



A GUIDE TO GETTING STARTED AT HOPE COLLEGE

HOPE COLLEGE | HOLLAND, MI

Dear Hope College Class of 2029 and Families,



Welcome to the Hope College community!

We are so excited to partner with you as you begin this exciting new chapter. Whether you're a student preparing to take your first steps on campus or a parent supporting your student from home, this is the beginning of a transformative journey.

To help guide you through the important steps ahead, we've created this Guide to Getting Started at Hope College—your go-to resource for deadlines, to-do's and everything you need to be ready for the fall semester. This guide will walk you through key dates, housing information, orientation details and more. Throughout the summer, you will receive weekly emails that go into greater detail about everything presented here. Make sure you are checking your Hope College email!

Students, this is your time to take the lead. College is a time to grow—not only academically, but also personally. We encourage you to take ownership of your preparation for college: read your Hope email consistently, keep track of important deadlines and communicate directly with Hope staff if you have questions. The more you invest in this transition, the more confident and ready you'll feel when you arrive on campus.

Parents and families, we are so grateful for the role you play in supporting your student. We know this is a big transition for you as well. As much as you want to help, we ask you to step back just a bit—allowing your student the space to learn, stumble and succeed. One of the greatest gifts you can give them during this time is the opportunity to begin developing the independence they'll need throughout their college experience and beyond.

We are honored to welcome you into the Hope community. We can't wait to see all the ways you'll grow, lead and thrive in the months and years ahead.

With hope and excitement,

Your First Year Transition Team

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Summer Timeline

May 20, 2025

Class registration survey sent to your 1Hope email address

June 13, 2025

Housing application, including your Meal Plan selection, is due in your Housing Portal

June 18, 2025

Class registration survey is due

July 1, 2025

Deadline to waive or enroll in Hope's health insurance through the Wellfleet portal

July 1, 2025

Deadline to submit your health history, TB questionnaire and immunization record through your Health Center Patient Portal

July 1, 2025

Registration opens for Orientation

July 7, 2025

Emails will be sent to both students and guardians about how to access your e-bill

July 15, 2025

Course schedules will be available in your **plus.hope.edu** account

August 1, 2025

Clifton Strengths assessment and My Academic Advisor survey are both due

August 21–23, 2025

Family Orientation

August 21–24, 2025

New Student Orientation

August 25, 2025

First Day of Classes!



Websites and Portals

Bookmark and Save these Pages!

Business Services:

hope.edu/business

Dining:

hope.edu/dining (Update your dining plan through your Housing Portal)

Email:

1.hope.edu (Check your Hope email consistently throughout the summer!)

First Year Experience:

hope.edu/fye

Health Center:

hope.edu/healthcenter

Health Center Patient Portal:

hope.edu/patientportal

Housing Portal:

hope.edu/housing-portal

Registrar:

hope.edu/registrar

Residential Life:

hope.edu/reslife

Slate Portal:

