



Jay Chat: You've Deposited, Now What?

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This presentation contains many helpful links; it will be posted to etown.edu/orientation – Jay Chats so you can access it directly.



Enjoy every moment

The end-of-high school moments:

Write a thank you note to teachers, coaches, mentors who have made a difference

Acknowledge the great work that you've done – maybe that work is in the classroom, on the stage, on the field, at your church, in your community – or maybe that great work is inside of you

The summer moments:

Enjoy time with family & friends

Tell your friends & family that you are grateful for them & share why
Talk with your family about a goal you have for your first semester of college



After you deposit...

Visit the Orientation website for important dates & check out the New Blue Jay To-Do List
www.etown.edu/orientation



New Blue Jay To-Do List: Fall 2025

Welcome Blue Jays! Use this checklist to know what you need to do & when. www.etown.edu/orientation

February-June

- ☐ Complete required forms in your [applicant portal](#) (listed under your Checklist)
- ☐ Register to attend June Orientation in your [applicant portal](#)
- ☐ Complete and submit your [student health forms](#) **by July 1** – but get started today!
- ☐ Complete your [FAFSA](#) and apply for [Outside Scholarships](#)

March-May

- ☐ Complete your scheduling forms in your [applicant portal](#) by **May 25** (so we can build your fall schedule)
- ☐ Sign-in to your [Financial Aid – Student Aid Portal](#) and submit outstanding documents

May

- ☐ Activate your Etown account/email (you'll receive an email from our IT team on **May 5**)
- ☐ Review your Financial Aid offer in your [Financial Aid – Student Aid Portal](#) to accept or decline awards

June

- ☐ Submit your [student health forms](#) **by July 1**
- ☐ *Residential students*, complete your Housing forms **by June 30** (you'll receive an email with instructions)
- ☐ Complete the Student Life required online modules by **August 1** (you'll receive an email with instructions)
- ☐ Attend June New Student Orientation on June 27 or 28



Complete Forms for Fall Schedule Creation

**High School Course Information form
FYS Preferences form**

due May 26

During March-May, you'll complete forms sharing information about high school courses, dual enrolled courses, transfer credits, and more. We'll use this information to build your fall schedule.

You'll receive your fall schedule at June New Student Orientation. There will be opportunities to ask questions and make changes during June Orientation, as well as over the summer.



First Year Seminars

You will take a First Year Seminar class during your first semester. Each Seminar has a different topic and will assist you in your transition to college.

You'll rank your Seminar preferences in your status portal April-May.

Your First Year Seminar faculty member is your academic advisor for your first semester.

You will transition to an advisor in your major during your second semester.

You will have a peer mentor who works with your First Year Seminar. Peer mentors are sophomores, juniors, and seniors who serve as a guide and mentor to you during your first semester at Etown. They can answer those questions that you just don't know who to ask.



Weekly Emails: May-August 2 Tips on Tuesday

New students and families (if your student shared your email with us on their application!) will receive a weekly email from May-August with tips, to-do items, and much more.

If you didn't provide your family's email on your application, you can add it in the Contact & Demographic Info Form in your status portal.

Be sure to check your email regularly!



Etown Email

You will receive an email from our IT department on May 6 (if you deposited by May 1)
or 2-3 days after you deposit (if you deposited after May 1)
with instructions to set up your Etown account/email.

Please set this up as soon as possible

Summer emails (from Orientation) will be sent to your personal email and Etown email

Summer emails from Etown offices will be sent to your Etown email only

Once classes start in August, all email will be sent to your Etown email only



Housing Forms (residential students)

Due June 30

On May 9, you will receive an email from our Residence Life team with instructions on how to complete your housing forms and request a roommate.

If you don't have a roommate in mind, that's okay!

You may be able to find a roommate through our housing system. You can also meet your peers by joining the [Elizabethtown College Class of 2029 Accepted Students private Facebook group](#).

You may meet a student you'd like to room with at June Orientation.

You can complete your roommate request after June Orientation.



Student Health Forms

Due July 1

[Instructions](#) can be found on the [New Blue Jay To-Do List](#)
You will also receive an email the week of **May 12** with instructions.

Completed forms should be uploaded to our health records portal by July 1.
You must set up your Etown account before you can log into the health records portal.

June Orientation: June 27 & 28

You will get your fall schedule, meet your Seminar faculty, peer mentor and peers, tour residence halls, learn more about Etown, and get your questions answered

Pick one day to attend (both are identical); parking is at Leffler Chapel





Blue Jays
always

ETOWN

wave
hello

to your home
away from
home

ETOWN

Leffler
Chapel



What if I can't attend June New Student Orientation?

We will miss you, of course, but this is certainly fine! All new students will receive an email after June Orientation with information on how to access your schedule, as well as other important details (including recordings of most sessions).



July & August: New Blue Jay To-Do List

July

- ☐ Apply for [Parent Plus Loan](#) or [Private Loan](#) if additional Financial Aid is needed for your student bill
- ☐ Enroll in or waive our [student health insurance](#)
- ☐ Understand [meal plans](#) for eating on campus
- ☐ Submit your [tuition payment](#) by **August 1** ([Learn how to set up your online payment account](#))
- ☐ Complete the Student Life required online modules by **August 1** (you'll receive an email with instructions)
- ☐ [Register your vehicle](#) by **August 10**, if you're bringing one to campus ([Parking Regulations](#))

August

- ☐ Complete your [New Student Tech Orientation](#)
- ☐ *Residential students*, check out our [packing list](#)
- ☐ *Commuting students*, learn more about [commuter student services](#)
- ☐ Complete your Preliminary Check-in process (you'll receive an email with instructions)
- ☐ Understand [Inclusive Access course materials](#) (online textbooks) & check your email for your course materials
- ☐ Share your [mailing address](#) with friends (mailbox number found in [Jayweb](#): Housing-Campus Mailbox Info)



Student Life Online Modules

Due August 1

You will receive an email after June Orientation with instructions.

You must complete these online modules before check-in.



Jay Chat: July 21 from 8-9 pm

What to expect on check-in day

Jay Chats are informational sessions hosted on Zoom to help you learn more about this transition and get your questions answered. New students and their families are invited to attend. You'll learn helpful information about what to expect, and you'll have the opportunity to ask questions.

Jay Chats are recorded, so even if you can't join us live, you can watch the recording. Recordings and PowerPoint slides (with links) can be found on our website.

Check-in / Move-in Day: August 22 (9 am-1 pm)

All new students will check-in on this day (both residential and commuting students).

Early arrival dates & check-in day details: www.etown.edu/orientation





Convocation: August 22 at 3:00 pm

A beloved Etown tradition, our Convocation Ceremony kicks off our academic year. Faculty, staff, and student leaders welcome our newest Etown students to the Blue Jay community. Families are invited to attend.



August New Student Orientation: August 22-24

August Orientation begins after Convocation. Families are asked to say their good-byes and depart campus once Convocation ends. You will learn about Etown resources and student expectations, get to know your peers, learn to navigate the campus and the local community, & have a lot of fun!







First day of classes: August 25

During August Orientation, your peer mentor will give you a tour of campus. Part of that tour will include finding all of your classrooms for your classes. We want to ensure you know where you're going on your first day!

Be sure to bookmark our [Academic Calendars](#) website. This is where you'll find semester dates, breaks, and other important information.



Frequently Asked Questions

Check out our FAQs website to learn important information
and find the answers to your questions

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