



international & tck student

# ORIENTATION

AUGUST 16-22  
2024



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COLLEGE

# welcome!

we're so glad you're here.

This is your guide to  
everything happening for the  
2024 International & TCK  
Student Orientation.

Be sure to connect with the  
Center for Global Engagement staff  
with any questions or concerns!



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CENTER FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

# day one.

## FRIDAY 8.16.24

7-8:30 am	Breakfast	Phelps Dining Hall
9:00 am	Orientation Kickoff	MMC 1st fl. rotunda
10:00 am	Student Expectations & Icebreakers	MMC 239
11:30 am	Explore Michigan Meeting	MMC 239
12 noon	Lunch	Phelps Dining Hall
1:00 pm	Immigration Session I & Photos: (Bring passport, I-20 or DS-2019, & I-94)	MMC 239
2:00 pm	Health & Safety Session I: Campus Safety Briefing	MMC 239
2:30 pm	Campus Tour	Campus
4:00 pm	Cultural Adjustment Session I: IRC Events, Host Family Program, Images & Food Fair (OAs), Calendar	MMC 239
5:00 pm	Dinner	Phelps Dining Hall
8:00 pm	Shopping at Meijer / Free Time	Meet at flagpole by DeWitt





# days two-four.

## EXPLORE *michigan*

An orientation trip just for  
international and TCK freshmen students

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17 -  
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2024**

Meet in the MMC 1st floor rotunda at 7:45 am on  
Saturday, August 17 with your bag for Explore Michigan packed!

We will return to campus on Monday evening, August 19.

The trip itinerary will be distributed at the Explore Michigan meeting.



# day five.

## TUESDAY 8.20.24

7:30 am	Breakfast	Phelps Dining Hall
8:00 am	Health & Safety Session II: Vaccination clinic & TB testing	Health Center
11:00 am	Academic Session I: Boerigter Center Vocational Discernment and Academic Major Selections	MMC 239
12 noon	Lunch	Phelps Dining Hall
1:05 pm	Student Support - Registrar's Office	MMC 239
1:30 pm	Academic Session II: Plagiarism	MMC 239
2:30 pm	Break	
3:00 pm	Business Services & Insurance Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Insurance</li><li>• Where to find the information about Hope's Insurance</li><li>• Questions about payment</li><li>• Financial Hold</li></ul>	MMC 239
3:35 pm	Review schedule and commitments	MMC 239
4:00 pm	Free Time: Explore bookstore/campus	
5:00 pm	Dinner	Phelps Dining Hall
7 - 9 pm	Shopping at Walmart / Free Time	Meet at flagpole by DeWitt

# day six.

## WEDNESDAY

### 8.21.24

7:30 am	Breakfast	Phelps Dining Hall
9:00 am	Academic Session III: Faculty Panel	MMC 239
9:50 am	Break	
10:00 am	Academic Session IV: Academic Success Center	MMC 239
10:30 am	Cultural Adjustment Session II: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cultural Intelligence</li></ul>	MMC 239
11:30 am	Walk to the Van Wylen Library	Campus
11:30 am	Academic Session V: Library	Van Wylen Library
12 noon	Lunch	Phelps Dining Hall
1:00 pm	Academic Session VI: Registrar's Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is in <a href="https://plus.hope.edu/">plus.hope.edu</a>?</li><li>• How to make a schedule change</li></ul>	MMC 239
1:15 pm	Computing & Information Tech (CIT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Navigate Moodle &amp; CIT Services</li></ul>	MMC 239
1:35 pm	ODs & OAs - Activity with Students	MMC 239
2:00 pm	Health & Safety Session III: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Health benefit/services (Health Ctr)</li><li>• Counseling &amp; Confidentiality (CAPS)</li></ul>	MMC 239
3:00 pm	Learn about All Freshmen Orientation	MMC 239
3:20 pm	Review Thursday's schedule	MMC 239
4:00 pm	Picnic at Kollen Park	Leave from MMC 1st fl. rotunda at 4pm

# day seven.

## THURSDAY 8.22.24

7:30 am	Breakfast	Phelps Dining Hall
9:00 am	Health & Safety Session IV: Title IX Training	MMC 239
9:35 am	Immigration Session II: Traveling, PDSO/DSO roles, maintaining status, on-Campus Employment, Social Security Number, Driver's License Note: concurrent TCK session in MMC 238	MMC 239
10:30 am	International Orientation Wrap-up	MMC 135
11:00 am	Free time	
12 noon	Lunch	Phelps Dining Hall

Join the 2024 All Freshmen Orientation on  
Thursday, August 22 at 1:00 pm!

Classes begin on Monday, August 26, 2024

# Meet Your Orientation Directors

## Steven

Hi! My name is Steven Awad, and I will be one of your Orientation Directors. I am a TCK. I was born in the United States, my parents are Egyptian, and I lived in Dubai for 14 years before moving to Maryland in the U.S. four years ago.



I am a Junior here at Hope College on the pre-med track studying biology as my major while doing minors in neuroscience and religion!

I love being a part of Orientation because I get to meet all of you guys while also exploring many parts of Michigan together and being able to know each other well outside of the context of just Hope College. I love being able to hear everyone's stories while also sharing the common questions and desires we have. My favorite part of orientation is the kayaking! It's such a great time filled with a lot of laughing, good conversation, and sore shoulders. I love talking about Jesus, playing sports, and watching shows.

My hope through this is that you guys feel like you have people you can trust and people you know that are here for you with whatever question you have. I hope you feel comfortable asking whatever questions you have and end up seeing that we care and love you all a lot. Looking forward to meeting you all!