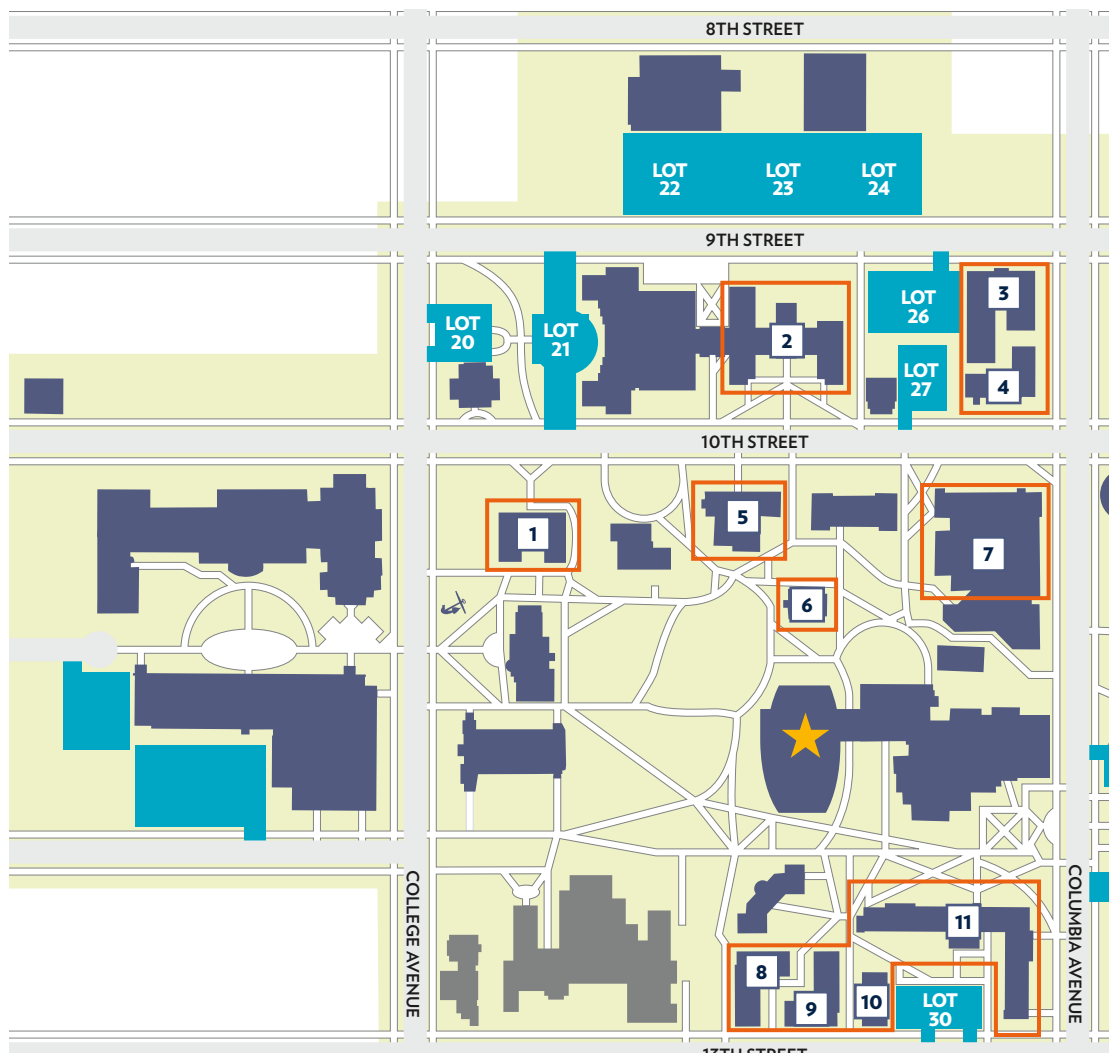
hope.edu/portal

Student account, course schedule and Handshake account:

