

We are excited that you have elected to participate in the 2015 Summer Bridge Academy. Now that you've been accepted and classes will be starting in just a few short weeks, there are a few items that we would like to remind you of to ensure a smooth transition into VSU.

Financial Aid

- **Students must complete *both* the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) forms.** If you have not done so, complete this process as soon as possible.
- For assistance, please visit VSU's Financial Aid website at <http://www.valdosta.edu/admissions/financial-aid/> or contact them at 229-333-5935.

Housing

- **SBA students will move in to Hopper Hall on June 7, 2015 from 1pm-4pm.** You must complete the summer and fall housing applications, and pay a one-time application fee of \$325.
- **Students must be out of Hopper Hall by Saturday, August 1, 2015 by 12pm.** Those who successfully complete the SBA program will be able to move their belongings into their new residence hall for the fall semester at that time.
- For more information, please visit the Housing & Residence Life website at <http://www.valdosta.edu/administration/finance-admin/auxiliary-services/housing/welcome.php> or contact Housing at 229-333-5920.

Course Registration & Payment Deadlines

- **Students will be registered for their SBA courses on May 21, 2015.** You may view your schedule of classes by logging into the Banner Registration system by visiting https://banweb.valdosta.edu/pls/prod/twbkwbis.P_WWWLogin .
- **Students will attend their Summer Orientation session on Monday, June 8, 2015.** Though their summer course schedule is already complete, students will register for their Fall 2015 classes at this time after they meet with their academic advisor. You must register for this session through the Office of Orientation and Leadership at : <http://www.valdosta.edu/student/orientation/welcome.php>
- **Payments must be made for all tuition and fees by no later than June 12, 2015 by 1:30pm.** You are encouraged to make these payments as soon as possible in order to avoid the risk of courses being dropped due to non-payment. Failure to make payments will result in your removal from the SBA program. You may view charges and make payments through the VSU Student Online Account Center at https://secure.touchnet.com/C20243_tsa/web/login.jsp
- **Excess Checks and reimbursement checks will be mailed on June 29, 2015.** For more information, please contact the VSU Bursary at 229-333-5718 or visit <http://www.valdosta.edu/administration/finance-admin/financial-services/students/services/> .
- **Classes begin on Wednesday, June 10th.** Final exams will be administered July 29th-30th.

Welcome Session

On Saturday, June 7th following move-in, we will host a brief welcome session for all parents and students participating in the SBA program.

- June 7, 2015 at 4:30pm: Welcome Session in Bailey Science Building, room 1011 (first floor)
- June 7, 2015 at 5:30pm: Cook-out in the Hopper Hall courtyard; free to all parents and students

Calendar of Events

Included with this letter is a copy of the calendar of events for the duration of the 2015 SBA program for your cohort. Students must attend all events marked as mandatory including all classes, tutoring sessions, and academic seminars. We are also offering a variety of social events designed to acclimate you to campus and allow you to get to know one another, while having a little fun as well. This calendar may also be viewed on the SBA website <https://www.valdosta.edu/admissions/undergraduate/summer-bridge-academy/welcome.php>.

Since you are spending your summer with us, we have tried to schedule some weekend events for you as well. VSU will be offering to take students to an Atlanta Braves game on Saturday, June 20th. There is no additional cost and you will be provided a game ticket, transportation to and from the stadium, as well as food and beverages. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact me as soon as possible as seating is very limited. We have also reserved a day at Wild Adventures theme park especially for you on Saturday, July 11th. Space is limited on both of these events, but we hope that you will join us for some fun.

Should you have any questions regarding the SBA program, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to meeting you on campus and GO BLAZERS!

Sincerely,

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