Orientation Week
August 6-14th

The Orientation program for incoming Fall 2011 students will be held Saturday, August 6, 2011 – August 14th. All of the programs and activities scheduled for this week are designed to provide a pathway to excellence for your first year at Shaw University. Throughout the week students will participate in a number of academic workshops and fun evening activities designed to not only introduce you to Shaw University programs and services, but also prepare you for a fantastic first year.

Beginning on Saturday August 6th, students with the with last names beginning with the letters A-K should report promptly to the Research Building at 7:00 a.m. On August 7th, students with last names beginning with the letters L-Z should also report promptly to the Research Building at 7:00 a.m. Students will be checked in and will receive important information related to Orientation Week in the Research Building. Additionally, students will complete their fiscal clearance process and move into their dorms on their assigned days.

On Monday August 8th and Tuesday August 9th, students will take a college-level proficiency test similar to the SAT and ACT. Students will be directed to testing sites by their Orientation Leaders and Staff. The Accuplacer test will cover sentence structure, reading comprehension, math, and writing. The test will help the University in placing students in the appropriate courses for their first year at Shaw University. The test will begin promptly at 9:15 a.m. on both Monday and Tuesday. Students must be on time for this test. Once the test has begun, students will not be allowed to enter the room. Also, please remember to bring a form of identification.

On Thursday August 11th and Friday August 12th, students will complete the College Student Inventory or CSI. Like the Accuplacer test, the CSI is designed to help both the student and their advisor understand their academic needs and make appropriate recommendations to help students achieve their goals. This test will begin promptly at 9:15 a.m. Once the test has begun, students will not be allowed to enter the room. Please bring a form of identification. Additionally, on Thursday, students will meet many of their Instructors and Academic Advisors, and complete registration for the Fall semester.

To close out Orientation Week, we have planned a wonderful celebration Saturday August 13th. On Sunday August 14th, we will hold worship service and the “Ringing of the Bell” ceremony in the Chapel. For ladies, please remember that you must have a white dress blouse, gray dress slacks or a business length gray skirt, and black dress shoes, and hosiery. Gentlemen must have a white dress shirt, gray slacks, and black dress shoes.

We look forward to seeing you in the Fall. If you have any questions, please contact us at 919-582-3760.

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