up at any time, don't hesitate to reach out to us by replying to this email, emailing fye@bates.edu, or calling us at 207.755.5900. We're so excited to welcome you to campus in the fall, and want to hear from you.

With Bobcat spirit,
The First-Year Experience Team at Bates



Upcoming Dates

- **Tue 6/2:** Bates 101 June Release
- **Mon 6/8:** Course Registration Webinar @ 8:00pm ET
- **Tue 6/9:** New Student Forms open on Garnet Gateway

[Check out all upcoming dates here.](#)

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