

Convocation ceremony welcomes 2029 class

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On Aug. 25, the incoming freshman class walked the stage of the Lyman Center. The New Student Convocation and Rite of Passage Ceremony symbolized the start of growth, discovery and achievement for our newest Owls. The ceremony encouraged students to embrace college with an open mind. New students were supported by peers, staff and faculty and welcomed with traditions and messages. Alumni Anthony Fantano, American music critic and internet personality, was one of the speakers present. He gave a speech to encourage Owls on the beginning of their walk down a path of both opportunities and challenges. Students then passed through the Founders Gate to finish off their induction into the university community. Cheering them on and sharing high fives, everyone moved to a barbecue behind Engleman Hall afterwards.

Photos: William Gagné



Music Critic Anthony Fantano shares inspiring words.



Students and staff attend opening ceremony.



Interim President Sandra Bulmer and staff welcome freshmen.



Tracy Tyree, the vice president for student affairs speaks to the class of 2029.

Moving in, moving up: start of a new chapter



Nursing majors Katie Bardak, a sophomore, and Sarah Stark, a junior.



Nursing major Oliver Guzy and business management major Weston Dzwonchyk, freshmen.



Staff gives greetings to families.

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On Aug. 25, new students moved into their homes here at the university with the support of their families and friends. Storage bins, decoration, snacks and more were carried into freshman housing buildings. The community offered help with volunteers from various groups on campus.

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The women's volleyball team assists with moving students into dorm rooms.



Move-in teams carry items into buildings.



Families bringing supplies to dorms.