plus.hope.edu



Move-in Map



**Residence
Halls**



**Parking
Lots**



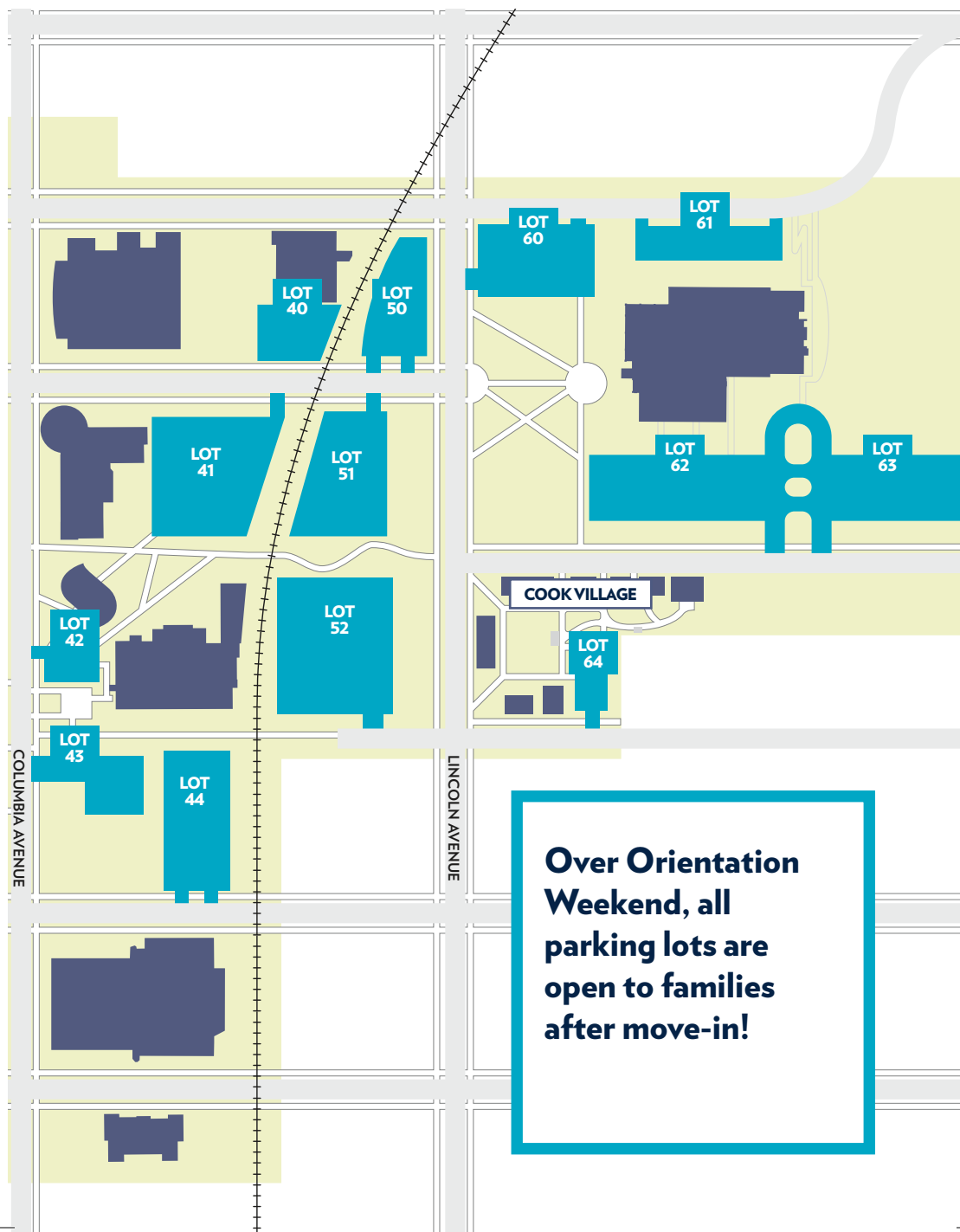
**Bultman
Student Center**

1. Voorhees Hall
2. Cook Hall
3. Dykstra Hall
4. Gilmore Hall

5. Durfee Hall
6. Van Vleck Hall
7. Phelps Hall
8. Wyckoff Hall

9. Scott Hall
10. Lichty Hall
11. Kollen Hall

Move-in Day Parking



**Over Orientation
Weekend, all
parking lots are
open to families
after move-in!**

Housing and Residential Life

Most first year students will live in a residence hall.
The room and features of each hall will vary.

If you have any questions about room measurements, amenities and whether lofting or bunking are permitted, visit hope.edu/reslife.

You will find a link to each residence hall, full of information and photos!

Sending Mail

(for all students who live on campus)

Student Name

Mail File # (from your Housing Portal)

141 E. 12th Street

Holland, MI 49423

**For more information, contact our
Housing and Residential Life Office**

housing@hope.edu



Dining Information

There is a meal plan to fit every preference and personal schedule. Students have through the first week of classes to adjust their meal plan through their Housing Portal.

Check out hope.edu/dining-plans for all of the benefits associated with each plan.

Would you like to speak with a chef about your allergies or dietary restrictions? Start here: hope.edu/dietary

For more information, contact our Dining Services office:

dining@hope.edu

Accessing Your E-Bill

Your first e-bill will arrive the week of July 7. Students and guardians will both receive an email to set up access as a “Payer.”

If you have any other questions, contact Business Services: businessservices@hope.edu or call **616.395.7810**.



