New Student Orientation/Move-In Day

The excitement has been building over the summer to culminate in this one day, moving into the residence hall. You have been helping your student make lists of must haves, shopping for bed and bath linens and packing and re-packing suitcases, storage bins and boxes of possessions. The freshman orientation schedule is posted on the WBC webpage under “Freshman Orientation.” Become familiar with it, especially the first day which is move-in day. (The link can be found below.)

Here are some tips to get you ready for this important day.

- On move-in day you will be greeted by students at the entrance to Williams Baptist College and directed where to park.
- Check in will take place in the Swaim Administration Building.
- Follow directions about where to park for unloading. There will be people on campus to help you unload and move items into the residence hall. Make sure these helpers know your room assignment.
- Give yourself plenty of time. You will want to help your student unpack and arrange a little. Your student and his/her roommate will take care of the final decorating. Get to know your student’s roommate and family. You will also need to give yourself time to make a run to Walmart for those things you forgot or didn’t know you would need.
- Be patient with the process, the other families who are checking into the residence halls, and your student. Tell yourself now that the day may be hectic but it will be exciting.
- Stay hydrated. It will be warm and humid that day. Complimentary water will be available at the front of all residence halls.
- Plan now to make this a good memory for yourself and your student. Don’t forget you will be repeating this process for the next three years.

You can find some other helpful information at these sites:

http://www.wbcoll.edu/current_students/student_life/student_services/orientation.aspx

http://www.wbcoll.edu/current_students/student_life/housing_options/residence_halls/frequently_asked_questions.aspx

http://www.wbcoll.edu/current_students/student_life/housing_options/residence_halls/floor_plans.aspx