All of us in the Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS) welcome you to DePaul University! This email is part of a series of communications our office is sending to help you prepare for your arrival in Chicago. In case you miss any of our communication, we will also have it posted to our website so you may catch up on the various topics covered. Also please don’t forget to visit our website to learn more about how to register for your international student orientation and what to expect.

THIS WEEK: HOW TO GET INVOLVED AT DEPAUL UNIVERSITY
As you prepare to come to DePaul University, we want you to start thinking about how you will get involved in our campus community. Once you arrive, there will be many opportunities to meet friends while you explore Chicago. Below are the top ten ways we recommend you get to know DePaul!

1. **Join the ISEE Peer Mentor Program!** ISEE or the "International Student Experience Exchange" Peer Mentor Program at DePaul University. ISEE pairs current DePaul students with new incoming international students and helps students adjust to life in the U.S. If you would like to be paired with an ISEE Peer Mentor and participate in this program, please complete the Mentee Application Form. To learn more about this program, go to the ISEE Peer Mentor Program link or check out the ISEE Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/ISEEDePaul](https://www.facebook.com/ISEEDePaul).

2. **Join a Student Organization!** The Office of Student Involvement offers many on-campus activities and opportunities to join over 300 Student Clubs and Organizations. We recommend the DePaul International Student Organization!

3. **Attend a Global Coffee Hour** to meet U.S. and international students and talk about your transition to Chicago and DePaul.

4. **Attend a Bon Appetit Lunch.** Every month the Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS) sponsors a lunch at a local Chicago restaurant.

5. **Volunteer with the DePaul Community Service Association** to explore and get involved in Chicago through community service and civic engagement. You can also contact University Ministry to find out about how to connect with students and worship in Chicago.
6. **Camp, kayak, climb rock-walls or play sports with Campus Recreation** provides access to a state of the art fitness facility on campus where you can exercise and participate in team sports. They also host outdoor adventure programs including camping, kayaking, rock-wall climbing and more.

7. **Walk and Talk and explore Chicago through Collaborative for Multilingual Writing and Research’s** workshops and activities for non-native speakers of English. Programs include ways to practice your spoken English while exploring the city through Conversation Partners, Conversation and Culture, Book Clubs, Walk and Talks in Chicago neighborhoods, and Workshops.

8. **Celebrate the different aspects of culture through the Center for Intercultural Programs’** many cultural arts programs that provide students the opportunity to learn about and celebrate the different aspects of their culture: Cultural Cafes, a Speaker Series, and DiverseCity Tours.

9. **Become a conversation partner or language tutor** for the Department of Modern Languages.

10. Go to a **Blue Demons** Basketball game!

Again, welcome to DePaul University!

Best regards,
Hiwoté, Garrett, Jennie, Amanda, Dan, Ewa, Sandra, Justin and Monica
The OISS Team

*Why am I receiving this email?*
*Soon you will be arriving in Chicago to begin your academic adventure here at DePaul University. DePaul is a large university and the Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS) will connect you to the many resources you need to be successful here. In the weeks preceding your arrival OISS will send you emails with information that will help you prepare for your arrival. In case you miss any of our communication, we will also have it posted to our website so you may catch up on the various topics covered.*