



# Destination Bates

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Welcome to **Destination Bates**, your (mostly) biweekly newsletter that guides you smoothly through summer, and gets you prepared for life at Bates.

## Today's updates:

- Your [Bates 101 July Resources](#) are now available on Garnet Gateway. The focal point of this release is the Constructive Dialogue Institute's ***Perspectives* program**. At Bates, you're going to be joining a community of students from a broad range of backgrounds and with diverse worldviews. To help set you up for success in this environment, *Perspectives* will equip you with the skills to navigate conversations across differences.
  - **All incoming students are required to take *Perspectives***. It's an important part of being a member of our community, is aligned with First-Year Experience values, and directly supports Bates' commitment to positively impacting the wider world through the transformative power of our differences.
  - We recommend that you complete the 25-minute lessons on the following timeline:
    - **By August 3**, complete the introduction and lessons 1 - 3
    - **By August 19**, complete lessons 4 - 6
    - If you meet these dates - completing lessons 1-3 by 8/3 and/or completing lessons 4-6 by 8/19 - **you will be entered into a drawing to win a Nintendo Switch 2, Sony wireless noise cancelling headphones, Bates beverage holders, or \$25 College Store gift cards!**
  - In a few minutes, you will receive an email titled: "**You have been invited to the Perspectives Program**" from <no-reply@constructivedialogue.org>. After accepting your invitation, you can leave and return to the lessons at anytime - [go here to log back in](#).
- A key resource for you in your first year at Bates will be your **Transfer Student Mentor**. Every new transfer student is matched with a mentor - another student who

transferred into Bates, and can provide perspective on navigating the environment - from classes to social life, and everything in between! **Please complete the [Transfer Student Mentor Match Form](#) by Monday, July 20th**, so we can match you with your mentor before you arrive on campus.

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](mailto: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

- **Mon 7/20:** Transfer Student Match Form is due.

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

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