Course Registration

Students complete their course registration survey by June 18. This survey includes information like any AP, IB or transfer credits, potential majors and specific courses you are interested in taking.

From there, the Registrar's staff will craft a unique schedule for every student. They have a vested interest in ensuring that all students start on the right path! If students have questions after receiving their schedule, they should reach out to firstyearreg@hope.edu.

For more information, contact our Registrar:
registrar@hope.edu

Computing and Information Technology (CIT)

Check out the CIT website for computer recommendations, FAQs and the unique services that this team offers.

hope.edu/cit

Contact our CIT department:
cit@hope.edu



Campus Safety



Campus Safety is on call 24/7/365! Check out the Campus Safety website, or stop by in person, to take advantage of any of their services:

Vehicle registration

Bike registration

Safety escorts

Campus shuttle

Lost and Found

ID cards

For more information, contact Campus Safety:

pubsafe@hope.edu

hope.edu/campus-safety

616.395.7770

The Health Center & Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

We are committed to caring for every student's physical and mental health! It is worth noting that these teams do not work full time over the summer, so response times will be slower.

Contact CAPS:

caps@hope.edu

hope.edu/caps

Contact the Health Center

healthcenter@hope.edu

hope.edu/healthcenter

Move-in Day!

In early August, students will sign up for a move in day time slot. These shifts allow for more space in the halls and the parking lots. Touch base with your roommate before signing up for a time slot, as some pairings prefer some personal space and others prefer to move in together.

When your vehicle pulls up to your residence hall, be prepared to check in with a photo ID. From there, teams of Orientation Assistants (OAs) in **orange t-shirts** will meet you and carry all of your belongings up to your room. Please make sure that you pre-label all belongings with your first and last name and room number.

Residential Life staff and Physical Plant staff will be in every hall to help with lofting, bunking and any questions you may have. Once your move in slot ends, please move your vehicle so that the next wave of families has space.



Orientation | August 21–24, 2025

Our goal is for you to have a smooth and easy transition to Hope.

The Orientation website contains detailed schedules for both students and families. Yes, families are included in Orientation!

Each student will be placed in a small group with two Orientation Assistants (OAs). The purpose of these groups, and the weekend as a whole, is to help you begin building community, learn to navigate campus and become familiar with life at Hope.

On Friday of Orientation, all students will have their first in-person meeting with their academic advisor! Advisors will contact their students via email in the week before move in with instructions for that meeting.

Still have questions? Contact Orientation:

orientation@hope.edu

hope.edu/orientation

On Instagram:

 **[hopeorientation](https://www.instagram.com/hopeorientation)**



2025–2026 Academic Year

August 25: Classes begin

September 1: Labor Day, classes in session

October 3: Fall Recess Begins, 6pm

October 8: Fall Recess Ends, 8am

October 17 and 18: One Big Weekend
Homecoming and Family Weekend

November 26: Thanksgiving Recess Begins

December 1: Thanksgiving Recess Ends, 8am

December 8 - 12: Semester Examinations

December 12: College Housing Closes, 5pm

January 10: College Housing Opens, 12pm

January 12: Classes Begin

February 13: Winter Recess Begins, 6pm

February 18: Winter Recess Ends, 8am

March 27: Spring Recess Begins, 8am

April 7: Spring Recess Ends, 8am

April 30: Honors Convocation

May 4 - 8: Semester Examinations

May 8: College Housing Closes, 5pm

May 10: Baccalaureate and Commencement



Academic Resources for Students

Academic Advisor

Your advisor is always a good first step when you have questions. Reach out to them via email or stop by in person. They want to get to know you and support your goals!

Academic Success Center

Free tutoring, academic coaching, group study sessions, peer partnership learning and study sessions.

hope.edu/asc

Disability and Accessibility Resources

Support for students who experience barriers as a result of a chronic medical condition, mental health, physical or sensory disability, an injury or temporary condition, learning disability and/or ADHD.

hope.edu/dar

Klooster Center for Excellence in Writing

Support for students through every phase of the writing process. Valuable for all majors.

hope.edu/klooster





Alumni and Family Engagement
DeWitt Student and Cultural Center
141 East 12th Street
Holland, MI 49423