# Meet Your Orientation Directors



## Davi

**Name:** Davi Zola de Araujo

**Country of origin:** Brazil

**Major:** Biology

**Year in college:** Junior

**What excites or delights you about Orientation?**

Getting to meet all the new students and prepare them for a successful first year!

**Name one favorite activity about Orientation, and why it is your favorite**

The Explore Michigan trip because I absolutely love the camp grounds we're staying in as well as seeing the Sleeping Bear Dunes!

**What do you hope to accomplish with the new students?**

I hope to show them that everything will be alright! Coming in as a freshman I was so nervous and worried about everything, ranging from academics to my social life, and I want to show the new students how finding my people and leaning onto them when times got rough got me through it all.

**Something unique about yourself**

I was born and raised in Thailand (go Eagles!) and can speak three languages!

# Meet Your Orientation Assistants

## Kesnel



**Name:** Kesnel Alexandre

**Country of origin:** Haiti

**Major:** Biochemistry

**Year in college:** Sophomore

**What excites or delights you about Orientation?**

Can't wait to share this experience with you

**Name one favorite activity about Orientation, and why it is your favorite**

I loved the bonfire, it was fun but also open

**What do you hope to accomplish with the new students?**

I hope that they feel welcomed

**Something unique about yourself**

I sometimes refer to myself as Cristiano Ronaldo

# Meet Your Orientation Assistants



## Bailee

**Hi! My name is Bailee Dunham.**

**I am a student from Thailand**

**majoring in business management and studio art,  
graduating in 2027.**

**As an Orientation Assistant (OA), I am thrilled to meet  
people from various countries and ensure they have an  
unforgettable orientation experience.**

**My favorite orientation activity was biking around  
Mackinac Island, where I was able to build connections with  
my friends and going on fun adventures with them.**

**My goal is to help new students feel at home, just as the  
OAs did for me during my freshman year, knowing it can  
be scary to be in a new place and so far from home.**

**One thing about me is that I LOVE being outdoors  
whenever I get the chance and that I love to paint  
landscapes:)**

# Meet Your Orientation Assistants

## Aiden



**Name:** Aiden Muchemi

**Country of origin:** USA and Kenya

**Major:** Business and economics

**Year in college:** Sophomore

**What excites or delights you about Orientation?**

Getting to learn more about diverse cultures!

**Name one favorite activity about Orientation, and why it is your favorite**

I enjoyed kayaking because it was very chaotic but also scenic.

**What do you hope to accomplish with the new students?**

I want to make this orientation experience as welcoming, informative, and enjoyable as possible so their first semesters go smoothly.

**Something unique about yourself**

I don't like avocados.

# Meet Your Orientation Assistants



## Isaac

**Name:** Isaac Sandoval

**Country of origin:** Ecuador

**Major:** Mechanical engineering

**Year in college:** Senior

**What excites or delights you about Orientation?**

All the different activities and trips planned while being able to build a community.

**Name one favorite activity about Orientation, and why it is your favorite**

Kayaking, it was really nice being outside, just a lot of fun, and kinda relaxing.

**What do you hope to accomplish with the new students?**

Build friendships, welcome them and help them get used to a new environment.

**Something unique about yourself**

I am the president of Chess Club at Hope, and I absolutely love capybaras.



# Meet Your Orientation Assistants

## Daria

**Name:** Daria Talankina

**Country of origin:** Russia/Turkey

**Major:** Psychology and business

**Year in college:** Sophomore



**What excites or delights you about Orientation?**

The most exciting part for me is getting to know new students, their backgrounds and stories.

**Name one favorite activity about Orientation, and why it is your favorite**

My favorite is definitely kayaking! It is such a bonding experience that really helped me to open up to the people around. I'm really looking forward to go through it again and with incoming students!

**What do you hope to accomplish with the new students?**

The whole idea of this orientation is to prepare, make an easier transition into new environment for incoming students, and I will try to accomplish this. I want new students to be ready for the academic year and have the beginning community where they can be understood, accepted and loved, and I truly believe that International Orientation will help us achieve this.

**Something unique about yourself**

I visited 24 countries.

# Meet Your Orientation Assistants



## Olivia

Hello! My name is Olivia Weg! I am from the United States but have lived in Thailand and Germany and just got done studying abroad in France. Something interesting about me is that I have moved around quite a bit because of my dad's job.

I am going to be a Senior this year and I am majoring in global studies, communication, and French. I am one of your OAs (Orientation Assistant) for International Orientation and I am so excited!

I love Orientation because it allows international students and TCKs to connect with people like them before everyone else comes to campus. I love watching everyone make friendships and form a bond that will continue through their time at college.

One of my favorite parts of Orientation is when we're playing games together because it allows people to connect in a low-pressure environment while having fun.

I truly hope you all come away from this experience understanding the community you have and being able to turn to each other for support in the first few weeks as you adjust. So just relax and try to have fun!

# 4 Connect With Us

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& Other Info



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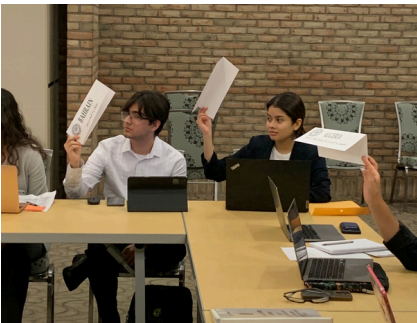
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