Congratulations on being selected to join the Frostburg State University Bobcats community! We can’t wait for you to be on campus in the fall.

You are beginning an exciting new chapter in your life and we hope that you will take full advantage of all the opportunities that FSU provides to our new students. We are delighted to share information with you regarding our online orientation experience that will help you connect with faculty, staff, and campus resources designed to assist you in this exciting transition.

We are convinced that a seamless transition from high school to Frostburg State University will be enhanced by your participation in our introduction to Frostburg State by your active participation in our three-tiered orientation program.

- The journey to becoming fully engaged as a new Bobcat will start with our online introduction to Frostburg State University through our New Student Orientation Program.
- You will be supported and guided with academic advising and registering for your classes later this summer.
- When you start in the fall you will be assigned to a one-credit orientation class that will better prepare you for the curricular and co-curricular rigors of being a student at Frostburg State University.

Your summer, online New Student Orientation Experience will consist of three phases.

- **Phase 1: Canvas Pre-Advising Modules**
  Canvas is FSU’s learning management system. Login to Canvas by using your FSU username and password. From there, access the Canvas course labeled **Frostburg New Student Orientation**. Within this course, you will follow a set of modules including, pre-advising surveys, placement tests, and advising information. We strongly recommend you start Phase 1 within the next two days.

  *If you need accommodations for placement testing, contact the Office of Disability Support Services at 301-687-4483 or Holly Veith, hveith@frostburg.edu *BEFORE* you begin placement testing.*

- **Phase 2: New Student Orientation – Get to Know Your Campus**
  Once you have completed the pre-advising steps in Canvas, you will be directed to the new student online **Orientation Experience**. In this interactive platform, you will learn about exciting experiences that await you at Frostburg and help build your confidence during your transition to college.

- **Phase 3: Advising and Registration**
  Once you have completed Phase 1, you will be paired with an advisor who will help you register for courses either by phone or virtual consultation. You will receive an email from the Center for Academic Advising & Retention (CAAR) with the name of the advisor who will connect with you. You may work on Phase 2 and 3 concurrently.

Although we are moving our orientation experience online for the summer, our offices, faculty, and staff are available to you anytime. Please email us at studentaffairs@frostburg.edu or call 301.687.4311 with any questions. We’re so very glad you chose FSU and welcome you to Bobcats nation!

Sincerely,

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