



First Things First

Supporting you before day one.

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

Today's Updates:

- Your [Bates 101 August Resources](#) are now available on Garnet Gateway. This release introduces you to three mandatory online experiences that must be completed prior to arrival to campus:
 - **Support | Action | Accountability** (accessed via Garnet Gateway)
 - **Well-Being @ Bates Part 1** (accessed via personal invite to your Bates inbox)
 - **ResLife @ Bates** (accessed via personal invite to your Bates inbox)
 - These experiences are crafted intentionally for you as you prepare to start your Bates adventure in a few short weeks. While they are mandatory, they're also *worth it* - don't delay in engaging with them.
- As Arrival Day approaches, you may be wondering "How do I get a job on campus?" At Bates, we use a platform called [Handshake](#) to post on-campus jobs. Take a peek - many offices and departments already have fall positions available - and apply today! A guide to using Handshake can be found in your **Bates 101** August Resources.
- As a reminder, you are required to complete all 6 lessons of the *Perspectives* program by **Wednesday, August 19**. Upon doing so, you'll 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!** [You can access the program here.](#) [Check out the login guide here.](#) Questions? Shoot us an email at fye@bates.edu.

- **Reminder:** The [full Orientation schedule](#) is now live on the FYE website - note the tabs for General Orientation and In-Season Fall Athlete Orientation. There may be a few additions over the coming days, but this should give you a good idea of what's in store once 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, 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 8/17:** Round two of fall course registration results is released at noon ET.
- **Wed 8/19:**
 - All remaining New Student Forms are due on Garnet Gateway.
 - All *Perspectives* lessons must be complete.

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

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