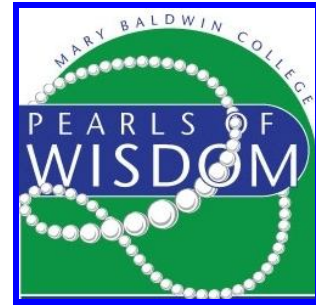


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Dear Incoming Student,

It's almost time for you to come to Mary Baldwin! We are excited about your years ahead as an MBC student.

Lots of you have had questions over the last few weeks about BOOKS! They are important to your success in the classroom so let us fill you in a little bit on what you need to know!

We encourage you to take your class schedule (you should now be able to sign on to MyMBC and print a copy!) then look up online what the required textbooks are for your courses. Go to <http://www.mbc.edu/bookstore/> and then click on the online bookstore. You can check out what is required and make an estimate of how much money you need to bring to buy your books. OFTEN, the bookstore has used books available so your estimate may be on the high side but it is better to be safe and start off on a good foot! We encourage you to wait and get your books at MBC – that way if you change your classes it is easy to make an exchange!

One extra tip - PLEASE be sure you and your parents have completed ALL of your financial aid paperwork and taken care of your bill for the fall semester. Once that is done, you can check with Pam Yowell in student accounts (540-887-7363) to see if you have money left for a BOOKSTORE voucher. This can be a big help! We know books are expensive but you must have them to stay on the Path to Student Success!

What do I take to college? That's another common question asked by any woman who is going to be a residential student for the first time! Attached you will find a detailed list that can help guide you as you pull it all together. Please note you may not need everything on this list! It is meant to be a guide.

Now is a great time to pick up the phone and talk to your roommate or roommates to figure out who might bring what! You also should talk about who is moving in on what day and figure out who is taking which bed (by door, in middle for triples, by window). That way everyone gets their stuff unpacked in the right place! Of course....you will probably rearrange furniture at least once over the first semester. I lived in Woodson for 3 years and we came up with all kinds of arrangement options. And in Spencer and Woodson it's great to have the dresser and closet built in!

Speaking of moving in...have you called for a move-in time? If not, please call Student Life at 540-887-7221 from 9am-Noon and 1-4pm to schedule!)

Take care and remember you can reach us at firstyear@mbc.edu!

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Checklist:

- I have filed all of my financial aid forms.
- I have discussed buying my books and my finances with my family.
- I have submitted my health form. (Due 8/1 – if not in yet, PLEASE send!)
- I have completed my academic schedule (Questions? Contact Dr. Usher.)
- I have called for my move-in time!
- I have committed to the Path to Success.
- **I am READY to be a boldlybaldwin woman!**

P.S. This e-mail message is being sent to your MBC e-mail address as well as the address you have on file with us from Admissions. Just want to be sure you get the message! Please also share this with your parents!

Move-in Dates for New Students - August 2011

Monday, August 15	Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership Gateway
Thursday, August 18	Athletes playing Volleyball and Soccer
Sunday, August 21	Athletes running Cross Country
Sunday, August 21	Ida B. Wells Gateway
Sunday, August 21	Spencer Citizens Gateway
Monday, August 22	Career Academy Gateway
Monday, August 22	International Students
Tuesday, August 23	Healthy Lifestyles Gateway
Tuesday, August 23	Honors Gateway
Tuesday, August 23	Latino Culture Gateway
Tuesday, August 23	Program for the Exceptionally Gifted Gateway

